



# ARTNEWS

MARCH/APRIL 2011



**ILLINOIS ART LEAGUE**

**Art of the Month**

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**Participating Artist: Melanie Geyer and Loretta Van Hoorebeke**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE APRIL 2011

Winter Solstice is over, daylight savings time has begun and we are about to celebrate the:

“Art of Doing Things Well”, our 2011 spring membership show.

An application is in this issue, do sit down and get your entry forms sent in. Your entry may not be quite ready but we need to know how many are coming. We are so looking forward to seeing what you have been working on.

Our year has been successful so far. We had a superior “Beginning Watercolor Workshop” and a great show at Picture This Gallery highlighting four of our members; Rose Sullivan, Kathy Sherman, Ed Levine, and Mary Ellen carver. Their work is featured in this issue.

Our library exhibit has been first class; I want to encourage all participating artists to enter our spring show. A big thank you goes to Rose Sullivan for putting together such great exhibits.

Rose is also at the helm of another new project; the Latchkey Program for mid school age children at the Peoria Heights Library. She has conducted 2 classes and the children’s work is displayed at the library as well. Rose will need donated supplies for this project, so take a look at your unused or discarded materials and set them aside for Rose as she needs them.

The board would like to say thank you to Marjorie Schwebel as she completes her term on the board. Marjorie has served the Illinois Art League in many capacities for many years. We look forward to seeing her work in our shows.

The League has been invited to come to “Dillman’s Lodge” for a week long workshop. If you would like to attend a workshop in Northern Wisconsin with your fellow league members, (watercolor or colored pencil), send me a note at PO Box 3532, Peoria, IL 61612. We have been given a discounted price but will need to commit to a minimum number of people to get that rate. Possible time frames are September or October of this year, or Sept. or October of 2012. Let me hear from you. More information on the lodge is available at [www.Dillmanslodge.com](http://www.Dillmanslodge.com). Potential expenses and general information is available upon request, by contacting Linda Freeburg.

Ok, let’s get our show entries completed and forms sent in. Don’t be afraid of unusual color combinations, challenging your eye in delightful ways can be invigorating. Light blues with spring greens, combined with oak colors or barn reds. Let’s see what you come up with. Good Luck to all of you.

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**Linda K. Freeburg**



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**Thank you Marjorie for years of service on the board.**  
**You will be missed!**

Dear Illinois Art League Board and members,

Due to the increased demands and needs of my husband's chronic illness and my 97 year old mother's care, it is with deep regret that I must resign from the board. Dick has been diagnosed with a kidney disease. Next week he begins IV chemotherapy treatments at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. I'll be traveling once again to & from Peoria.

After 18 years of being an active member and serving on the board, I will continue to be a friend and supporter of the league. I treasure the friendships I've made through the years of getting to know so many wonderful artists. What fond memories of the many events we have shared – especially the Metro Fine Art Shows for so many years! We worked all year preparing for the shows, but, gained much satisfaction when the artists would convey they sold so many pieces of art. It was rewarding to see the growth of the many artists that returned year after year. I'm grateful for all the dedicated volunteers through the years that helped make our events so successful.

My life is rich from the many artists that have crossed my path. I shall continue to encourage the beginners and affirm the professionals as I am inspired by the beauty they create. May each of you continue to develop reaching your fullest potential.

Art is very therapeutic. It always warms my heart and feeds my soul as I stroll through an art fair or museum. I hope to see you, dear friends, at art events in the future.

Happy Spring and keep creating,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marjorie". The script is fluid and cursive.

Marjorie A. Schwebel

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**BOARD MEETINGS**

The April 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting was held at the Peoria Heights Library. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Library. IAL members are always welcome at any board meeting. Meetings start at 5:30.



## IAL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
**Get your application in ASAP** for the Pastel Workshop by Ken Teissen, at the Peoria Heights Library from 10-4. Send application to Rose Sullivan at 110 Whitehall Ct. Peoria, IL 61614
- May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> Thursday-Sat. IAL Membership Show, Peoria Heights Art Fair. Membership Application this issue.

