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SUMMERTIME

Well, most of us made it to the month of July. Both the virus and the temperature have decided to increase over the last few weeks. Neither is good news. Some people dread the dog days of summer, especially when they come in the last week of June and the first week of July.

The situation at the present is such that we at the London Arts Center are still taking things, as we have been forced to lately, one day at a time.

I have also subscribed to that philosophy. During the July newsletter, and beyond, I will be using one of my days to review the LVAG exhibits over the past four years. Along with the current progress and 'goings on' I will insert a few of the photos of past contributions. This includes all creative media that has passed through our doors. I hope you enjoy them.

ART OF THE PAST

During the years, the LVAG has been in existence a joyful collection of art in all forms has been exhibited from different individuals and different walks of life. The following art has been created by members, nonmembers and includes some from members of our local schools.

A few years ago, Bob Rogers had an exhibit at LVAG's Gallery on High. Bob's exhibit was predominately oil and acrylic. His show remained imprinted on my mind to this day because of one painting he displayed. That was the first time I had ever seen a crane or heron or egret, whichever, on a skateboard, with a flower in its mouth.



Another person who had her own show a few years ago was Juliet Mullett whose name I have no trouble remembering because of the Neil Diamond song of the same name, 'Juliet'. The great horned owl and the fox are both a good example of the work she produces.

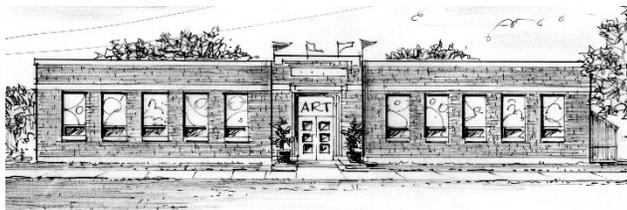


An art form that had not been considered as art for years is Woodburning and woodcarving. Recently woodburning artists have discovered how to introduce color with great results. One of our members, Gary Fullen, created the art below. Notice the intricate work on the items he chose for exhibit.



I have one more individual I would like to feature in July's newsletter. Kay Majka, a wonderful artist, and a devoted member of the LVAG has introduced us to a large array of paintings. There will be more room in future issues to show what Kay, can do with a brush and a few colors.





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Since the world and our country slid into the medical catastrophe months ago things have changed greatly for all of us. The virus and a construction set back has affected the opening of the new site for the LVAG. Our planned August opening may need to be pushed up to September. We continue to play it by ear and one day at a time.

We expect to receive the OK on the restroom installation any day now and the two main display and activity rooms are ready for carpet. Some additional wall space has been completed and the painting has progressed to the point of closing the paint cans and cleaning our brushes for the last time. New carpet will soon follow.

If any of our members or followers are inclined to come to the center and help with the final work, that needs to be done, feel free to volunteer. If you need the work schedule or would like to visit the site to see our progress and the expansion of the new quarters simply contact Sandy Fox at 937-207-7400. She will be happy to let you know when they will be working.

An artist is not paid for his labor but for his vision.

James McNeill Whistler

ART ON THE LAWN

The virus and a few other pitfalls have slowed the entry into the new building at 121 East First St. However, mother nature and the acquisition of the new building has given us an additional perc we use on nice days. We now have a beautiful lawn where we can sit, paint, draw, talk or just enjoy the breeze and shade

Our art under the elm is an ongoing get together since we presently cannot use the interior. We will be there every Saturday morning, weather permitting, from 10 am to 12 noon. Bring a chair, all your supplies and the medium you wish to use for your art. If you have questions, there will be someone available to assist you. we practice social distancing at the present time.



WRITERS ALERT

Before I put the newsletter to bed this month, I need to mention our Writers' Group. The meeting was always on Friday and will probably remain the same. However, the schedule with any changes will soon be released.

It is predominately an amateur group though a couple of the members have published books, so if you have an interest in writing visit us and bring an example of your work. You may read from your material or listen to a reading from a current member. Whatever your interest please join us. The meeting schedule will be out soon.

Remember, I need thoughts and Ideas for additional newsletters, so if you have anything you would like for me to add to the content of the monthly publication, let me know. It can be a photo or something you have written in the past. So, if you have an item or an idea for the newsletter send it to Jim Donohoe at 740-248-1527 or ohkrill4@yahoo.com and help me create a better newsletter for the LVAG and the London Arts Center.

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