



ARTNEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAY 2011

ART MAKES LIFE BEARABLE

Many new insights such as this statement were shared with us during the critique of our Annual Membership Show by our Judge, Mr. Michael Slaughter. Michael's inspirations are shared in this issue. Thank You, Mr. Slaughter for being our judge and for making all of us feel uplifted during this stressful economic time.

Also inside this issue you will see the names of all of our winners, Congratulations to our Best of Show Winner, this year Kathy Sherman. Our awards were spread out among several different media's and different styles and techniques. Good job everyone. I have to say, that I was personally impressed with all of you.

Bev Pullen has an article about an opportunity for you to exhibit your art at the Grand Opening of Peoria's brand new downtown library. Be sure to get the particulars and take advantage of this excellent opportunity.

Our board will be meeting in June and then taking a couple of months off for the summer. In the meantime, yours truly will be working on getting your art produced in to post cards for our soldiers. Amazingly, this is still a very worthwhile project and we will keep you informed as it progresses.

We are also going to be fine tuning our Anniversary Annual, for distribution within the community, details will be forth coming. Did I say we were taking the summer off???? Hmmm.

Our workshops for September and October are all set up, keep your eyes open for those applications. We will also be recommending some changes to our by laws at our next annual meeting, be sure to read about those and offer your opinion.

Finally, we are looking for a couple of new board members. This board has been serving for a minimum of 3 years and more for a few people. It is time to let them have some creating time and get a few of you to step in and take their place. Call or write if you want to be part of taking the league into the next 50 years.

It has been my pleasure serving as your President and I too am looking forward to some creating time.

Be your Best Self and have a great spring!

Linda K. Freeburg

Spring Membership Show – 2011

Thanks are due to all those who worked so hard to make the show a success:

- Co-chairman, Susie Ryan (Publicity), the Show Committee– Tania Thousand, Ed Levene, Chris Aleshire and IAL President Linda Freeburg.
- The show “sitters” and those who helped set up and take down the art boards – Susie Ryan, Linda Sprouse, Loretta van Hoorebeke, Phyllis Pryde, Sharon Bruell, Bev and Wayne Pullen, Ed Levene, Mary Hildebrand and Stan Hildebrand for providing transportation for the art boards.
- Elijah Sansom for setting up the sound system and being IAL’s official photographer.
- Tania Thousand for setting up the Reception treats and refreshments provided by Shirley Feather, Pat Withers, Rose Sullivan, Linda Freeburg, Susie Ryan, Mary Hildebrand, Phyllis Pryde and Linda Sprouse.
- Christine Aleshire for producing the program brochure for the Reception.

A special thanks must be given to our judge, **Michael Slaughter**, who gave us knowledgeable, thoughtful and insightful critiques. Reading through this, one can see what a great number of people it took to put on a successful show. Congratulations are in order to the IAL members who entered 78 beautifully diverse works of art. If I’ve forgotten anyone, my apologies and thanks.

Jean Fehl
Co-Chairman, Spring Membership Show

.....AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

BEST OF SHOW

Kathy Sherman A “Patch” of Light

Amateur – Not Under Glass

First Place Shelley Koenigs Old Walls II
Second Place Deborah Schmitt Puma
Third Place Shelley Koenigs Old Walls III

Amateur – Under Glass

First Place Loretta van Hoorbeke Evening Walk
Second Place Linda Sprouse Cowboy Boots
Third Place Georgeanne Cassulo Killer

SemiProfessional – Not Under Glass

First Place Allan Ace Adams Foxy
Second Place P.K. Bhosale One Sunny Day
Third Place Shirley Feather Yellow Roses/ Texas

SemiProfessional – Under Glass

First Place Kathy Sherman A “Patch” of Light
Second Place Allan Ace Adams Squirelly
Third Place Cheryl Madura Panther
Honorable Mention Barbara Unes Greek Wall

Professional – Not Under Glass

First Place Todd Snyder Hatch
Second Place Mary Hildebrand Soft and Gentle
Third Place Terri Shockency Proud Father

Professional – Under Glass

First Place Sharon Bruell Serenity
Second Place Jean Fehl Living Color II
Third Place Terri Shockency Arrgh!

Three Dimensional / Sculpture

First Place Elaine Miller Purple Passion
Second Place Donald Miller Roadmap
Third Place Donald Miller Blazing Sun

Portraits

First Place Rose Sullivan Marcia
Second Place Linda Sprouse Pretty in Pink
Third Place Connie Andrews Cherish This

Photography

First Place Elijah Sansom Photo # 1
Second Place Cheryl Dean Japan/Fall
Third Place Marjorie Schwebel Historic Springdale Cemetery

FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE COMMENTS SPOKEN BY MICHAEL SLAUGHTER PRIOR TO HIS CRITIQUE AT OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SHOW. Enjoy! LINDA K. FREEBURG

As I anticipated judging the Art League Membership Show last Friday, I remembered an observation from many years ago: "ART MAKES LIFE BEARABLE"

In these complicated and conflicted times in which we live, when we devote so many of our emotions and sensibilities to distressing and depressing matters, I truthfully believe we can be uplifted and released from our worldly lives when we embrace the talents and creations of artists.

AFTER ALL, ART PRESENTS MAN AT HIS BEST AND NOBLE

Ernest Hemmingway said, "LIFE IS FINE AND GOOD UNTIL IT ISN'T". In an art exhibition we can discover serenity, we can have dialogue with new subjects and images and we can observe masterful creative technique; we can focus on "human" endeavors to restore our spirits and to appreciate enjoyed living. I believe art can be therapy for an anxious America.

Best of all, the artist and the viewer can become mingled souls.
Michael Slaughter
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WEDNESDAY COLORED PENCIL WORKGROUP

The Wednesday workgroup which meets at the Lakeview Library will be suspended for the summer. It will reconvene Sept 7th. Have a great summer and keep drawing.

PRARIELAND WATERMEDIA SOCIETY

Meetings held at Peoria Heights Library 3rd Thursday of each month from 1-3pm.
• June 16th Sharon Bruell

COLORED PENCIL EXPRESSIONS

- June 2nd Rose Sullivan
309 Restaurant 11:30
Theme: Trees
 - July 7th Deborah Schmitt
Maria's Tea Room, Washington IL
Time: 11:00am
Theme: Anything to take to a Picnic
- THANK YOU! THANK YOU! FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS. Peoria Heights' After School Program-Rose Sullivan

ACTIVITES AND EVENTS

Rhapsody in Bloom Arts Festival
Luthy Botanical Garden
Saturday 6/25 (10 am-5 pm) and Sunday, 6/26 (12-5 pm)
<http://www.peoriaparks.org/>

Washington Fine Arts Festival
Washington Park
Washington, IL
August 13 and 14
<http://www.illinoisartfairdirectory.org/node/2813>

Lincoln Art And Balloon Festival
Lincoln, Il downtown and airport
August 26-28
Heidi Browne
217-735-2385
events@lincolnilinois.com

Tazewell County Art Guild Art Fair 2011
Historic Delavan's Veterans Park
September 5, 2011(?)
<http://www.delavanfallfestival.com/>