

"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep." – Scott Adams

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Mission Statement

The West Suburban Artists Guild exists to promote the assistance and encouragement of artists in the expression of their ideas; the development of greater knowledge and appreciation of Art in the western Suburbs; and the promotion of Art Scholarship Awards.

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Board meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Triton College Fine Art Gallery.

All members are encouraged to come and share their ideas.

Happy New Year!

What will you do that is new and challenging in 2009?

A New Year is a great time to try out a new art medium! As artists, we sometimes are fearful of experimentation because we are constantly trying to keep up an inventory of cohesive works for shows and art fairs, or we do not want to deviate from a "signature style" that our clientele has come to expect. However, experimenting with a new or interesting medium may lead to new ideas that will fit nicely into your portfolio, maintaining that cohesiveness while allowing you to express yourself in a whole new way. Or, maybe a new medium will allow you to branch off into a second "set" of works that allow you to express yourself differently, yet with greater satisfaction.

Using the monthly themed shows at a variety of artists' organizations is an easy opportunity to try a different medium; and if you make a commitment to try a different medium each month – that's twelve new mediums to stretch your imagination!

For artists who normally work on paper or canvas, sculpture is a great challenge. If you are an artist who embraces classical themes in their work, why not go for whimsical collage? A photographer might find oil painting a challenge and a painter might find freedom in photography. A ceramicist might be challenged by metal work; a sculptor by encaustic painting techniques. The possibilities are endless!

Not sure what to try or know what you want to do but not sure how to use a particular medium? Why not take a class or participate in a workshop? There are many available through park districts and local arts organizations, not to mention the Continuing Education programs at most colleges. The New Year is for New Ideas!

Resources for Art Classes and Schools

- The School of the Art Institute of Chicago has many continuing education classes for Adults www.saic.edu
- The DuPage Art League** offers classes in a variety of mediums starting January 15th. www.dupageartleague.org
- The Naperville Art League** always offers fun and informative workshops www.napervilleartleague.com
- Winter session** at the Oak Park Art League begins January 25th and offers everything from Color Theory to Mosaics! www.opal-art.com
- Interested** in making your own jewelry? Wear your own art from Bead in Hand, a bead shop located in Oak Park. www.beadinhand.com
- Ever tried metal sculpture?** Triton College offers welding classes under their Continuing Ed Program. Though not for the faint of heart, these courses could take your art in a whole new direction! www.triton.edu
- Harper College** in Palatine offers a class called "Art, Beauty and Social Change" in which the moral obligations of art and artists are discussed, as well as works of art created. Make your mind your art project! www.harper.edu

Dates and Deadlines...

Art Resources, Opportunities and Upcoming Deadlines!

January 15th 2008 is the deadline to submit your general application to participate in all shows produced by Amdur Productions, including the Gold Coast Art Fair. Go to www.amdurproductions.com for all information.

The **Alliance of Fine Art** will hold its third annual workshop, "R U in the Know" on Saturday, February 21, 2009. Topics of discussion include: creating an artist statement and brochure, creating a press release, and hearing a gallery owner speak. Get [information and an application](#) or contact Liz Popp (Lizzypopp@hotmail.com) for more information. Early bird registration is due **January 15, 2009**.

March 1st, 2009 is the deadline for the DuPage Invitational Sculpture and 3-D Art Show at Lilacia Park on Saturday, May 9th, 2009 from 11 am to 6 pm – During the Annual "Lilac Time Celebration" in Lombard. For more information, call (630) 415-3656 to receive an application and participation packet, or email: info@dupagearts.com. You may also write to: Lombard Arts Coalition, PO Box 506, Lombard, IL 60148-0506. Email: www.dupagesculpture.org

March 1st, 2009 is the application deadline for shows managed by D&W Events, Inc. including the Deerfield Festival of Fine Arts and the Cuneo Gardens Art Festival. www.dwevents.org

March 6th, 2009 is the deadline to have your artwork or poetry considered for publication in the Woman Made *Her Mark* 2009 Calendar. www.womanmade.org

March 15th, 2009 is the jury deadline for WSAG's Art in the Park. www.westsuburbanartistsguild.org

April 2nd, 2009 is the jury deadline for The Naperville Art League's 24th Annual Riverwalk Fine Art Fair. www.napervilleartleague.com

May 11th 2009 is the deadline to submit to jury for the Hinsdale Fine Art Festival. www.hinsdalechamber.com

For Art Fair Info, The Web is Your Best Resource!

www.artandcraftshows.net www.caonline.org
www.artfairsourcebook.com www.artshow.com
www.artfaircalendar.com

Do you have an urgent deadline, opportunity, or resource to share?
Email them to: mmchugh@lssaturn.com

On Line and On Time!

www.zapplication.org is a site used by many art event organizers for the jury process where you submit your applications and photos of your artwork online. This site is also a great resource for upcoming art events across the country, so even if you do not intend to submit an application online, you can subscribe to receive email updates for upcoming events so you can stay plugged in to the art world at large!

www.artnewsonline.com is another great resource for keeping up with the trends in the art scene worldwide. Art News is a magazine you can subscribe to, but also a wonderful resource online.

www.howdesign.com is a site and magazine dedicated to graphic arts; photography and the creative industries with trend watch, business news and resources, and business and designer profiles.

How to Find What is Happening...

WSAG Treasurer, Mary Meike, is kind enough to forward the **Oak Park Area Art Council's** online newsletter to us each month so that we can stay informed of area opportunities for artists. You can always log on to www.oapparkareaartscouncil.org and read about and advantage of everything the area has to offer artists; upcoming shows and events, etc. Join the Council and lend your support!

The Oak Park Arts District also has their own web site: www.oakparkartsdistrict.com that you can log onto to get more area info. This site is geared toward promoting businesses in the area, but also highlights fun art centered entertainment for you to enjoy!

A Spring Thing...

Triton College will be hosting an art show for their student artists on April 14th – May 13th in the gallery. The public reception is on April 14th from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. Student art is a great way to discover new trends and possibilities in art. Be sure to check it out!

Don't Forget Art In The Park

The West Suburban Artists Guild, in cooperation with The Park District of Oak Park is pleased to announce the **2009 Art In the Park fine art festival**. You may download an application and information at www.westsuburbanartistsguild.org

Please feel free to forward applications to any and all other Artist's Organizations that you may be affiliated with, emphasizing the economical booth price – compared with other local art events – and the special discount afforded WSAG Members. It is also a good idea to print several copies and leave them at area businesses; park district offices; area art galleries and art organizations.

Event Date: Sunday, May 17th

Event Time: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Event Location: Austin Gardens Park, Oak Park, IL
Fees: \$90 for a 10' x 10' space (\$50 for WSAG Artist Members)

Jury Deadline: March 15, 2009

More Information: Encourage friends, family and fellow artists to log on to

www.westsuburbanartistsguild.org for more information.

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