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# Newsletter

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## GET READY FOR THE MEMBER SHOW

The annual Illinois Art League Member Show will be August and September at the Time Gallery in East Peoria. The Board is excited to announce that Terry Malone will Chair the Show this year and Miriam Olson will be the Co-Chair. We are looking forward to another wonderful show featured the talent of all our members. More details will be coming soon – but remember – this is a MEMBER ONLY show – so if you haven't yet renewed your IAL membership, don't delay.

To renew go to [www.illinoisartleague.com](http://www.illinoisartleague.com) and click on the red button at the top of the page.

**It's very important to fill out the Membership Form – even if your information is the same.** This form updates our directory! If you are a family, be sure to have each member fill out a form. Once you fill out the form, you will be directed to payment options.

### ARTIST INFORMATION MEETING (AIM)

You won't want to miss the Artist Information Meeting on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Episcopal Church / 3601 North North Street / Peoria. Please use the entrance facing War Memorial, this is a handicap accessible entrance. The meeting will start at 6:30PM.

Our speaker this month will be Jean Fehl. She will be presenting on the use of ink and tempera paint & if you care to work along, there will be a supply list on the website (see Upcoming Events)

### 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 Curt Ribando at [contact@illinoisartleague.com](mailto:contact@illinoisartleague.com)

## ART CLASSES

### Ruth Inman

#### *Mixed Media in the City*

Location: North Art Studios - studio #1

2 Mondays (April 15 & 22) - 3pm to 5pm

To Register:

[www.ruthinmanart.com/workshop-list](http://www.ruthinmanart.com/workshop-list)

#### *Junk Drawer Art*

Location: Art Korner

Wednesday, April 3rd – 3pm to 5pm

To Register:

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

#### *Silk Scarves with Alcohol Ink*

Location: North Art Studios - studio #1

Thursday – April 25 - 4:00 - 6:00pm

To Register:

[www.ruthinmanart.com/workshop-list](http://www.ruthinmanart.com/workshop-list)

### Laurie Moore

#### *Palette Knife Painting*

Location: Shoppes at Grand Prairie

Monday, April 8th - 9am to Noon

To Register:

[www.tinyurl.com/pf88axhf](http://www.tinyurl.com/pf88axhf)

## **EXHIBITS AT PHPL**

THANK YOU, MEMBERS!

We had a truly impressive postcard exhibit at the Peoria Height Library during March. During April, the Library Exhibit will feature work inspired by Earth Day. Be sure to stop by the exhibit, during library hours and see these fantastic works of art.

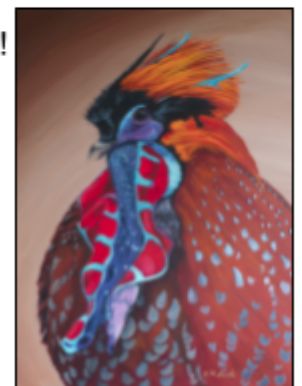
To submit an item for this exhibit, you still have time:

- Email Oksana with the title
- Take to the library on March 30 @ 1:00 pm

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)

### ***PAUSE FOR APPLAUSE***

Curt Ribando took first place for “*Shall We Dance*” in 2D art at the Pelican Landing Annual Art Show in Bonita Springs, Florida. “Quite a shock!” according to Curt although none of us are surprised. Congratulations!!!



# ART GROUPS

## **Colored Pencil Expressions**

**Date:** Thursday, April 8, 2024

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Avanti's

8517 Knoxville Road  
Peoria, IL

**Host:** Cris Potthoff

**RSVP** [cris.potthoff@gmail.com](mailto:cris.potthoff@gmail.com)

**Phone** 309-472-7032 (leave message)

**Theme:** Happy or Silly

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)

## **Colored Pencil Workgroup**

Bring your projects and supplies and join us at Peoria North Branch Library – Seminar Room

**Dates:** Wednesday – April 3rd, 10th and 17th

**Time:** 2PM to 4PM.

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

## **Plein Air**

April 2nd and 9th we will meet at the Trefzeger's / 4416 N Prospect Rd, Peoria Heights.

April 16th and 23rd we will meet at Forest Park Nature Center / 5809 N Forest Park Drive, Peoria Heights.

We meet 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.

## **Prairieland Watermedia Society**

**Date:** Thursday, April 18, 2024

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

**Location:** Peoria Heights Public Library

**Topic:** Wildlife Watercolor

**Host:** Scott Jackson (952-374-8004)

**Program:** We will begin with announcements and Show & Tell. Scott will share a wildlife watercolor presentation from the artist Aaron Blaise. Aaron was an artist who worked at Disney for over 20 years and has done work on many Disney animated movies. Scott said Aaron will show how to "watercolor a wildlife sketch in his style."

**Supplies:** Your regular watercolor supplies.

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

## **Mixed Arts**

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

Wednesday, April 17th 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 [Melpicl153@gmail.com](mailto:Melpicl153@gmail.com)

**Art Groups are a great way to connect with other artists, learn a new skill, and have a great time!!  
It's also the perfect way to introduce people to the Illinois Art League.**

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.

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.

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.

### 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 them to us:

[Contact@IllinoisArtLeague.com](mailto:Contact@IllinoisArtLeague.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.

### CALL FOR ARTISTS

Part of the mission of the IAL is to assist our members with ways to display and exhibit their art. Here are some great opportunities for you to check out!

#### Swinging Bridges Art Festival

Festival Dates – May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

**Application Deadline – April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Hosted by Livingston County

The application can be found at

[www.pcartcenter.com](http://www.pcartcenter.com)

#### Time Gallery – East Peoria

Openings are available for

2024 Artists

Share your art in a beautiful gallery

For more information contact

[ArtworkbyDawn@gmail.com](mailto:ArtworkbyDawn@gmail.com)

Or message on Time Gallery

Facebook Page

#### Art Korner – Germantown Hills

Openings are available for 2024

Wall art, glass, tile, sculpture

& fiber artists

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

#### Peoria Heights Library

Exclusive Benefit for IAL Members!

Display your 2D Art at the library

You can do a solo show or put together a show with another artist!

Contact Oksana Greer at

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