

Leduc Art Club News

July 2023

July Artist of the Month



WAYNE MARR

was born in southwestern Ontario and spent his formative years in the small town of Ridgetown, Ontario. Immediately after graduating high school, he joined the military and spent 25 years travelling the world as his primary employment that took him from Canada to the Middle East and on to Europe.

In 1985, he transferred to the part time military reserves and pursued various jobs in the civilian world. Those ambitions eventually saw him move to Leduc in the year 2000 where he, and his wife Yvonne, settled in and found employment in a number of professional positions. Wayne joined the energy sector in various senior management positions and Yvonne in the Alberta education system.

Wayne retired in 2016. He now spends most of his time planning vacations, watching his two grandsons play hockey in Leduc, and enjoying his retirement community.

Retirement led Wayne to explore a past time that had always interested him but other priorities seemed to push art to one side. Prior to the dark days of the

COVID pandemic, Wayne decided to enroll in a beginners' art class sponsored by the Leduc Art Club. It was only after a few short sessions in class he had found his inner passion. With the encouragement of his fellow students and his wife he began to apply his skills on a regular basis.

Suddenly the world became a much smaller place and health restrictions left only one place to paint. The basement studio was occupied on a daily basis primarily to think of ideas, to find quality reference images, and to experiment with brushes and paint. Two years later he emerged with dozens of canvases that progressed from beginner to what has been described as pleasing works of art.

"I'm hooked and, notwithstanding family priorities, I still head to the studio on a regular basis. The results have been favorable," admits Wayne, "Love it."

**FREE COMMUNITY
DROP-IN TUESDAYS**

Join us at the Leduc Arts Foundry. Bring your supplies of choice and join like-minded artists for a day of fun and creativity.

**9am-4pm Everyone Welcome
4 - 7pm Teen Drop-in**

**Free paint day
Thursdays!**

Get together with fellow artists at the Leduc Arts Foundry for a day of painting from 10am-4pm.

Paint on!

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JANUARY	Annette Russell
FEBRUARY	Haley Anderson
MARCH	Kristine Anderson
APRIL	Spring Fling Member Show
MAY	Bruce Whaley
JUNE	AYAC Show
JULY	Wayne Marr
AUGUST	Teresa Dobko
SEPTEMBER	Liz Ekstrom
OCTOBER	Shirley McIntosh
NOVEMBER	Andrés Mendez
DECEMBER	Kathy Hicks
FRONT GALLERY LAC Member Show	
<i>(Please note: dates are subject to change)</i>	



12th Annual Aspiring Young Artist Competition Gala Night Artists

5 MEMBERS GALLERY (2023)

July: Rose Norby, Pat O'Greysik, Kristine Anderson, Angela de Kort, Liz Ekstrom,

August: Kristine Anderson, Pat O'Greysik, Angela de Kort, Rose Norby, Liz Ekstrom

September: Kristine Anderson, Pat O'Greysik, Bruce Whaley, Angela de Kort, Rose Norby

DID YOU KNOW?

The Aspiring Young Artist' Competition was started as our way of giving back to the community and it facilitated support from the City of Leduc. This year we also partnered with Black Gold School Division

In the past year there were 80 – 110 submissions. This year there were over 120!

Over \$3000 in monetary prizes were presented to the winners

Students were given a chance to be adjudicated by trustees to purchase 4 pieces of artwork to showcase in the Divisions Permanent Art Collection at the Division's Office in the County Centre in Nisku. One piece was purchased for the City of Leduc collection.

- **Would you like to show your artwork as the Artist of the Month or the 5 Member Gallery?**
Contact Liz Ekstrom at bethjane676@gmail.com to save your spot as it is first come first served.
- **Do you want to be on the LAC website in the Meet our Artists section?**
Send 3 good quality photos of your work, a bio, a picture of yourself to Angel at media@leducartclub.com
- **Would you like to submit or revise your bio? Need help to write one?**
Contact Katherine Hicks at membership@leducartclub.com



Best 3D, "Bird of Paradise" by Hanaah Leming, LCHS, one of the four chosen for the BGSD permanent collection.

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ALL LAC MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS AS A GUEST

Your opinion is important and should be heard. If you would like to attend please contact one of the Board of Directors to add your name to the agenda

Have you volunteered? If so we'd appreciate your recording your hours which goes a long way towards our grants. You can do so online on our website: www.LeducArtClub.com or the binder which hangs on the storage room door in the LAF.

That's also where you will find our monthly calendar, newsletter, and other notices.

Do you have any suggestions or comments you would like to share? There is a box on the library shelf where you can submit them. They will be addressed at a Board meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 14th, 2023 @ 3pm
(Also PAINT DAY 1PM -7PM)

REMEMBER

JULY 15th



HAPPY
SUMMER!!!

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