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## PRAIRIELAND WATERMEDIA SOCIETY

Meetings held at Peoria Heights Library 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 1:00-3:00.

- April 21<sup>st</sup> Jean Gronewald
- May 19<sup>th</sup> Sharon Chamberlain and Phyl Pride at Sharon's home.

## PRAIRIELAND WATERMEDIA NEWS

At our March meeting we watched a very interesting video featuring watercolorist Gordon MacKenzie provided by Kathy Kingsbury. The video is based on a book he wrote titled The Watercolorist's Essential Notebook. I personally own his book and was pleased to see the video since it helps me to see the artist actually doing the work. Also members shared work that they had completed or are in the process of completing. And of course we indulged in some delicious treats provided by hostess Bev Pullen. Remember, we meet the third Thursday of the month and we hope you'll come join our fun.

Submitted by: Linda Sprouse

## COLORED PENCIL EXPRESSIONS

Luncheons held on the first Thursday of the month at various locations as determined by the hostess.

- May 5<sup>th</sup> Lois McCoy and Linda K. Freeburg. Weaver Ridge Restaurant, 11:30  
Theme: Anything antique.
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> Rose Sullivan  
309 Restaurant, 11:30  
Theme: Trees

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## WEDNESDAY COLORED PENCIL WORKGROUP

- April 6, 13, and 20<sup>th</sup> at Lakeview Library from 2:30-4:30. Contact Karen Buenneke 309-683-0168

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## DONATIONS NEEDED

The IAL in partner with the Peoria Heights Library is sponsoring a Childrens' Basic Drawing Class on Wednesdays after school. The IAL board has agreed to underwrite some of the expense, but we would appreciate donations of art supplies from our members. We all have some things that we bought and then did not use. Specifically, we would like paper! The students are drawing with charcoal and pastel to begin, but we would like to move into watercolor in the future. So, any paper that is appropriate for these mediums would be much appreciated. Also, any gently used brushes will be accepted with gratitude. Does anyone have any books that are basic and appropriate for children? These would be good too. Anything that you think might work! Is there anyone out there who would consider teaching a series of 4 classes during this time?

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Rose Sullivan 692-7766 and Cindy Hall

## ART NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**Illinois River Wine, Art, Balloon, & Jass Festival** is held in Manito's Memorial Park on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 11-8 pm. This third annual event is hosted by Willett's Winery & Cellar and the Village of Manito and is open to artist who wish to participate.

In the past this event has had approximately 2200 in attendance. It features tastings from Illinois Wineries, art from Illinois artisans, food from local vendors, hot air balloonists, and wonderful jazz entertainment. If you wish more information the contact number is 309-968-7070 or email [cris@willettswinery.com](mailto:cris@willettswinery.com).

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### **First annual Arts and Crafts at the Edition**

To be held on Saturday , July 16<sup>th</sup> from 10-6pm in Anna, Illinois. **The Edition** located at 315 Christian Chapel Rd is a new facility located on 50 acres offering weddings, receptions, proms and other special occasions. If you would like to participate as a vendor or would like more information, please contact Event Coordinator Chistine Kruse at 618-534-6967 or email at [theeditionat315@yahoo.com](mailto:theeditionat315@yahoo.com). You may also visit their website at [www.theedition315.com](http://www.theedition315.com) to view photos of their facility.

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We applaud our members who have maintained the good practice of producing and exhibiting their talents. Congratulations to those who have been accepted in juried shows. **Terri Schockency and Todd Synder** were accepted in the Galex 45 exhibit in Galesburg. Todd also had a piece accepted into the **22<sup>nd</sup> Invitational Salon Exhibition of Small Works**, an international show at New Arts Program in Kutztown, PA. Snyder also had 3 works accepted into the national juried exhibition **Small Wonders at the Artist's Gallery in Flagstaff, AZ.**

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### **NEWS TO SHARE?**

Contact Bev Pullen 309-385-2501

12633 W. Akron Rd.

Princeville, IL 61559-9405

Email: [bkpullen@hotmail.com](mailto:bkpullen@hotmail.com)

Deadline for submission: by 15<sup>th</sup> of previous month

\*all notices are subject to space available, IAL news has 1<sup>st</sup> priority.

