



THE PALETTE

Long Beach Art League

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The Long Beach Art League expresses sincerest gratitude to the sponsors below for their generous donations, devoted support and commitment to the arts. The funding has been instrumental to our organization and has enabled us to successfully promote the visual arts in the City of Long Beach. In addition, the LBAL provides the community with a variety of art learning experiences which include meaningful classes for seniors, art programs for the public and art scholarships for talented high school students.

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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 2nd from 7:00 - 8:30PM

In person at the Long Beach Public Library Auditorium

Located at 111 West Park Ave. in Long Beach

Join the Long Beach Art League's festive artists' reception
for its *Open Invitation Art Exhibit*.

Enjoy socializing and meeting all local artists. Light refreshments.

OPEN INVITATION ART EXHIBIT

LBAL members and all artists in the community are invited to participate in the *Open Invitation Art Exhibit* at the 2nd Floor Gallery of the Long Beach Public Library. Emerging, amateur and professional visual artists are welcome to display their work in the first LBAL show of the year!



Receiving Date: Saturday, Aug. 29th
from 11:00AM – 12:00PM

Location: 2nd Floor Gallery at the
Long Beach Public Library (111 W. Park Ave.)

Unthemed Entry Fee: None **Pickup Date:** Oct. 3rd

Show open to LBAL members and all local artists.

One piece of art per person.

Special Note: Artwork may not be larger than 38"W X 50"L. Diptychs, triptychs, oversized or unusually framed artwork will not be accepted in this open show.

More exhibit details on the following page.

OPEN INVITATION ART EXHIBIT - Continued

Please make sure artwork is properly framed and securely wired. A completed Entry Form must be submitted with your artwork. If you have not done so, please read the Exhibition Guidelines, a document which has the procedures for submitting artwork. It is on the LBAL website at www.longbeachartleague.com, and the Entry Form is on the last page.

If you wish to participate in the online exhibit on the LBAL website, please email a high resolution image along with the title, medium and dimensions to Denise Bory at sundaze517@aol.com by August 22nd.

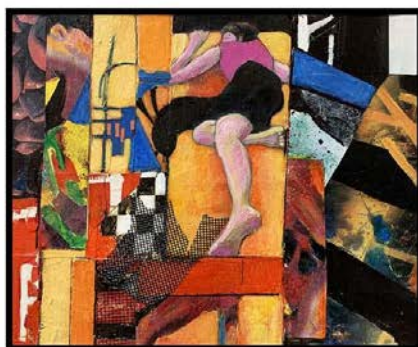
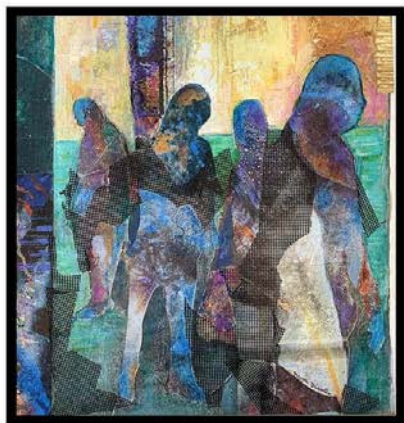
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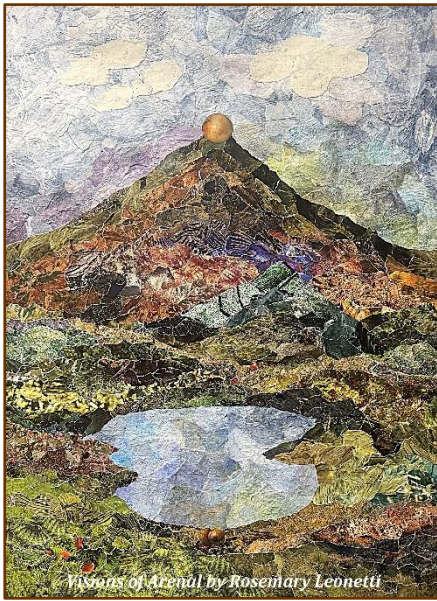
The Long Beach Art League mourns the loss of Naomi Diracles, a legend in the art community, who passed away in May 2026 at the age of 93. She was a retired member of the Board of Trustees with over two decades of active service, a versatile art instructor and an accomplished artist whose large collection of award-winning artwork has been exhibited in many galleries across Long Island.

