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## IAL ANNUAL DINNER

**IAL Annual Dinner - Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6PM**  
**Barracks Banquet Center, 1224 W Pioneer Parkway, Peoria**

This is a great time to visit with other IAL members and enjoy a delicious meal. Guests are welcome! Music by Jane Gayle and ...

The 2024 IAL Board will also be introduced at this meeting!

Dinner menu and payment information can be found at [www.illinoisartleague.com/annual-dinner-2023](http://www.illinoisartleague.com/annual-dinner-2023) **Deadline for Sign up is Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>!**

## PEORIA HEIGHTS LIBRARY EXHIBIT

Alexandria Volk is the November artist at the Peoria Heights Library. She uses acrylic paint as part of her visual arts process and strives to bring works of art into every home.



If you are interested in a solo or group exhibit at the Peoria Heights Library, please contact Oksana Greer at [oksanagreer@aol.com](mailto:oksanagreer@aol.com)

## HOLIDAY ART EXPO

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**10AM to 3PM**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
3601 N North Street  
Peoria, Illinois

*(Located on War Memorial between  
Knoxville and Sheridan  
Enter from Florence Ave)*

Handicap Accessible

Come out to support your local  
artists! Lots of fabulous artistic gifts  
– just in time for the gift-giving  
season!

## PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE

Congratulations to Micheal Aldag! Four of his photos were accepted into the Light & Lens Competition and Exhibit! For more information [www.centraliaarts.org/events](http://www.centraliaarts.org/events)



Fading Away by Michael Aldag

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Looking for a special gift for that special person?

How about a piece of art from a local artist?

Here's some suggestions where you can find a truly unique gift!

### **Holiday Art Expo**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church**  
**November 4<sup>th</sup> – 10AM to 3PM**

### **Winter Wonderland – Art Korner**

**Nov 27<sup>th</sup> through Dec 31st**

[www.art-korner.com/shows](http://www.art-korner.com/shows)

### **Small Wonders**

**Contemporary Art Center**

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup> through Dec 16<sup>th</sup>**

[www.peoriacac.org/events/a-small-wonder-gift-shop-23](http://www.peoriacac.org/events/a-small-wonder-gift-shop-23)

## IAL HOLIDAY CARD EXHIBIT

Oksana Greer is curating a Holiday Card Exhibit at the Peoria Heights Library for December 2023. You are welcome to bring your cards to any Art Group Meeting for inclusion in the exhibit. They can also be mailed to Oksana Greer at 4803 N. Bigelow St. Peoria, IL 61614. Or, you can bring them to the library on December 1<sup>st</sup> from 1pm to 4pm. Please give Oksana advance notice as to how many you are bringing so she can get the labels ready. Her email is oksanagreer@aol.com

All mediums are accepted, but they must be no larger than 5x7. These can be original paintings, prints or photographs. Here's a list of some holidays from *Time Magazine* to help you get creative!

St. Nicholas Day (Dec. 5 or 6)

Immaculate Conception Day (Dec. 8)

Bodhi Day (Dec. 8)

Feast Day of Our Lady Guadalupe (Dec. 12)

Hanukkah (Dec. 18-26)

Yule (Dec. 21-Jan.1)

Christmas (Dec. 25)

Boxing Day (Dec. 26)

Kwanzaa (Dec. 26-Jan. 1)

Zarathosht Diso (Dec. 26)

New Year's Eve (Dec. 31)

This is a great opportunity to showcase all the different talents and mediums of the Illinois Art League!

## ART CLASSES

### **Ruth Inman**

New Classes at Art Korner!

Polka Dots & Pumpkin

Thursday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> - 2pm to 4PM

<https://www.art-korner.com/workshops>

## ART GROUPS

### **Colored Pencil Expressions**

Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 a.m.  
Donnelly's Irish Pub  
4501 N Rockwood Drive  
Peoria, IL

Host: Diane Shouse  
RSVP [dshouse648@gmail.com](mailto:dshouse648@gmail.com)  
Phone 309-747-2376  
Theme: Cornucopia

If you have any questions or would like to be put on the mailing list for this group, please contact Diane Shouse [dshouse648@gmail.com](mailto:dshouse648@gmail.com) 309-747-2376 (home) or 606-407-5859 (cell)

### **Mixed Arts**

Bring your supplies and your project. We will work together but on our own projects.

Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9AM  
Ruth Inman's studio at North Art Studios – #1

Contact Ruth Inman at  
[artworksbyruth@gmail.com](mailto:artworksbyruth@gmail.com)  
if you are planning to attend.

To be included on the mailing for future meeting times, please contact Melanie Picl at  
[Melpic153@gmail.com](mailto:Melpic153@gmail.com)

### **Colored Pencil Workgroup**

Bring your projects and join us at the Peoria North Branch Library in the Seminar Room from 2pm to 4pm. The November dates are 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Share in the creative fun with other artists!

Contact: Bev Pullen – [bkpullen@hotmail.com](mailto:bkpullen@hotmail.com)  
309-385-2501

### **PrairieLand Watermedia Society**

**Date:** Thursday, November 16, 2023  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.  
**Location:** Peoria Heights Public Library  
**Topic:** Artsy Gift Exchange (optional) *and* Watercolor SOS  
**Host:** Miriam Olson (309-370-0067)

Instead of our usual Show & Tell, this meeting features an “**Artsy Gift Exchange.**” If you want to participate, bring a wrapped present that you didn't have to shop for — either an art supply that you no longer need (can be gently used) or a small piece of art that you made yourself. We will number each present and then choose numbers to determine which present each participant gets. *Participation is optional.*

**Program:** Based on a 2018 article from *Watercolor Artist* magazine, Miriam will present tried-and-true tips for handling common watercolor painting challenges.

**Supplies:** Your usual watercolor painting supplies.

For more info about PWS, contact Miriam Olson at 370-0067.

### **Plein Air**

For the month of November, we will be meeting at Luthy Botanical Gardens, 2520 North Prospect Road, Peoria from 1pm to 3pm.

To be included on the mailing list for the locations, please contact Cris Potthoff at  
[cris.potthoff@gmail.com](mailto:cris.potthoff@gmail.com) or 309-472-7032.

## EVENTS PAGE ON IAL WEBSITE

In the Events section of the IAL Website you can find lots of information about upcoming events as well as a Photo Gallery of past events! This is a great way to share all the wonderful activities hosted by the IAL. You can find it at [www.illinoisartleague.com/photo-gallery](http://www.illinoisartleague.com/photo-gallery)

If you have pictures or events to include, email them to [contact@illinoisartleague.com](mailto:contact@illinoisartleague.com) Be sure to put Events Page in the Subject.

## IAL on Social Media

There is loads of information on the IAL website  
[www.illinoisartleague.com](http://www.illinoisartleague.com)

Public accounts

Instagram [www.instagram.com/illinoisartleague](http://www.instagram.com/illinoisartleague)

Facebook [www.facebook.com/illinoisartleague/](http://www.facebook.com/illinoisartleague/)

PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP -

IAL Member Group

[www.facebook.com/groups/1851959941728569](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1851959941728569)

**Newsletter:** If you have any art-related events, awards, classes or items you feel might enrich our membership, email Cris Potthoff at [cris.potthoff@gmail.com](mailto:cris.potthoff@gmail.com)

**Deadline:** The 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month prior to the next month edition. Late items will be included as time and space allow.

## Special Benefit for IAL Members Only!

Did you know the IAL Website features artwork of our Members?

To have your art included we need:

- A picture of you
- Artist Statement
- Photos of your art (max 6)

Please send this information to Ruth Inman at  
[contact@illinoisartleague.com](mailto:contact@illinoisartleague.com)

Want to see more information on events and calls for artists?

Check out the IAL Website

[www.illinoisartleague.com/upcoming-events/#other-events](http://www.illinoisartleague.com/upcoming-events/#other-events)

If you have information about upcoming events, there is also a link for you to send it to us.

Artists helping artists –  
one of the best benefits of IAL membership.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

TIME GALLERY – EAST PEORIA

Openings are available for 2024!

Artists... Share your art in a beautiful gallery.

For more information, contact  
[ArtworkbyDawn2@gmail.com](mailto:ArtworkbyDawn2@gmail.com)  
Or message on Time Gallery Facebook Page