

Lake Placid Art League Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER - BOB JASPER

Your Lake Placid Art League is open for business, with a few precautions to keep our members safe and healthy! After a couple of bumps in the road to end 2020 we are looking forward to 2021. In December one of our carvers tested positive for the virus and out of an abundance of caution we suspended regular classes for a couple of weeks. And following this, we had an underground water leak at the building, which required us to turn off the water to the building. I am happy to announce that the carver has fully recovered and that the water leak has been repaired.

The Tuesday morning painting session and Tuesday afternoon/Thursday carving sessions have resumed and we are welcoming back a number of our seasonal members. We ask that attendees wear a mask while in the building and we are able to spread out so that everyone can practice social distancing. If you feel comfortable doing so----Please Join Us.

We are fortunate that the entire slate of officers elected in 2020 have agreed to continue their positions for the 2021 calendar year. The Board held its first meeting of 2021 in early January and we are in the process of developing plans for the upcoming year.

Fortunately, from a financial perspective, we ended 2020 in a positive position, with a small surplus to help us manage in 2021. However, 2021 will be a challenging year as class attendance is down and membership renewal is lagging behind previous years.

Please remember: **Membership Renewals are Due By February 15, 2021.**

Membership dues are a very important source of income for the Art League. If you have not renewed your membership for 2021, please consider doing so at your earliest convenience. Even though we are not able to meet on a regular basis, regular expenses such as utilities, insurance, and building maintenance continue. So please help out by renewing your membership today.

Please mail your check to: Lake Placid Art League
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(\$30 for Single and \$40 for Family)

Take care and stay healthy. We look forward to seeing you soon.

HELP WANTED!!!

We are seeking a volunteer(s) to help share in some of the administrative duties that are required "behind the scene" to keep your Art League running. Ideally, this person(s) would have office related computer skills and be comfortable working with a couple of basic software programs. We are not asking for a major time commitment, but maybe a couple hours a week to help with such tasks as: checking our email account, reviewing mail, working on the Newsletter, emailing/ mailing newsletters and announcements and other miscellaneous administrative duties. If you would be interested in helping out in this area, please contact Eileen Tietz or email the Art League at: <mailto:Info@lakeplacidartleague.org>

TO ALL ART LEAGUE MEMBERS:

Please share information on your recent creations. If you could send a pic and description, we would like to add to future newsletters as space permits.

LPAL OBIT NOTIFICATION:

If you are aware of any LPAL member who has recently passed away, please notify a board member. We would like to acknowledge their contributions to our club and notify our members.

LPAL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

We want and welcome your articles, ideas, photos and any newsworthy items. Submissions must be single spaced with paragraph indentation. Provide email & telephone contact for follow up or clarification of details. Articles can and may be edited due to space restrictions. Submit pictures in jpeg format. Stories written without a by-line are written or compiled by LPAL staff. **Next Newsletter March, 2021.**

LPAL MOURNS THE LOSS OF TWO VALUED MEMBERS



Hans Huyek

Hans Frederick Huyek 08/23/33 - 01/06/21 Woodcarver (Sunfield, MI/Lake Placid,FL)
Richard Andersen 04/18/49 - 01/08/21 Woodcarver (Long Island, NY/Lake Placid, FL)

Every person has a unique history and story. The two gentlemen mentioned above are no different and what makes them unique is their connection to our Art League. Although their obits are available to view online, we would like to acknowledge their accomplishments here.

Hans "Doc" was born in MI, married Wilma and they raised four children. Wilma preceded him in death in 1997. He later found companionship and adventure with his partner Shelly Bushman in Florida. Hans worked 60+ years in the furniture industry, retiring at the age of 82. He served his community in the Sunfield Fire Department 40 years, retiring as Chief. He was Past President of the Sunfield Lions Club and a member of Sunfield Masonic Lodge. Hans had participated on different baseball leagues. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, golfer, licensed private pilot and woodcarver. Graveside services were held 1/12/21 in Sunfield, MI. Memorial contributions may be directed to Sunfield S.P.Y or the Sunfield FD - Auxiliary.



Richard Andersen

Richard was born in NY, married Sandra and they raised their sons Eric and Adam. Sandy preceded him in death. Richard served honorably with the US Army during the Vietnam War. He was an electrician and retired from the Long Island Railroad. Richard moved to Lake Placid in 2016 where he enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family, especially his brother Jon Andersen (woodcarver) who is also a LPAL member. Richard's son Adam (painter and sketch artist) was a member of LPAL prior to his move out of state.

We will miss Hans and Richard during Tuesday and Thursday woodcarving. Their contributions to those gatherings, classes, shows and projects will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences to their families.

THE LPAL ARTIST'S PALETTE



"Every artist needs a working surface onto which they can grab paint with brushes, mix their colors, and test out colors before doing the final transfer onto canvas. This working surface is known as an artist's palette."

For those unfamiliar with the story, within the last 10 years it has been the mission of Ken Lorant, LPAL past board member, to maintain the large Palette outside the Art League building. Long time League members Ken Lorant (woodcarver) and his wife Maria (pergamano artist), have always been involved in contributing to this organization.

It was during a trip to Sebring, FL that Ken realized the Lake Placid Art League needed a landmark to visually impact what the league was all about. It was during this time Ken settled on the large form of the Palette. He began to accumulate what he needed to present his idea to the LPAL board and, with the support of Bill and Marlene Snyder as well as other board members, the idea began to take shape. Ken sought the expertise of a metal fabrication shop and the palette

construction began. It is cut from a single piece of aluminum and powder coated for endurance. Subsequently, it was brought to the league where it was firmly seated in concrete. The original color splotches were made of vinyl. Ken sought the assistance of the painters and had each of the painters cut a color to size to add to the form. He then recycled old brooms to represent the painters' brushes. Ken always looks to perform maintenance that will extend the life of the Palette and touch ups are required due to the intensity of the sun and it's destructive nature. At the original time of construction Ken estimated the cost was around \$350.00.

On behalf of the many members of the LPAL we would like to extend our thanks to Ken for his vision in helping create such an iconic image for the League and his attention to its continuous maintenance.