Before she retired, Naomi served as the LBAL Gallery Coordinator for more than 50 years. She created many opportunities for countless local artists to showcase their work by expertly organizing and hanging member art exhibitions at the Long Beach Public Library, Magnolia Senior Center and the City of Long Beach Ice Arena.

In 2017 she was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the first *Women in the Arts* event. Five years later the LBAL acknowledged her exemplary accomplishments again. Naomi will always be remembered for her unwavering volunteerism, amazing energy, brilliant artistry and devotion to her fellow artists. May our much beloved and generous art friend rest in peace.



THE LEONA POST JURIED EXHIBIT



In June the Long Beach Art League was excited to present *The Leona Post Juried Exhibit* with 31 pieces of striking artwork in the 2nd Floor Art Gallery of the Long Beach Public Library. This year-end exhibit was dedicated to Leona Post, the visionary founder of the Art League. The must-see exhibition had a large variety of impactful and aesthetically pleasing creations. Included in the show were thought-provoking abstracts, a compelling collage (shown on the left), beautiful digital artwork, a 3D mixed media painting, breath-taking photographs, vibrant nature paintings and much more. The six award-winning works are listed below.

On June 3rd members and guests attended the enjoyable artists' reception and General Meeting in the Auditorium of the Library. Presley Rodriguez, Assistant Director of

Exhibitions and Collections, at the Hofstra University Museum of Art, judged the show and fascinatingly discussed the artwork of the winners. Congratulations to the equal merit winners listed below for their exceptional and well-crafted work!

- Rosemary Leonetti – *Visions of Arenal*
- Alice Somma – *Penn Station*
- Lissette Resnick – *Cabinet & Stuff*

The honorable mention award winners were Mikey Ilkiw for *Chamomile is not a Daisy*, Jack Tenenzaph for *Autumn Retreat* and Ruby M. Wachtel for *Gaia*. LBAL commends all of the artists for their exceptional achievements!



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY AUGUST



The new Art League year starts in September 2026. Please remember to renew your LBAL membership by the end of August. Our organization needs your support. Dues (\$30) can be paid via PayPal on the LBAL website at www.longbeachartleague.com or by check. Mail checks to the *Long Beach Art League*, P.O. Box 862, Long Beach NY 11561. If you have any questions about your membership status, please email Membership Chairperson Linda Kass at klinda427@yahoo.com. Please pay your dues promptly to avoid disruption of membership benefits.

LBAL Shows & Meeting Dates*		
Month	LBPL Gallery Exhibit	General Meeting
Oct.	Artistry Unveiled – A Juried Exhibit <i>A Juried Exhibit for Members Only</i> 10/03/26 (Unthemed)	Artists' Reception & Judge's Remarks 10/07/26 7PM
Nov.	Gratitude Exhibit <i>A Membership Exhibit</i> 10/31/26	Program TBA 11/04/26 7PM
Dec.	Celebration of Art Exhibit <i>An Exhibit for Members and Local Artists</i> 11/28/26 (Unthemed)	Artists' Reception & Public Judges Art 12/02/26 7PM
Jan.	New Members Exhibit <i>An Invitation-Only Exhibit</i> 01/02/27 (Unthemed)	ZOOM Presentation by New Members 01/06/27 7PM
*Program information subject to change based on inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances.		

RED, WHITE & BLUE EXHIBIT

In July West End Arts and Long Beach Art League members celebrated America's 250th birthday with the *Red, White & Blue Exhibit* at the 2nd Floor Art Gallery of the Long Beach Public Library. The vibrant exhibition was inspired by the colors of our nation's flag and patriotism. Artists explored themes of freedom, history, pride, abstraction and the American spirit through diverse creative works which honored our nation's historic milestone. At the delightful July 7th reception, artists and guests enjoyed socializing as well as viewing and discussing the lovely artwork.



LONG ISLAND FINE ART INVITATIONAL

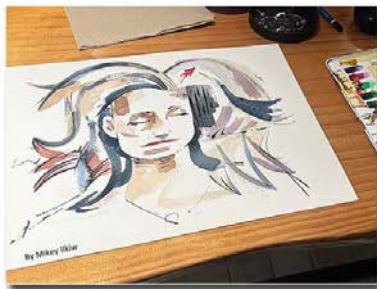
The *Long Island Fine Art Invitational (LIFAI)*, a juried art exhibit, was on view during May 2026 at the Matinecock National Association Center in Locust Valley. Close to 70 pieces of art from accomplished artists throughout the Island were on display. The exhibition was a collaboration of art leagues to celebrate artistic excellence.



