

ADDISON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

NEWSLETTER

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Our Mission

The Addison Center for the Arts is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization created to be an integral part in advancing the arts within the community. We are committed to providing a home for performing and visual arts and dedicated to creating quality art programs. These programs help foster self-exploration, skill development and aesthetic awareness. We strive to empower the performer, creator, audience and consumer to enhance and enrich the world around us.



Check out our website
AddisonCenterfortheArts.org



Tales & Stories by Karla Wong

The artist reception for the colorful and dreamlike art show called “Tales and Stories” by Karla Wong took place on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 1 to 4 pm at the ACA Gallery.

Karla and her friends came with a giant pot of delicious homemade tamales. They were decked out in their Oaxacan goth finery complementing the imagery in the exhibit. Classical guitar musician Hector Fernandez dazzled everyone with his artistry.

Halfway through the reception, Addison Trail's 2021 Homecoming Queen Diana Villegas stopped in just off the team bus from an athletic match to see the exhibit and meet Karla. She couldn't stay long because she had to go home to get dressed for the Homecoming dance in a couple of hours.

The President and Founder of the National Museum of Mexican Art Carlos Tortolero gave a speech congratulating Karla Wong for her beautiful exhibit. He invited everyone to attend Wong's solo exhibition at the NMMA in April 2022, which will be an important step toward highlighting Wong's significance in the fine arts.

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ART EXHIBIT



Above L to R: Carlos Tortolero, Founder of the National Museum of Mexican Art, Karla Wong, and Dan Mattingly.

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The ACA is thrilled to feature the paintings of Karla Wong. Wong is a rising art star of international renown who lives in Addison. Recently, Wong was awarded Best in Show at the Alliance of Fine Art's 2021 "Best of the Best Show." Her colorful magical realist paintings incorporating themes of Mexican folklore and, more recently, pop-culture genres like steampunk and Oaxacan goth impressed the judges. The mingling of Mexican and American narrative imagery make her paintings engaging and distinctively hers.

Wong says, "In each of my works, I try to express the love that I have for culture that is ingrained in me. I chose to reach out beyond the typical and enter the world of magical surrealism, creating my own characters ...I gave them their own life, playing with the colors without sparing anything."

If you missed "Tales & Stories by Karla Wong," a virtual exhibit will be permanently published on the ACA website within the next few weeks.

A poster for an art exhibit. The left side has a dark blue background with white and teal text. The right side features a vibrant, colorful painting by Karla Wong. The painting depicts two figures in elaborate, steampunk-inspired costumes. One figure is a woman in a red and white dress with a large, ornate hat. The other is a man in a black top hat and a red and black outfit. They are standing on a large, orange, textured surface that looks like a pumpkin or a large piece of fabric. The background of the painting is dark blue with some abstract, glowing elements.

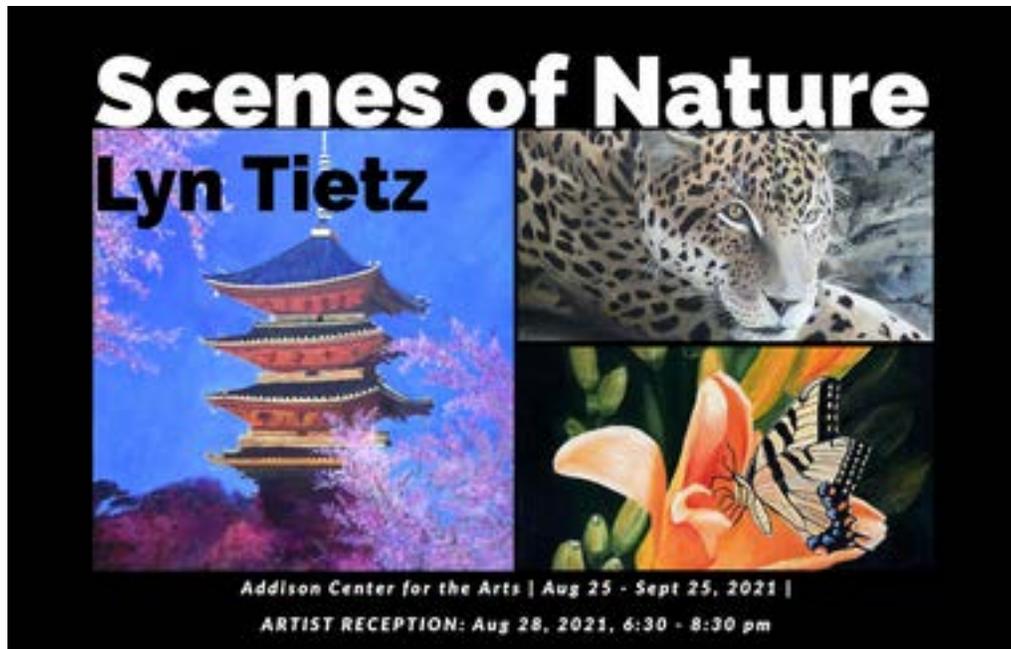
Addison Center for the Arts presents

Tales and Stories

by Karla Wong

Exhibit: October 6 ~ November 6, 2021

Reception: Sat, October 9, 2021, 1 to 4 pm



Lyn Tietz "Scenes of Nature"

Following a 14-month public health closure, the ACA gallery was reopened for public receptions in late August 2021. Lyn Tietz's "Scenes of Nature" was postponed in March 2019, so it was a joy to finally get together and enjoy this comprehensive display of her work. "Scenes of Nature" was on display from August 25 through September 25, 2021. The reception was August 28, 2021.

