



Antioch Fine Arts Foundation Art Lines

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Fine Arts
FOUNDATION
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"The Antioch Fine Arts Foundation serves the community by providing education, resources and a forum for the creation and expression of visual arts for members and residents in Antioch & surrounding areas."

Bimonthly Newsletter

Gallery Open 10am-4pm Th-Sat & Sundays 12-4pm

May/June, 2012

AFAF Board: President - Gayle Mondie
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CALENDAR:

Tuesday, May 8th -

AFAF Board Meeting – 6pm

AFAF Membership Meeting – 7pm

Artist Demo – 7:15pm - Elvin J. Griffin

Where: Antioch Library, Lower Level

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Paloma Lia

May 19th – June 30th - Art of the Lakes
Region, Blending Art and History

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June 16th & 17th - Antioch's
Summer Bazaar

June 30th - July 1st - Gallery Change
over - pick up and drop off artwork.

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July - Featured Artist- Foss.

Please Hold The Date:

October 5th - AFAF Fundraiser!

May White Room Artist – Paloma Lia



Many people have asked me, can you stop painting? To which I answer, can you stop living and breathing for love, passion, or life? That's just what art and painting means to me. For many years I have been in love with art, starting back when I used to be a student at the Art Institute of Chicago. Throughout this journey I have been able to meet exceptional people such as E.W. Ross, Michael Barlow, Mark Palmeri, Bob Lossman, Steve Johnson, Hans Haberberger, Jane Stevens, Roger Shule, Jim Bakula II, Markus Clavadetscher, Gayle Mondie, Laurel Fredericks, Gary Metzner and many other artists that call the Antioch Fine Arts Foundation their home.

Recently I have been working to combine my experience and mixed-media methods to bring my take on modern art into the 21 century. This creation is a series of ten oil paintings, ten watercolor pieces, and 10 miniature sculptures to describe people and life which I call "Jalapenos". I would like to thank all the people who have supported me and have been able to visit my home and studio in Round Lake. My goal is to bring in new audiences who have a thirst for something more in life, and share with them the joy and happiness that my art can bring them.

Con Amor! Paloma Lia



Chillin' on the Chain

AFAF Vice President, Roger Shule, has unveiled the pair of chairs done as a part of the Antioch Chamber of commerce's Chillin' on the Chain promotion. Roger and other artists will have their chairs displayed at Antioch-Area businesses. The chairs will eventually be auctioned with proceeds going to local charities.

... here's a sneak peek at Ken's "Augie Doggie"!



... and Lia's "Antioch Hot Seat"!

June White Room Artist – Kathleen Donahue-DiOrio



I hope you enjoy my explorations with canvas and lens.

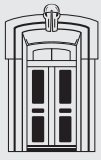


My inspiration to paint comes from inside me - I must be "moved" in some way to mess up that clean canvas. It may come from being transported somewhere while listening to music or simply remembering a dream I've had. I tend to express myself in an abstract style. I like to use bold colors on big canvases.

My photography is spontaneous, externally motivated by what is happening in front of me. I carry my camera with me wherever I go. I frequently pull my car off the road trying to capture something I've spotted and I have been known to set an alarm to catch the light, and life, on the lake just as the sun is greeting the day.



Breaking News!



ANDERSON ARTS CENTER

We have been invited to have an Antioch Fine Arts Foundation Exhibition at the Anderson Arts Center from August thru October, 2013. Get your work together, this is going to be extremely cool! Rules of participation will follow soon.



Enjoy: Painting and photography with fellow artists from any medium at any level of expertise.

St. Mary of the Lake is a Catholic Seminary and Graduate School of Theology. Saturday, May 12, 9:00 am to noon.

The Lake County Art League Plein Air Group session will be held at the 600-acre seminary and conference center in Mundelein. This heavily wooded location features the 100-acre St. Mary's Lake overlooked at one end by a magnificent seminary campus with fifteen major buildings of Colonial or Georgian style, and landscaped with a wide variety of pine trees. During weekends visitors are allowed to park in any seminary lot, as well as anywhere along the road that circles the lake. The setting is completely isolated from the surrounding suburbs, unbelievably peaceful, with all manner of dramatic vistas. The classical buildings seen through the twisted shapes of battered old pines make for interesting contrasts.