With great pride our League announces that Member Jack Tenanzaph (photo upper right) won the Bronze Cup Award for his masterpiece, *Sunset*. (Recently Plein Air Magazine selected *Sunset* as the Best Nocturne in its 16th Annual Salon Art Prize.) At the LIFAI President Lissette Resnick (photo left) was a finalist for her painting, *Echoes of Time*. Also chosen to participate in this impressive show were members Tina Amico Gargiulo, Mitchel Greenspan, Stefani Jarrett, Marilyn Kestin and Adriena Masi. The distinguished judges were Max Ginsburg, a renowned realist painter and celebrated instructor, and Todd Casey who is an artist, teacher and best-selling author. Congratulations to all the artists for their amazing accomplishments!

LIVE MODEL STUDIO SESSION

There was a *Live Model Studio Session* on May 12th at The Fresh Beet located at 190 Boardwalk. LBAL members and local artists had a productive and enjoyable evening drawing and painting the professional model present. Participants practiced capturing proportion, balance and expression in real time. Many thanks to our generous host, The Fresh Beet, and to the artists for attending this popular program. Next session: August 25th, from 6:00 – 8:00PM, at the Magnolia Senior Center located at 650 Magnolia Blvd.



ARTS IN THE PLAZA



Arts in the Plaza is a popular weekly outdoor festival at Kennedy Plaza hosted by the City of Long Beach. It takes place on Saturdays (9:00AM – 2:00PM) through October 24th. At no charge, members are invited to display and sell their artwork under the LBAL tent. Sharing the tent with another member is permissible and lots of fun!

The photos below show excellent local photographers, Scott Ferrone, Linda Kaminski and Nicole Pellegrino, and talented potter Joanne Colon, representing LBAL in June and July. Tent setup/takedown assistance is available. Email Art League President Lissette Resnick at lissetteresnick@gmail.com for information or to schedule a date this season.



BECOME A SPONSOR MEMBER OF THE LBAL!



Show your commitment to the arts, creativity and community by becoming a **Sponsor Member** of the *Long Beach Art League*. Your sponsorship and generosity will help sustain local arts programming, exhibitions, workshops and opportunities for artists of all ages. By supporting the arts, you help strengthen cultural life in our community while encouraging artistic expression and education.

Make a lasting impact on the arts by signing up for a *Sponsor Membership* today! All art lovers, artists and businesses are invited to join our growing Art League as sponsors. You will have special recognition, such as being highlighted on the LBAL website, and all the benefits of an exhibiting member. To become a sponsor, mail a \$250 check to the *Long Beach Art League* at P.O. Box 862 Long Beach, New York 11561. LBAL is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and the donation is tax deductible. For more information, contact lissetteresnick@gmail.com.

LBAL ART CLASSES AT SENIOR CENTER

The Long Beach Art League is collaborating with the City of Long Beach to schedule fine art programs at the Magnolia Senior Center located at 650 Magnolia Blvd. In May Certified Zentangle Teacher Kathleen Regan taught *Art & Meditation with Zentangle*. Students learned a fascinating method to create beautiful images and unique meditative designs by drawing structured patterns. The artists were very successful in producing beautiful one-of-a-kind artworks.



In June Instructor Meri Ezratty taught *Creating Mixed Medium Artworks*. Senior artists learned to combine collage, drawing and painting techniques to create realistic and abstract artwork. All enjoyed the challenge of this creative process. Instructor Susan Laudani Stolfi taught *The Art of Pastel Painting II* in July. Students enthusiastically learned pastel techniques and had fun building skills in color usage and composition while working on individual projects.

Congratulations to the team of wonderful instructors who provided exciting and inspiring art instruction to beginner and experienced artists! Much appreciation to the City and Senior Center Coordinator Jennifer Cruz for supporting the League's educational programs for seniors.