Tietz is a graduate of University of Illinois and pursued a career in interior design. She began painting in 1997 after attending art and painting classes at College of DuPage. In addition, she has taken classes and numerous workshops with many noted instructors. The subjects of her work are diverse including animals, flowers, people, landscape, and still life.

She has displayed her work in various shows including the Alliance of Fine Art's Best of the Best Exhibition. Many of her paintings have won several awards and ribbons at the DuPage Art League, LaGrange Art League, Addison Art Guild and others. Lyn is a past president of the Addison Art Guild.

In addition to creating, exhibiting, and selling her paintings, Tietz instills creativity in others by teaching flower arranging and teaching painting. Between tennis, painting, and playing the guitar and piano, each day flies by.

"I love all the wonders of nature and am inspired by the many scenes throughout the four seasons--one reason to enjoy living in the Midwest. I find it thrilling to take a brush to paper or canvas, add some paint and little by little watch a beautiful scene emerge. Flowers, birds, landscapes, seascapes, children and pets--all are fun to paint. Look around and enjoy a beautiful and colorful world and see there's an endless supply of subjects to paint!"

--Lyn Tietz

If you missed the "Scenes of Nature" exhibit, you can check out the virtual exhibit on the ACA website.

ART EXHIBIT



Left: John Keeler with his ribbon for Best Frida Kahlo piece called "Frida at Home."

Right: Lisa Lucaccioni poses next to "Titus and Brutus" an acrylic on canvas.



Addison Art Guild Members' Show 2021

The Addison Art Guild held the reception for their annual members' exhibit at The Addison Center for the Arts gallery on the evening of November 11, 2021. The artists and their friends, neighbors and family enjoyed light refreshments and conversation while viewing the show. This year's guest judge Lisa Dziuricsko, curator of Marmion Academy in Aurora, awarded several prizes for the art works on exhibit.

This year the Guild celebrated the memory of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo with a special exhibit devoted to her art and life. John Keeley of Bloomingdale won a special Frida Kahlo award for his oil painting, "Frida at Home."

Lisa Lucaccioni of Hanover Park won a First Place ribbon for "Titus & Brutus," a charming acrylic painting of father and son male lions from the Brookfield Zoo. Another First Place ribbon went to Irma Pocius for an alcohol ink abstract painting called "Fascination."

The Best in Show ribbon went to Julie Mars of Roselle for "Honeymoon Panopticon." Second Place ribbons went to Tania Blanco of Naperville and Elke Simmons of Addison. Janice Dunteman and Annette Leiber of Addison won Honorable Mentions ribbons.

The AAG Members' Show 2021 Continues through December 18, 2021.

The Addison Art Guild is welcoming new artists and makers to join. Call Julie Mars at the Addison Center for the Arts 630-458-4500 for more information on how to join the Addison Art Guild. The Guild usually meets once a month with a demonstration of different artistic techniques. In addition to monthly meetings, the AAG has two exhibitions per year. Every Fall they exhibit at the Addison Center for the Arts and in the Spring they traditionally show in the Addison Village Hall rotunda. Currently, the Spring 2022 show in the rotunda is tentative due to public health policies, but will be announced at another venue, if necessary.

COMING IN 2022

ASD#4 Student Exhibit
on display week of January 24, 2022



Here they come! The kids are taking over the gallery again in late January and we can't wait. The reception date is still yet to be announced. Watch our website or Facebook for the latest dates and times.

Expressions: Art & Verse Festival
Saturday, February 19, 2022, 1 to 4 pm

Poets from the Illinois State Poetry Society and Illinois artists are working hard on Expressions 2022. This year the poets chose artists to create a work of art about one of their poems. On Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022 we will celebrate with an art exhibit and poetry recital at the ACA Gallery and Studio Theater. Join us for another celebration of interplay of word and image. The art and poetry exhibit opens February 16 and continues through March 19, 2022.



