

Sketches



September 2012
Lake County Art League
Active since 1934

Mark your Calendar!

- **September 17** (Monday)
LCAL monthly meeting,
7:00 PM, State Bank of the
Lakes, Grayslake, IL.
- **October 6** (Saturday)
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
Drop off your entry for the
Fall Members Show at the
Jack Benny Center, Bowen
Park, just east of Sheridan
Road in Waukegan. All
work must be wired for
hanging, framed if
necessary, and have the
artist's name, phone
number, medium, title, and
price listed on the back.
- **October 15** (Monday)
LCAL monthly meeting,
7:00 PM, State Bank of the
Lakes, Grayslake, IL.
- **October 20** (Saturday)
LCAL Pop-up Festival at Art
Wauk (details TBA).
- **November 2 & 3** (Friday
& Saturday) Bonnie Paruch
Oil Painting Workshop,
8:30 AM to 4 PM, State
Bank of the Lakes, Spring
Grove, IL.
- **November 19** (Monday)
Fall Membership Show and
Critique at the Jack Benny
Center in Waukegan, 7:00
PM.

Visit the Lake County
Art League web site
at
www.lcal.org

Judith Roth to demonstrate pastels at our September 17th meeting at 7 PM in Grayslake.



We are very fortunate to have Chicago artist Judith Roth start off our new season of the Lake County Art League. She will be using pastels and will be working from a live model.

Judith says that her work involves the precarious balancing of realistic and abstract expression. When successful they intensify each other. The one draws you into its illusion of depth, weight, and the raw grace of human form, and the other makes you dramatically aware of the process of paint and drawing materials being moved about on a two-dimensional surface.

Raw edges, the feeling of life and process which exists in an unfinished study, the use of space in which the silence – that which is left unspoken – are allowed to manifest themselves articulately as the completed image. These have become basic elements of her work. The medium and techniques used vary, but most of her work itself deals with the abstract essence of the human form and its poetic interpretation.

Judith has exhibited widely including Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH; Maier Museum of Art, Lynchburg, VA; National Academy of Design, NY; and J. Rosenthal Fine Arts, Ltd., Chicago. She has a large body of work currently on view at the Berman Center, a women's health and wellness facility, at 211 E. Ontario St. in Chicago. Currently an affiliate member of **ARC Gallery**, Judith is represented by the **Maple Avenue Gallery** in Evanston, IL and **Morpho Gallery** in Chicago.

To view more of Judith's work visit her website at: www.judithroth-art.com



Artwork and photograph by Judith Roth

Everyone please HELP Les Scott...

Recently there has been a lot of publicity in the various area newspapers about our art league activities. That's a good thing, but our Historian does not get to see all the items. So, if you see the **Lake County Art League** mentioned in your newspaper, could you clip out the article and give it to Les Scott for our scrapbooks? Make sure you include the date of publication and the newspaper name. Thanks for your HELP!

Fall Membership Show adds a prize...

Plan to submit an entry to our popular Fall Membership Show at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts in Waukegan. The show will conclude with a Monday, November 17, critique from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. The show will be critiqued by Kathy Chambers who will discuss all entries and award ribbons for **Best of Show, First Place through Third Place, and Honorable Mentions**. This year, however, there will an exciting additional prize: **David Adler Music and Art Center** in Libertyville will separately review entries and invite five artists to collectively display a sampling of their work for three weeks in February.

Amy Williams, Program Director for the Adler center, will check out the Fall Membership Show submittals in late October, and after the critique five artists will be contacted and asked to exhibit in Libertyville. A knowledgeable artist friend will assist her, and their selection will be narrowly based around a common theme, method or design that they find in the displayed art. They will be asking artists to show 5 to 8 paintings, photographs, or 3-dimensional art from February 8 to February 28, with an artist's reception on February 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Artists will asked to provide refreshments and to pay a 25% commission on sales. The center will provide music and entertainment for the evening, as well as press, newsletter, and *Facebook* publicity for the show and reception. Their marquee on Milwaukee Ave. will note the event.