LBAL ARTFUL SALON



The popular *LBAL Artful Salon*, LBAL's joint program with the Long Beach Public Library, was scheduled on Wednesday, July 22nd. The free program for art lovers and local artists was led by Board Member Carolyn DeSoucey who generously volunteered her time and expertise. The interesting art discussion section of the class featured local artists showing their work and receiving input from other program participants. Everyone shared their art techniques and ideas freely. During the art activity part of the class, participants sharpen their ability to reproduce imagery with challenging drawing exercises.

The next summer session of *LBAL Artful Salon* is on Wednesday, August 19th from 1:00 – 2:30PM. Registration is required. Call the Library Reference Desk at 516-432-7201 or register online at <https://longbeachpl.librarycalendar.com/>. For more information, contact carolyn.desoucey@gmail.com.



HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

At Long Beach High School's *Senior Scholarship and Recognition Ceremony* on May 28th, the LBAL presented the *Leona Post Memorial Award* to Sara Biancamano. She is an excellent art student who is skillful, hard-working and very motivated. In the last two years, Sara was enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Visual Arts Class where she excelled. According to art educator, Eric Fox, *her craftsmanship is highly developed and she possesses an incredibly astute attention to detail. This year Sara has created a body of work which includes portraits of friends and family* as shown below. All Art League members heartily congratulate Sara for her accomplishments in the visual arts. Much success to our scholarship winner during her life's artistic journey!



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Fun With Figure Drawing



LBAL member Denise Gilgannon Collins will be teaching *Fun With Figure Drawing* on four Tuesday mornings in September at the Magnolia Senior Center located at 650 Magnolia Blvd. Artists of all levels are invited to the enjoyable and creative workshops to deepen their understanding of the human figure. Learn to look at the body as a whole rather than a collection of parts. Spontaneity and personal expression will be encouraged as participants explore anatomy, proportion and movement using charcoal, pencil or mixed media. The program will be free to Long Beach residents registered at the Center. Call

(516) 431-3510 to register for the program or for more information.

Perspectives Art Club at the Library



Perspectives is an open studio multi-media art club - free for artists of every ability level and interest. Great news! The club will now be meeting at the 2nd Floor Program Room of the Long Beach Public Library. Sessions have been scheduled for Thursday, August 13th & 27th, from 7:00 – 9:00PM. Members, from beginners to pros, can enjoy sketching, painting, photography, collage, etc. while socializing. A *Beginner's Corner* will offer simple tips and supportive guidance for those just starting their art journey.

Bring your own art supplies, learn from others, join the fun and make friends! Registration is required for each session. Call the Library Reference Desk at 516-432-7201 or register online at <https://longbeachpl.librarycalendar.com/>. For more information, call Long Beach Art League member Dessie Montagna at 516-661-3979.

The Coastal Collective



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hello@barrierbeets.com.

The Coastal Collective at *The Fresh Beet* is a rotating artist showcase celebrating the creative talent of our local community. Each month a different artist will be featured with artwork that captures the spirit, beauty and inspiration of life by the coast. In July there was a beautiful display of work by LBAL member Stefani Jarrett. The Fresh Beet, located at 190 Boardwalk, is a sponsor member of our organization. It is a healthy, beach-inspired eatery with many allergy-friendly choices. For more information, email

Submit exhibits, events and member news for *WHAT'S HAPPENING* to lindahaber@hotmail.com.

NEW MEMBERS

Carole Musumeci

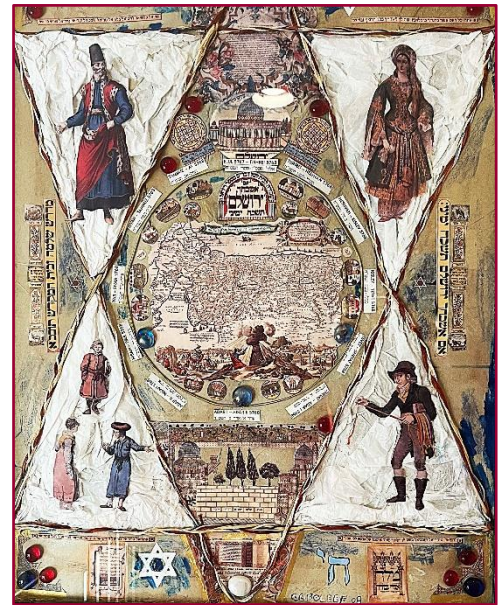


It is a delight for the Long Beach Art League to welcome the naturally gifted Carole Musumeci, a multi-media artist. Because she grew up in a talented family, creating started at a very young age. Her Dad, a cartoonist, and her Mom, a graphic designer, both significantly influenced her early artistic development.