Pending: June 2nd or 9th among freshly tilled fields at Prairie Crossing Farms in Grayslake.

June 23rd or 30th at the Hunt Club in Gurnee before fox hunting season.

July 14th or 21st in Wadsworth at a location yet to be determined.

The Lake County Art League Plein Air Group meets every few Saturday mornings at interesting places, year-round. There is no "membership," just an e-mail list of people who show up when they can to work on their craft. No dues, no officers, no meetings, no need to RSVP, but we do ask for ideas on where to paint and photograph, or how to challenge ourselves as artists. There are presently over 100 names on our list, with 5-15 attending any one session. Sessions conclude with a group sharing where artists identify a success and a frustration in their morning's work.

Questions: Contact Chris Tanner at 847-367-5308 or chrisetanner@sbcglobal.net. Call at 847-340-0275 (cell phone) the day of the plein air session.

ART OF THE LAKES REGION

Blending Art and History



Come and see the work of local artists of today and the past.

Saturdays May 19th through June 30th, 10am - 4pm

Wednesday, July 4th, 10-4pm!

ARTISTS: If you have photography, watercolors, acrylic or oil paintings depicting the Lakes Region, please send a copy of the image along with the framed and unframed dimensions to Info@lakesregionhistory.org. You will be notified within one week if your piece will be in the exhibit. Accepted works must be dropped off at the Lakes Region Historical Society on Saturday, May 12, 2012 between 10 am and 2:30 pm. Pickup of work is July 7 between 10 and 2:30 pm. There is no artists fee to enter the exhibit. There is a \$5 entry fee for visitors to the exhibit and the historical collection at this building.



Open Arms Mission

Part of Starving Artists Against Hunger Project

We have made our first humble donation to our friends over at the Open Arms Mission and received a nice thank you note. We report this not to say anything other than, "giving is good to do", it goes without saying that those who are hungry or in need are unable to focus on much else. We want to be part of a solution which elevates our fellows. This act of kindness kicks off our "Starving Artists Against Hunger" campaign. Read more about this project in "Starving Artists Against Hunger" article on page 6. Please note that Markus will present the proposal at our May 8th Meeting and a Vote on this will happen at our June meeting.



Artist Demo May 8th: Elvin will be doing a demo of a still life. He will have some of his work with him, and will discuss color theory and drawing and painting tips including composition during the demo. These are insights that will help all artists, regardless of medium.

If anyone is interested in leading an Art demonstration in conjunction with the AFAP member meetings, leave a message at the gallery or call the gallery at 847.838.2274, just let us know what you would like to demo, and what dates you are interested in.

Art/Portrait classes by Elvin J. Griffin

In Oil Paint, Pastel and/or Charcoal

Classes are on going, join anytime

Classes are 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Saturdays

2 Saturdays in a row, then skip one Saturday

\$180.00 for 5 classes (20 hours)

Easels and snacks provided

These classes are small in number, so you will get all of the instruction and information you need, and when you need it. They are fun and educational at the same time. Each class starts with a demo. And art papers written by Elvin are handed out regularly. My goal is to bring you to the next level.

Call or E-mail for more info or to see the studio and art.elvin@elvinsportraits.com, 847-845-7566 cell.



Tom Trausch will be giving a free oil painting demonstration at the Lake Villa Library on May 31 from 6 to 8pm.

"A fun and informative "en plein air" painting demonstration in oil on the grounds of the Lake Villa District Library. You are invited to watch as the painting progresses and to ask questions as artist Thomas Trausch explains and explores painting from life outdoors. The Impressionist artist paints 'en plein air' in all seasons and believes there is a certain truth and vitality in light and color that comes through in paintings done this way."

No fee....come and enjoy.

Contact Ms. Nina Kenney at 847-356-7711 ex. 216

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Member News:

"What's this Nutshell newsletter about? Hasn't the writer heard about paragraphs? He could use an English lesson."

Sincerely, N. Kracker

At the Gallery:

Art Classes with Diane Bates have resumed. Contact the Gallery for information on these wonderful classes!

Sharon Rollings at the opening at CLC's Annual Student Competition with her painting. Sharon will also be hanging her paintings at the Round Lake Cultural & Civic Center for the months of May and June.