Submit your Fall Membership Show entry from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday, October 6. You can drop off your work through Friday of the following week if that Saturday is a problem, but remember that wall space limits us to 44 entries, plus additional small three-dimensional works in the glass display case.

There are several rules:

- Members are allowed to display only one piece
- Current dues must be paid
- Work should be wired for hanging
- Work must have been completed within the past three years
- Work must not have been in a previous Spring or Fall Membership Show

Please use discretion when picking your entry. Art that is offensive by its ethnic, religious, political, or sexual expression puts the Waukegan Park District in a very awkward position and will be removed. The Jack Benny Center is located at 39 Jack Benny Drive. This short road is the second entrance to Bowen Park off of Sheridan Road as you go north from Greenwood Avenue, and the center is located at the far end.

Monthly Competition

Don't forget to bring a piece of your art to the September meeting for the monthly competition. All members are encouraged to bring one recent piece to display.

LAKE COUNTY ARTS MAGAZINE

\$20.00—Four quarterly issues

Make checks payable to:
Lake County Arts Magazine,
P.O. Box 8248, Waukegan, IL 60079

Ali Albakri 224-381-0321 lcamagazine@yahoo.com

New Members

Welcome new members Beth Allen, Kenneth Greenberg, Jane Hoftiezer, and Kelsey Moore. It's great to have you as members, and we look forward to sharing art experiences with you.

LCAL's "Pop-Up" festival will be held in conjunction with Art Wauk in Waukegan on October 20th. Artists will be invited to submit one or two pieces for exhibit. Application information will be announced soon. **Watch for details!**

Welcome new board members!

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Editors Note: Please submit written articles for *Sketches* to Co-Editors Val Brandner or Jack Littlefield, or e-mail them to isketchit@yahoo.com

Deadline for articles is the **last Monday of the month**. *Items will be published at the discretion of the editors.*

LCAL Website www.lcal.org

Waukegan Arts Council

The **Waukegan Arts Council** is a new non-profit arts organization formed for artists, art lovers, and arts groups. Its purpose is to provide a forum to network, collaborate, educate, and promote the arts in Waukegan. Membership in the organization is intended to bring many diverse individuals and groups interested in the arts in our community under one umbrella. A group of dedicated volunteers currently form the WAC Executive Board and several influential members of the community serve as an Advisory Board.

Waukegan has had a long-standing tradition in the arts. The **Lake County Art League** began in Waukegan and had its first show in the Karcher Hotel. This long vacant building is now being renovated into 36 affordable "live/work" spaces for artists and their families. An additional 2,400 square feet will be available on the ground floor for complementary small businesses and non-profit organizations. **Artspace Waukegan** began accepting applications on August 27! Occupancy is scheduled for the end of this year. It is anticipated that this \$12.5 M project will help nurture an emerging arts community while bringing renewed vitality to downtown Waukegan.

The **Waukegan Park District** also has been at the forefront of the Waukegan arts movement for many years with its Cultural Arts Division. Theater, Symphony and Chorus, arts classes, and exhibits are just a few of the opportunities offered by the park district. A \$23 M renovation re-opened the historic Genesee Theatre in December 2004. A wide variety of performances have come to this beautifully restored theater, including comedians, the ballet, and other dance groups, Broadway musicals, film festivals, and musicians of many musical genres. March 2011 saw the re-initiation of **ArtWauk**, a monthly event (third Saturday) that showcases the growing arts community in downtown Waukegan. Several new galleries and another professional theater, **Clockwise**, have sprouted in downtown Waukegan.

Mayor Robert Sabonjian called together a Steering Committee in the spring of 2010 to develop art-related strategies to promote economic growth in Waukegan and to make the city a better place to live, work and play. It was this committee that

recommended the formation of the **Waukegan Arts Council**. Working closely with local businesses, elected officials, artists, and arts organizations the arts council will become a catalyst for advancing the economic, social, and cultural life of Waukegan through the arts.