Carole is now a psychotherapist working at Mount Sinai South Nassau. She had a successful first career in the fashion industry where her creative instincts had a great impact. In her thirties she

became a more traditional artist working with oils. Currently her mediums of choice are acrylic and watercolor, and she also creates both collages and assemblages. In her free time Carole devotedly continues to take art classes to refine her technical skills and further define her artistic voice.

Carole's interest is not in being a purist as much as in reaching a personal goal. Hence, she uses and combines whatever mediums she needs in very unorthodox ways. To the right is her first prize artwork from a competition judged by the renowned Marc Josloff. Carole is an accomplished artist who has exhibited her artwork, received awards and sold pieces. She admits that in the end, she creates simply for the joy.



Gerald A. Haber



The Long Beach Art League is grateful to welcome a veteran of the US Army, Gerald A. Haber, as a new member. He has been volunteering on the Receiving Committee and *The Palette* Team for many years. Jerry has a long history of contributing to the Long Beach community. He was a member of the Long Beach Advisor Board for Seniors and also served on an education committee for the Long Beach Board of Education. He is currently the American Legion Commander of the Long Beach Post 972. We congratulate him for being the 2026 Grand Marshal of the Long Beach Memorial Day Parade.

Jerry earned a PD in School Supervision and Administration from Brooklyn College. Five decades of his life have been dedicated to education. He rose from teacher to Director of Mathematics for the New York City Department of Education. Currently Jerry is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Mathematics Education at Brooklyn College.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear LBAL Members,

Welcome back! I hope you had a relaxing summer and found time to enjoy family, friends and maybe even create a little art. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again as we begin another season together.

This year is especially exciting as we start looking ahead to the Long Beach Art League's 75th Anniversary in 2027. It's an incredible milestone, and we'll be sharing plans for celebrating throughout the coming year.



We're also getting ready for the *Long Beach Fine Art Expo V* on October 4, 2026 at the Grand Ballroom of the Allegria Hotel. A new feature of this grand event is a Curated Wall which will give even more artists an opportunity to participate. Those with only a few works of art to sell may choose this option. I encourage you to consider submitting your work and joining us. Please email longbeachfineartexpo@gmail.com for the prospectus and entry form. The submission deadline is Monday, August 31st.

I'd also like to thank our Vice President, Meri Ezratty, who has decided to step down after years of service to the League. Meri has contributed so much to our organization, and we're grateful she'll remain a member and continue supporting the League. With her departure, we're looking for a new Vice President.

If you've ever thought about becoming more involved, I'd love to hear from you. It's a rewarding way to help shape the future of the League and work alongside a wonderful group of volunteers. Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you soon.

With gratitude,
Lissette Resnick
President, Long Beach Art League
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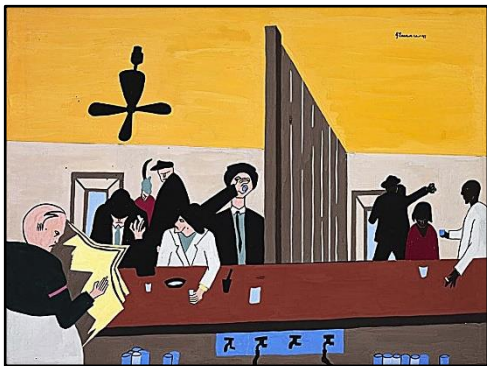
For over 74 years the Long Beach Art League has been successfully promoting the visual arts in the community and supporting the goals of artists. Our organization provides a variety of art learning experiences and encouragement such as classes for seniors and scholarships for high school students. With special events, the League strives for an increase in the appreciation of arts and culture in the society at large. *Donations are always greatly appreciated.* Support LBAL by mailing a check to the Long Beach Art League at P.O. Box 862, Long Beach NY 11561. Donations are tax deductible.

THE ARTIST'S PALETTE

This column features art history and work methods which may be helpful to artists.

