

The Glenview Art League Newsletter

Advancing the study and development of fine art in our community.

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President's Corner

“For it isn’t enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn’t enough to believe in it. One must work at it.”

— ELEANOR ROOSEVELT



This year continues to challenge my assumptions. I’ve canceled and changed many plans. I’m learning new social customs, from grocery shopping to simple greetings, to more serious changes in how we support and connect with each other. I’m realizing that some of the peace, freedom, and security that I

miss from the time before the pandemic and the ongoing protests, those things are privileges than many Americans have never counted on or enjoyed. That is not someone else’s problem. That’s a challenge for all of us who live in this country and who value equality and human rights.

Growth and change are hard work. Careful observation is necessary, along with creativity and a willingness to see things from a new perspective. I’m amazed at how quickly we changed to protect each other in response to Covid-19. The response hasn’t been perfect but it’s been dramatic and far-reaching. That gives me hope for how we can continue to change and grow to fight for equality, freedom, and justice for all people. Change is possible.

Do we as an art league welcome and value people of all races? Are we taking steps to be anti-racist? I look forward to seeing us grow and take action in this work. See page 3 for media recommendations from the GAL board, and share your thoughts with us at glenviewartleague@att.net.

**Keep up your creative work!
Deb Anderson**



“Times Square, Covid-19,” by Lee Colpi, oil on canvas, 24 by 24 inches.

SAVE THE DATES - UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., July 6 Exhibit Program Changeover
NOTE: GAL Member Show cancelled for 2020
- Sat., July 11 Pick up canvases for Small Works show,
9:30 a.m., Glenview Public Library
- Mon., July 20 GAL Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

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“Reading is Timeless”: small works show and contest

Canvases will be available to the first 100 contestants at the library on July 11!

The GAL’s upcoming collaboration with the Glenview Public Library was featured in the Library’s “Summer Lines” Newsletter for June-August 2020. We’re excited to co-host and see members participate in this fun event as part of the Library’s 90th anniversary celebrations! The theme of the event is *Reading is Timeless*. Questions? Contact the GAL, and visit the GAL website for more details. Be sure to save the following dates.



- July 11:** Blank 6 by 6 inch canvases will be handed out, free, to the first 100 contestants, in the Glenview Public Library lobby, 9:30 a.m.
- Sept. 5:** Completed canvases must be returned to the Library lobby between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
- Sept. 24:** If possible, a reception will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Library lobby. Winners will be announced.

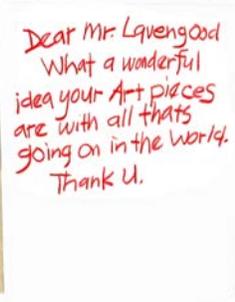
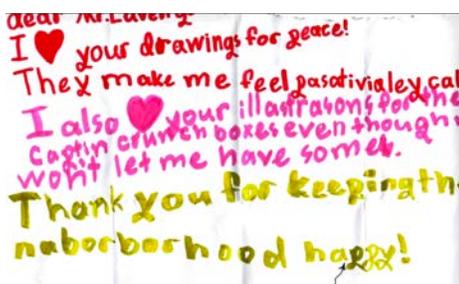
Lavengood inspires neighbors in the Yard Art Challenge!



Jim Lavengood, longtime GAL member and Summer Art Fair artist, is lifting spirits in his neighborhood by sharing his artwork. He explains, “I don’t work in oils or acrylics so my magic marker art would not hold up to foul weather on outside yard signs. I instead used lighthearted illustrations with an inspirational title to set my tone.”

He designed the series of “Polar Bear Preservation Band” illustrations for a recent project. He framed them and placed one on an easel outdoors near his sidewalk, taking it in at night and switching to a new piece every few days. Messages with the artwork include Peace, Love, Hope, Stay Safe, Faith and Inspire.

“The reception for each was unbelievable,” Jim shares. “Cars would slow down and back up to view each one. Small kids on bikes, scooters or roller skates stopped, then took off with a smile on their faces. Joggers slowed to view them. Parents pushing strollers or walking dogs paused and took photos of their kids next to the display... Now I’m beginning to get notes and cards stuffed into my mailbox from local kids and neighbors.” Way to go Jim! We look forward to seeing your next pieces.



NOTE: we are extending the Yard Art Challenge into August, so submit yours today! We’d love to bring more work to the Glenview Park District for them to host. So far garden sculptures, painted yard signs and yard signs printed with paintings have come in. **See artwork and map of yard art locations at www.glenviewartleague.org.**

One of Jim Lavengood’s illustrations on display (top), with a few of the notes he’s received from appreciative neighbors.

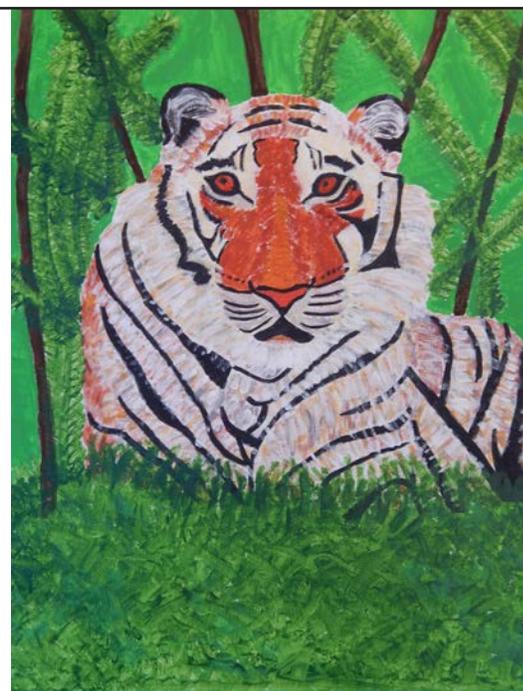
GAL Exhibit Program: 2020 Summer quarter begins on July 6

Note: the All-member Show and reception at the BookMarket is canceled for 2020.