In the Fall of this year, the Council will be unveiling a newly designed and expanded website that will offer a community-wide calendar to cover the many art and cultural events happening each week in Waukegan. The calendar will list upcoming art exhibits, performances, tours, classes, workshops, and arts lectures. The site will also list art venues, galleries, and arts organizations, resources and opportunities for the art lover and the artist, as well as an artist registry.

For an artist, membership in **WAC** provides some great low cost benefits. Each member artist will have his/her own artist registry page which includes the artist statement, resume, bio, list of services, link to their website, contact information, and photographs or other visuals of one's work. Artists can be sorted by visual arts, literary arts, performing arts, and multi-disciplinary arts for additional reference. An artist membership is \$25 each year. Member artists will also have opportunities for additional exposure. On the home page the website will feature six revolving banners highlighting various member organizations, exhibits, gallery offerings, etc. The home page SPOTLIGHT section will feature a selected member artist, venue, gallery, or other arts organization with an in-depth interview that will run continuously for a two month period.

The **Waukegan Arts Council** also plans to hold quarterly networking events, (the first is scheduled for October 2012) as well as quarterly educational seminars, free to members. Membership in the **WAC** will help to support all the above offerings.

If you are interested in membership, visit our current website at www.waukeganartscouncil.org. For more information contact Mary Clare Jakes, LCAL member, at mcjakes55@cs.com. **Membership is OPEN to all artists regardless of where you live**

On-The-Wall Spaces	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
	2012										2013	
Jack Benny Center, Waukegan	20-44*	Spr show critique		20-44*	20-44*	20-44*	20-44*	Fall show critique		20-44*	20-44*	20-44*
Waukegan Public Library	25-50	25-50	25-50	25-50	25-50	25-50	25-50	25-50	25-50	25-50	25-50	25-50
Lake Villa Library	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Mirror Images, Antioch	12		12		12		12		12		12	
State Bank of the Lakes, Antioch	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
American Midwest Bank, Antioch	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Salon 83, Salem Wisconsin	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Catbridge Cellars, Antioch	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Undercroft Gallery, Waukegan	20-30		20-30		20-30		20-30		20-30		20-30	
Rep. Mayfield's Waukegan Office	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18

Site Managers

Jack Benny Center	Chris Tanner	847-367-5308	chrisetanner@sbcglobal.net
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Shaded = committed
Unshaded = available

* plus glass cabinet and two credenzas for three-dimensional art

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c/o Carol Kapheim
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Gurnee, IL 60031

Send your DUES TODAY!

The 2012/2013 season for the Lake County Art League begins at our September 17th general meeting in Grayslake, and the annual dues are due at that time.

Remember... only paid members can check books out from our art library, exhibit in the monthly competitions and members shows, hang On-The-Wall, display in our on-line gallery, and get workshop discounts.

Don't miss out on these great opportunities!

Plein Air Painting and Photography for the Coming Year

The Lake County Art League Plein Air Group meets year-round at interesting places every few Saturday mornings, usually from 9:00 to noon. Here's the schedule for this year:

- **9/15**, Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve for fall color in the grasses and shrubs.
- **10/6**, Grayslake residential street for Victoria homes, fall color in a neighborhood park.
- **10/27**, David Adler Center for fall color, sheltered from weather in a glassed-in porch if necessary.
- **11/17**, Inside, Dandelion Gallery (tentative), drop-off for plein air show.
- **12/8 or 12/15**, Reception and holiday get-together at the annual November-December Plein Air Show and Sale at the Jack Benny Center in Waukegan.
- **1/5**, Inside, CLC (very tentative), pick-up from plein air show.
- **1/26**, Inside, Field Museum (we have a standing invitation).

Session notices are generally sent out about three weeks in advance so they can be forwarded to others who might be interested. Sometimes an unscheduled opportunity is inserted with only a week's notice, usually because of exceptional weather or peaking fall color. There is no "membership," just an e-mail list of people who show up when they can to work on their craft. No dues, no officers, no meetings, no need to RSVP, but we do ask for ideas on where to paint and photograph, or how to challenge ourselves as artists. There are presently over 90 names on our e-mail notice list, with 5-15 attending any one session. Not all are members of the LCAL. Sessions conclude with a group sharing where artists identify a success and a frustration in their morning's work.