## SYMPATHY

**JoAnn Bell**, of Washington, IL. an accomplished artists and member of IAL passed away on March 25<sup>th</sup> at her home. We offer our sympathy to her husband and family.

**Ruth Hedstrom**, long time IAL member passed away on March 24<sup>th</sup> of East Peoria, IL. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

**Sharon Bruell's** sister and sister-in-law passed away within a short time of each other. We are so sorry for her loss.

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## PICTURE THIS GALLERY

**Rose Sullivan, Kathy Sherman, Ed Levine, and Mary Ellen Carver**



**Lookin Good**



Illinois Art League  
**Spring Pastel Workshop**

**With Ken Tiessen**

**One day, Saturday – April 23, 2011**

Peoria Heights Library  
816 E. Glen Ave.  
Peoria Heights, IL

Ken is the pastel instructor that we enjoyed last Spring and we have invited him to return again this year. He will continue with the landscape theme begun last year.

He continues to teach pastel portrait workshops in his downtown Peoria studio and also paints plein air during the summer in CO. This spring he will also be teaching a pastel workshop in Northbrook, IL.

A supply list for the workshop will be sent to you upon the completion and receipt of your application and fee.

Class time: **9:30am to 4pm.** A critique of artwork will be at 3pm.

Fee: **\$85** for members, \$8 for lunch                      **\$90** for non-members, \$8 for lunch

The deadline for registration is April 12, 2011

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Class fee enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Are you and IAL member Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want lunch? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Mail application and fee to: Illinois Art League; %Rose Sullivan, 110 W., Whitehall Ct., Peoria, IL 61614  
Questions, call: Rose Sullivan at (309) 692-7766

**Illinois Art League Spring Membership Show**  
**May 5, 6 and 7, 2011**  
**Peoria Heights Village Hall**

Thursday, May 5	Enter Artwork	3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday, May 6	Judging	9:00 a.m.
Friday, May 6	Exhibit Open	12:00 a.m. – 5:00p.m.
Friday, May 6	Critique & Reception	7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 7	Exhibit Open	9:00 a.m. – 4:00p.m.

This year's show will again be held in conjunction with the Peoria Heights Chamber of Commerce and the Art Fair to be held on the Tower Park Plaza. Despite some bad weather last year the Art Fair drew a large crowd which carried over to the Membership Show. We anticipate a great viewing audience for this year's event.

**Eligibility**

2011 Dues must be paid. Paid members 18 years or older are eligible to enter. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PREPAID AND PREREGISTERED. NO UNREGISTERED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON RECEIVING DAY, MAY 5.**

**Divisions**

The following are guidelines. Entrants will place themselves in the division which best describes them.

**Professional** - A person who holds a degree in art or teaches and/or receives a major part of income from his/her art, or

- has achieved the highest standards of excellence in his/her artwork, or
- has previously shown in the Professional Division.

**SemiProfessional** : - One who is interested in showing and selling his/her artwork.

- Has a high standard of professionalism.

If an entrant in the SemiProfessional Division wins 3 cash awards in IAL exhibits that person must move up to the Professional Division.

**Amateur** – A person who is a beginner or does artwork as a hobby or for personal satisfaction. Amateurs may enter any of their work, whether created in a class under instruction, from photos or original work. If possible designate the source of the idea, image or design on the entry form. You may write "Original to the Artist" if the work is totally original.

If an entrant in the Amateur Division wins 3 cash awards in IAL exhibits that person must move up to the SemiProfessional Division.

**Categories**

These are the categories artists may enter: Under Glass, Not Under Glass, Three Dimensional Art, Portraits, Photography and Digitally Enhanced Photography. **There must be at least 6 entries in a category for cash awards to be given.** A category for Computerized Art may be initiated by the show chairman and committee if there are 6 or more entries

**General Rules**

Dimensions to the outside edge of the frame may not exceed 37 inches. Triptychs entered as a single work must meet the same requirements. Wet paintings will not be accepted. All hanging entries must be mounted with picture wire and screw eyes used for hanging. Other hanging devices may be rejected.