The summer quarter for the GAL Exhibit Program will begin on Monday, July 6. Adjustments are being made to the schedule after the unfortunate cancellation of the spring quarter.

Exhibiting artists should contact their gallery managers or glenviewartleague@att.net with any questions and to confirm their venues. Masks should be worn at venues when picking up or installing artwork. Specific venues may have additional safety requirements.

Meditating with a Tiger, by Elana Ashley. The artist notes, "The Tiger is serious and peaceful. I think we all could use some quiet meditation."



ANTI-RACISM RESOURCE LIST

Here is a list of resources for people seeking to learn more about inequality and race in our society and the need for anti-racist work. This is part of a much larger list available at the following link: bit.ly/ANTIRACISMRESOURCES

Share your favorite resources for learning about race, equality and human rights at glenviewartleague@att.net.

ARTICLES TO READ:

- ["America's Racial Contract Is Killing Us"](#) by Adam Serwer | Atlantic (May 8, 2020)
- [Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement \(Mentoring a New Generation of Activists\)](#)
- ["My Life as an Undocumented Immigrant"](#)
- [The 1619 Project \(all the articles\)](#) | The New York Times Magazine
- ["The Intersectionality Wars"](#) by Jane Coaston | Vox (May 28, 2019)
- [Tips for Creating Effective White Caucus Groups](#) developed by Craig Elliott PhD
- ["White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack"](#) by Peggy McIntosh

BOOKS TO READ:

- [Black Feminist Thought](#) by Patricia Hill Collins
- [Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower](#) by Dr. Brittney Cooper
- [Heavy: An American Memoir](#) by Kiese Laymon
- [How To Be An Antiracist](#) by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi
- [I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings](#) by Maya Angelou
- [Just Mercy](#) by Bryan Stevenson
- [Me and White Supremacy](#) by Layla F. Saad
- [Raising Our Hands](#) by Jenna Arnold
- [Redefining Realness](#) by Janet Mock
- [Sister Outsider](#) by Audre Lorde
- [So You Want to Talk About Race](#) by Ijeoma Oluo

FILMS AND TV SERIES:

- 13th (Ava DuVernay)
- American Son (Kenny Leon)
- Black Power Mixtape: 1967-1975
- Clemency (Chinonye Chukwu)
- Dear White People (Justin Simien)
- Fruitvale Station (Ryan Coogler)
- I Am Not Your Negro (James Baldwin doc)
- If Beale Street Could Talk (Barry Jenkins)
- Just Mercy (Destin Daniel Cretton)
- King In The Wilderness
- See You Yesterday (Stefon Bristol)
- Selma (Ava DuVernay)

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MEMBERS NEWS



Kay Thomas has been spending some of her at home time making beautiful origami cards (see above).

CALLS FOR ARTISTS

JourneyCare has volunteer opportunities for artists willing to create and donate artwork to commemorate, honor and cheer hospice patients during the pandemic. If you are interested contact Kelly Behrens at (847) 845-3651 or kbehrens@journeycare.org.

The School of Rock Glenbrook (opening July 2020) is seeking volunteer artists to paint rock and roll music-inspired large, unstretched 4 by 7 foot canvases. They will supply the canvas and \$100 towards supplies. It can be inspired by any rock and roll era from the 1950s to the 1980s to today. It should be authentic, cool, and edgy. Have fun with it!

The pieces can be painted off-site. For info please contact: Amy Renzulli, owner, School of Rock Oak Park and Glenbrook, (708) 577-3387, arenzulli@schoolofrock.com.

Online GAL fundraising shop

The GAL Board is considering a fundraising shop on the website where donated art and GAL merchandise will be sold to support our work in advancing the study and development of fine art in our community. If you have ideas about this or would like to participate in planning and setting up an online shop, leave a message at glenviewartleague@att.net or (847) 724-4007.

GAL Art Challenge

Vibrant member art focuses on the theme of “Music”

With the theme of “MUSIC,” May was another impressive month of online art challenge submissions! Check out artwork by the following artists in the gallery at www.glenviewartleague.org and at our [pinterest board](#):

Participating artists include Marilyn Jamora, Adele Aronson, Bob Leopold, Ed Crestoni, Eric Lee, Filippo Aliperta, Gail Basner, Jim Lavengood, JoAnn Varga Tatge, Jung J Jae, Lee Colpi, Leslie Johns, Peter Brinckerhoff, Meredith Anderson, Holly Anderson, Deb Anderson, Renata Maliszewski, Sandra Noble, and Sandy Sheagreen.

All were entered into a random drawing for a GAL mug, and the winner is... Eric Lee! Congratulations, Eric, and thanks to everyone for sharing your work.



Art Challenge submissions by Filippo Aliperta (top), Gail Basner (left) and Jung J. Jae.