**EXPRESSIONS:
ART & VERSE 2022**

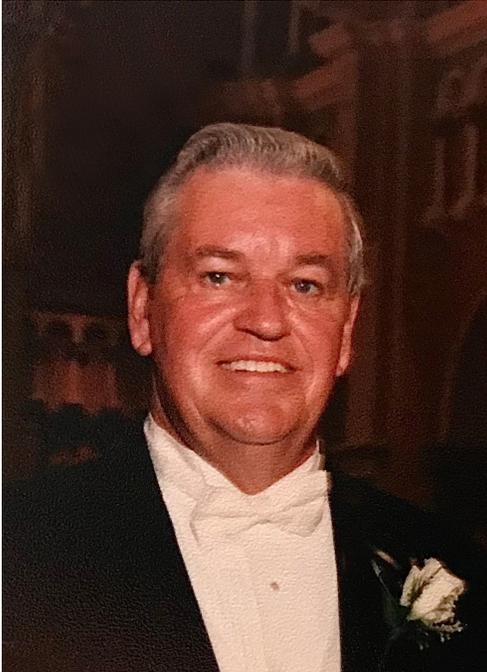


*Poetry
Inspires Art*

MUSIC & COMMUNITY

Scenes from Summer Concerts at the Gazebo





ACA Mourns the Passing of Don Leiber

Donald Leiber, an avid supporter of the arts, passed away on September 28, 2021. Don and his wife Annette lived in Addison for 54 years. He served on the Addison Cultural Arts Development Commission for eight years and, along with seven other commissioners, was instrumental in developing the Addison Art Guild, Addison Community Band, Addison Community Theatre and Camera Club as well as the summer Concerts in the Park series. He had been a Charter Member of the Addison Center for the Arts since its inception.

Even after retiring from McMaster Carr Supply Company, he was proud of utilizing their matching funds program which provided spousal funding to ACA for volunteer work done by Annette.

Don had been an ardent muskie fisherman and, for the last several years, proudly told people that he was “Annette’s social secretary”.

He will be missed.

Memorials in memory of Don can be made to the Addison Center for the Arts, 213 N. Lombard Road, Addison, IL 60101. Thank you to everyone who has already donated to the Addison Center for the Arts in Don Leiber's memory.

MAYOR'S BALL

Love to our sponsor, Elio's Pizza on Fire!



Did you spot members of the ACA Board at the Mayor's Ball on November 11, 2021? Thanks to Elio Pizza on Fire for sponsoring us again this year! Pictured clockwise from top left: Elio's!, Mark & Denise Turk, Susan & Ed Cargill, Harry & Lori Theodore. Evelyn Berleman was at the party too!

Thanks to everyone who attended the ball and bid on our auction items!



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GRATITUDE

Sandra Ganakos Resigns from ACA Board



Sandra Ganakos recently announced her resignation from the board of Addison Center for the Arts. She has been a charter member of ACA for 28 years, lending advice on the many cultural programs we've brought to the community. The Lyric Opera in the Neighborhood and Salt Creek Ballet programs for school children, as well as Tuesday summer concerts in the park have all been initiated "on her watch." Sandra's special interests include the Lyric Opera of Chicago, the Musicians Club of Women, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Union League Club, and Goodman and Steppenwolf theaters.

The Addison Center for the Arts thanks this great lady for her continued support but know she will always be part of our audience. We wish her the very best of health and happiness.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

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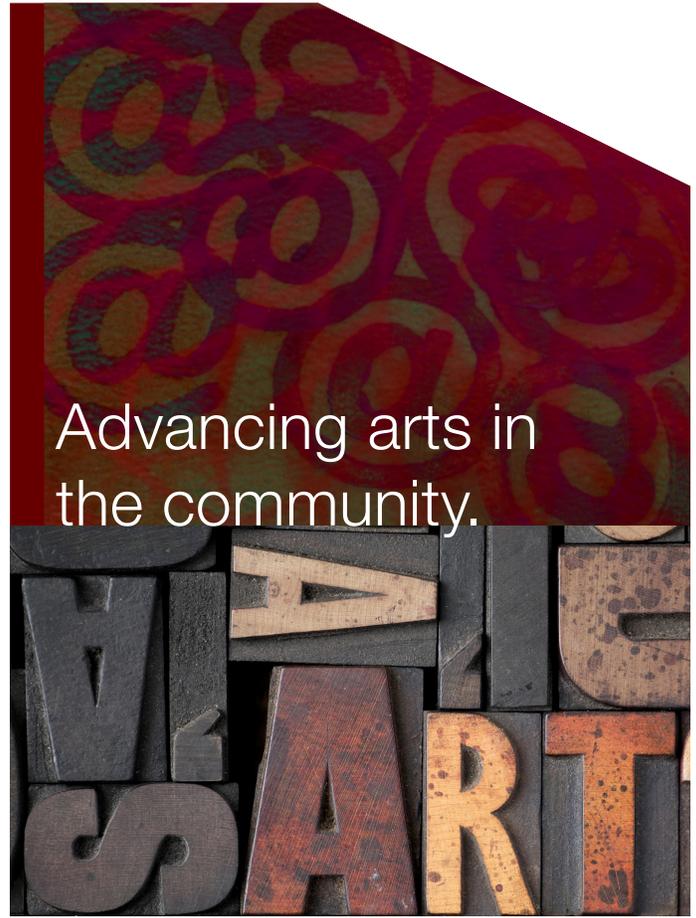
MEMBERSHIP

We are thrilled to have you!

Thank you to all who have already renewed their membership and welcome to all new members! Please ask your family and friends to join in our mission to advance arts in Addison.

Still need to renew? Renewal letters will be sent out soon to remind all current members. You can download the membership form to renew on our website at <http://www.addisoncenterforthearts.com/membership>.

If you or someone you know would like a conventional membership form, we are happy to mail you a copy. Or stop by the gallery and pick one up. Make sure to allow extra time to enjoy the current exhibit.



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