Illinois Art League retains the right to reject or remove from the show any work found improper in subject matter or in violation of any rule. Any prizes and ribbons will be revoked.

No responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged entries will be accepted by the Illinois Art League or the Village of Peoria Heights.

### **Gratuities**

Artists will be charged a 20% commission on artwork sold during the show so prices should be adjusted accordingly. An area will be provided for members participating in the show to sell small paintings (8" x 10" maximum), three dimensional art, prints and cards. A 20% commission will be charged on all sales.

### **Entry Fee**

Non-refundable entry fees are \$15.00 for 1 entry, \$25.00 for 2 entries and \$35.00 for three entries. Each artist may submit three entries. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PREREGISTERED. NO UNREGISTERED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON May 5. Deadline for Preregistration will be April 30.**

### **Receiving and Pick Up**

Artwork may be presented on Thursday, May 5 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. No work will be accepted after that time unless special arrangements are made ahead of the date that the art is due for hanging.

Work must be picked up on Saturday, May 7 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Artwork cannot be removed before that time. Illinois Art League or City of Peoria Heights are not responsible for artwork left after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 7.

### **Awards and Ribbons**

#### **Best of Show**

\$100.00

**Professional Division** – Not Under Glass – First Place - \$75.00, Second Place - \$50.00, third Place - \$25.00  
Under Glass – Same

**Semiprofessional Division** – Not Under Glass – First Place - \$50.00, Second Place - \$30.00, Third Place - \$15.00

Under Glass – Same

**Amateur Division** – Not Under Glass – First Place - \$30.00, Second Place - \$20.00, Third Place - \$15.00  
Under Glass – Same

**Portraits** – First Place - \$75.00, Second Place - \$50.00, Third Place - \$25.00

**Photography** - First Place - \$75.00, Second Place - \$50.00, Third Place - \$25.00

**Digitally Enhanced Photography** – First Place - \$75.00, Second Place - \$50.00, Third Place - \$25.00

**Three Dimensional Art** – First Place - \$75.00, Second Place - \$50.00, Third Place - \$25.00

**Thank you for your entries. We look forward to another great show!**

Any questions concerning these rules should be directed to:

Jean Fehl – 309-633-0737 – email [jeanfehl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeanfehl@sbcglobal.net)

Susie Ryan – 309-367-2511 – email [Susie@mtco.com](mailto:Susie@mtco.com)

Linda Freeburg – 309-679-2548 – email [lkfreeb@att.net](mailto:lkfreeb@att.net)

### **Sales Opportunity for Members**

In connection with the Spring Membership Show there will be an area provided for members participating in the show to sell small paintings (8" x 10"), three dimensional art, prints and cards. A 20% commission fee will be charged on all sales.

# Spring Membership Show Preregistration Form

Preregistration Fee - \$15.00 – 1 entry, \$25.00 – 2 entries, \$35.00 – 3 entries. . **THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE TIME OF SETUP. EVERYONE MUST PREREGISTER. The deadline for Preregistration is April 30.**

Make your check payable to **Illinois Art League** and send with the entry form(s) to:

Jean Fehl                      1013 W. Tall Oaks Ct.                      Bartonville, IL 61607

Fill out both sides of the form below. Attach one side (A) to your artwork and send the other side (B) in with your check.

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Name _____	Name _____
Address _____	Address _____
City _____ Zip _____	City _____ Zip _____
Phone # _____	Phone# _____
Email _____	Email _____
Title _____	Title _____
Medium and/or Category _____	Medium and/or Category _____
Price _____ NFS-Ins. Value _____	Price _____ NFS- Ins. Value _____
<u>Circle One:</u> Professional    Amateur	<u>Circle One:</u> Professional    Amateur
SemiProfessional	SemiProfessional

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