Janet Davies Interviews: Dennis Downes

Janet is the ABC host and executive producer of 190 North, a super popular program on ABC TV. The Podcast is an interview with Dennis on his new book; Native American Trail Marker Trees, Marking Paths through the Wilderness.



New Podcast that Janet Davies just did with Dennis: <http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/entertainment&id=8588521>

Dennis was also honored on March 17th at his book signing and lecture in Northbrook. Northbrook's President presented him with a proclamation that declared March 17, 2012 as Dennis Downes Day for his recent accomplishments in art and research! This was very exciting to have his hometown present him with this honor.



Ken Lutgen took first place with a Pastel painting titled "Gentle Moment" at the 5th annual James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center Creative Arts Festival for 2012.

The Creative Arts Festival is a wonderful event that provides Veteran's the opportunity to showcase their talents and enjoy the related therapeutic benefits.

Antioch's Summer Bazaar

June 16 & 17 - Antioch's Summer Bazaar - AFAF can participate without fees - contact Roger Shule if you are interested!

Gayle Mondie had her watercolor painting "Parking It" juried into the 36th Annual National Exhibition of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America.



Michael Brown Antioch Fine Art Foundation member Michael Brown interviewed on CBS TV. (Main Street Fort Worth Art Festival)



<http://dfw.cbslocal.com/video/7006886-artist-michael-brown-at-main-st-arts-fest/>

April's featured artist, Linda Esposito.

At Linda's reception, a cake made in the image of a painting... which was made in the image of the actual flowers!



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July: Art on the Lawn - Details to follow.

October 5th: AFAF Fundraiser!

Please join us in welcoming our newest Antioch Fine Arts Members:

Janice Snow-Metzger
James Bakula, Jr.

Artists, please continue to send us information on what you are up to so we can let everyone know. As we point everyone to your work, please remember to send those you meet back to the AFAF gallery to see all the work here!

Many thanks to Dennis Boehm, Ken Lutgen, and Roger Shule for their work in painting the Terra Cotta room. Thank you Roger for donating the paint.

Also thanks Markus, Ken, Dennis, Katie, and Bernita for their work in getting the gallery setup over this past week, including our new "gallery store space" where we have condensed our smaller works, it features original works such as jewelry, stained glass, sculptures, canvas and watercolor paper giclees, cards, and smaller paintings, and more!

BTW, quotes are EXTREMELY high for painting outside. Does anyone know of someone who would scrape and paint at a reasonable rate? We're looking for additional quotes.



What's that bar code?

This unique bar code known as a QR code. It lets customers - and potential customers - instantly learn more about a business, by visiting a mobile version of the business' Home Page on any supported phone.

Make sure your phone can scan a QR code with its camera, either with a "QR reader" application that you download or via software that's already installed on your phone.

When you see a QR code, use your phone's application to scan it and it will automatically take you to the website.



To the Member's of AFAF

The underwritten is to give notice of an idea that will be implemented on one level or another.

As of March, 2012, I have committed myself to donating a portion of the proceeds from the sale of my art to the local food pantry. It is here that I ask you to join in this worth-while endeavor. If we are all in agreement in proceeding with this, as it would be beneficial to all, then our efforts could surely be made known. The intention is not to shine a light on the gallery, but rather on the cause of "taking care of our neighbors." So, it is at this time, that if any one objects, for any unforeseen reason, it would be best if you would voice your concerns.

The guidelines to giving:

- The artist can give any percentage or dollar amount that he/she is comfortable with. A tag with this information can be attached to the work.
- This is ongoing- not just for a single month, not for a year... but this is just the start....
- The gallery shall receive credit for this gift. (If one seeks to receive a tax credit, after the fact, then it defeats the spirit of giving. This is my only condition.)

I call this venture "*Starving Artists Against Hunger.*"*

Again, we all have to agree... if not, this will be just something that I will continue to do, but only that it will not be evident.

Now, it's up to you!

* All donations are to be provided by the artist back to AFAF after they receive payment for their work from AFAF. Our Treasurer will strictly receive these donations, he will not calculate and deduct them from your sales. This will allow each artist to determine the percentage that would like to donate back to AFAF so AFAF can then put that with our donation to the local "Open Arms Mission".

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Artist Greg Sitkowski



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