Contact Chris Tanner at chrisetanner@sbcglobal.net, 847-367-5308 to add your name to the session notice distribution list.

OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP

Bonnie Paruch

November 2 & 3 (Friday and Saturday) 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
at State Bank of the Lakes - Spring Grove, Illinois

"You paint like a dead Russian!" Words spoken by a gentleman at a show in Scottsdale describe Bonnie's bold brushwork and impressionist style of painting. A signature member of the Pastel Society of America, *International Artist* magazine called her "one of America's leading landscape painters." *Southwest Art* magazine proclaimed her as "an artist to collect." She has been a cover artist for *American Artist* magazine. She has won several best of show awards & has had numerous "Solo" gallery exhibits.

We often see fleeting images of profound beauty that linger only in our mind's eye. Photography can be a powerful tool for the artist who seeks to capture these moments. This workshop will increase your ability to paint what you **want to see**. Bonnie offers practical, effective exercises in light, color, composition, and brushwork. Using studies and photo references, students will learn **the big picture** approach to creating personalized paintings. Daily chalk talks and demonstrations will enhance a lively, relaxed, and informative workshop experience.

The photographs and sketches used in the workshop as reference will allow participants to work with the creative and accurate placement of figures into their compositions. The emphasis of the course will be on designing/painting landscape and interior scenes enlivened by a touch of "life."

Participants will have ample time for individual exploration and attention from the instructor and are encouraged to bring in additional work of their choosing for daily critique. **A supply list will be provided well before the workshop.**

Note: Cancellations after September 21st will result in loss of 50% of workshop fee. No Workshop refunds will be returned if you cancel after October 22nd. Any questions: call Jim at 847-223-1317

Bonnie Paruch Workshop

Member Fee - \$110 Non-member Fee - \$135

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

Make check payable to: Lake County Art League

Mail this form to: Jim Brooksher - 388 Kerry Way - Grayslake, Illinois 60030



Artwork by Bonnie Paruch

To view more work by
Bonnie Paruch visit her web site at:
www.bonnieparuchfineart.com

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

If you didn't get the e-mailed copy of our membership renewal form that we sent about a month ago here is another copy. As always, it would be great if you could send in your dues for the 2012/2013 season early so we have time to prepare new membership cards for the September meeting.

Carol Kapheim will be the new Membership Director, but Sandy will be getting your renewal checks to help Carol get started this season.

Please make an extra copy of this membership form and give it to anyone you think might like to join us. Don't delay...send this form with your check TODAY!

Individual \$30 - Family \$35 - Full time student \$20

Complete this form and submit it with your payment.

Lake County Art League 2012/2013 Membership Form

The membership year runs from the September general meeting to the September general meeting of the following year. Annual dues are to be paid at or before the September general meeting and are \$20 per full time student (12 hours minimum), \$30 per individual, and \$35 per family. If you join after March 1st dues will be one-half the annual dues and membership will then be valid until the September general meeting.

Make check payable to the **Lake County Art League**

Send your check to: Sandra Holland, 148 E. Old Mill Trl., Antioch, IL 60002

Payment \$20 Full Time Student \$30 Individual \$35 Family

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Art Medium _____ Renewing member New member

LCAL Newsletter *Sketches*: Send me only the e-mail edition. Send both printed and e-mail editions.

As a member of the Lake County Art League we look forward to you sharing your time and talent with us as we hope to share our art experiences with you. Your active involvement in the many programs of the art league will help us grow as an organization and will provide you with an added sense of pride in your membership. Following are some of the many opportunities you have to serve, and we request that you check the opportunities that best suit your time and talent.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct art demonstrations | <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct art workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Give art lectures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange for art programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange for art workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Work on a committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gallery sit | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve as a league officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Work on art festivals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work on community art projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Help out at meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Bring snacks to meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Critique art | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with our web site | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan art trips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work with scholarship programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Plan picnics or outside events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with membership issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Help plan plein air activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with library duties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with gallery sites | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with videography | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other special interest—tell us _____ | | |