Harlem Renaissance and Jacob Lawrence

The *Harlem Renaissance* flourished in the 1920s as a cultural, artistic and intellectual movement centered in Harlem. It celebrated African American identity, creativity and heritage during a period marked by racial discrimination and segregation. While it encompassed literature, music and performance, visual art played a crucial role in shaping its legacy. Many artists of the movement incorporated elements of *Social Realism* to depict the realities of African American life - urban migration, economic hardship and racial inequality - while also celebrating cultural strength and community. Supported by programs like the Works Progress Administration, the Harlem Renaissance flourished in American culture during the Great Depression.



American painter Jacob Lawrence (1917 – 2000) was one of the primary artists of this movement. He referred to his style as *dynamic cubism* using geometric shapes and vibrant colors. To create compelling stories of African American experiences and history, he combined Social Realism, modern abstraction, pared down composition and the power of color. Lawrence strove to communicate human struggles and aspirations. Shown on the left is *Bar and Grill* (1941), a gouache painting that exposes the cruel

reality of segregation which he experienced on a trip to New Orleans. He transformed an ordinary setting into a dynamic visual experience. The bold use of color - often contrasting warm and cool tones - creates energy, while the flattened perspective removes unnecessary detail, directing attention to gesture and movement.



His most celebrated work, the *Migration Series* (1940–41), chronicled the mass movement of over a million African Americans from the rural South to the industrial North between 1910 and 1930. Lawrence received national recognition for this 60-panel series at age 23. Each panel is paired with a descriptive caption. Shown on the left is Panel 1, the introduction to the 60 tempera paintings on 18" X 12" composite boards.

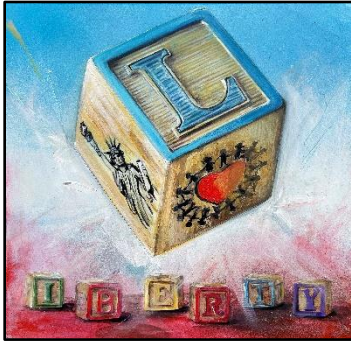


Jacob Lawrence's long-running and prolific career produced an oeuvre that speaks dramatically, graphically and movingly to diverse viewers. His works are in the permanent collections of nearly 200 museums including MoMA, the Brooklyn Museum, the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the Seattle Art Museum.

Information from this article has been excerpted from Wikipedia, CHATGPT and GOOGLE Gemini.

THIS AND THAT

Members' Bulletin Board



L is for Love of Liberty

Congratulations to LBAL member Efrat Baler-Moses for an amazing achievement! Her artwork, *L is for Love of Liberty*, was reproduced as a 6 foot by 6 foot panel and installed as part of The Liberty Trail which runs throughout Heckscher Park in Huntington. The trail is a special feature in this summer's Long Island Public Arts Festival (LIPAF 250) which commemorates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.



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Welcome to New Members

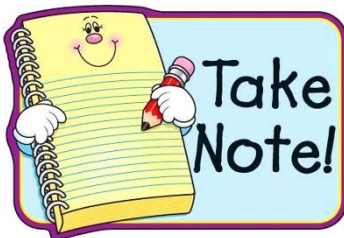
The Long Beach Art League warmly welcomes new members Deanna Franco, Judy Gresham, Katherine Muehter, Nicole Pellegrino, Yesenia Rosario and Beverly Silbertang to our wonderful art community. For info about LBAL membership

Art League Member Benefits

The Art League is committed to presenting learning programs for its members. Professional and member artists are invited to share their techniques and experiences by doing a workshop, demonstration or lecture. Anyone interested in scheduling an event should email a program description to President Lissette Resnick at lissetteresnick@gmail.com.



The LBAL provides many opportunities for volunteerism. Our organization needs more members to be involved. Consider helping the Board of Directors several hours a month. For example, General Meeting part-time host positions are open and an easy way to contribute to our organization. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact President Lissette Resnick at lissetteresnick@gmail.com if you are interested.



Important Exhibition Guidelines

When submitting artwork for an exhibit, please cooperate by completing an Entry Form for each piece of artwork PRIOR to appearing before the Receiving Committee. Printing an Entry Form from exhibit email notifications or the LBAL Exhibition Guidelines is the responsibility of each artist. *For those without printers at home, the Library has computers and printers on the First Floor.* Thank you for your assistance in expediting the exhibit Receiving process!

The LBAL monitors activity during the pickup period to ensure all artwork is properly retrieved by owners or their representatives. Please notify the Receiving Committee when you retrieve your artwork.

Submit items of interest for THIS AND THAT to lindahaber@hotmail.com.