

Artist of the Month: Bruce Whaley

Bruce Whaley has been drawing and painting for over 50 years. Capturing the essence of the subject matter in landscapes and an accurate likeness in portraiture is his primary goal.



Bruce's landscape paintings tend to be inspired by lighting, atmosphere and the natural beauty of the land. His scenes are created from everyday sights and events, personal experiences and travels and are painted in his own realist style, using loose brushwork and simplified details. This leaves something for an individual's imagination and allows everyone to "see" the art in their own way.

Retiring from the regular work force in 2015, Bruce is now creating art full-time, always trying to do a little better with each new work.

You can see some of Bruce's art at Leduc Arts Foundry for the month of February or visit www.facebook.com/brucewhaleyartworks

Great News!! Bruce will be teaching a "Beginner Acrylic Painting" course, 7-9:30 pm on Thursday evenings over 5 weeks starting **Feb. 29th - March 28th.**

This course will introduce basics that can help anyone create better paintings, regardless of the style they are rendered in.

Sharing his experience from decades of art, it will include information on equipment, reference materials, composition, colours, shapes, and perspective. All of these aspects will be utilized to complete a painting from start to finish. Space is limited. Register on-line at <https://www.leducartclub.com/classes>

If you would like to be Artist of the Month or hang in the Gallery please contact Linda West lindawest60@gmail.com

LAC MEMBERS!!

We need artists to show for March to December 2024

The LAC Board decided to initiate the Artist of the Month to promote our many talented local artists and give them an opportunity to show and sell their work. It also allows us to show the public what we have learned in the classes that are offered.

Showing your work is intimidating whether you have been practicing for years or just started your journey. While some, who are further in their career, find this fantastic as it is an excellent opportunity to promote and sell their art, it can be intimidating for the beginner. Truth be told the advanced artist will also feel trepidation. This is their inner selves they are putting out there for all to see.

Creating art is a journey to enjoy and there is much more enjoyment if you can share that journey with other like minded individuals. Creating, talking, not taking yourself too seriously, is great for everyone's mental health.

There are many advantages to showing in our member's gallery, for artists, hobbyists, and crafters alike. These are a few.

- It is a small venue so it is an excellent way to begin and gain confidence.
- Your theme could be a finished product or the journey of that product. Drawing to process paint to completed painting
- You can show class work done
- You can timeline your growth
- Might sell one.
- It would assist with your growth as critiquing is a great teacher.
- The more you do it the easier it becomes
- Visitors to the gallery appreciate the art shown. Seeing our attempt to create gives them the courage to start on their own creative journey.
- Sharing your talents and what you have learnt encourages others to start painting.

Each of us in the Leduc Art Club is on our own journey but also part of the whole. Any growth needs the support of one another, be it personally or as a club.

Be brave! Carpe diem!

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PAINT DAYS

Tuesdays

Leduc Arts Foundry (LAF) offers
Free Community Drop-In

Bring your project of choice and join
like-minded artists in the Leduc Arts Foundry
for a day of fun and creativity.

9am - 4pm Everyone Welcome
4 - 7pm Teen Drop-in
7-9pm Open Mic

Any music lovers out there? Though not many
members participate in Open Mics on Tuesday
nights at Leduc Arts Foundry, many do head
down for a night of music and entertainment.

The Melesizwe Brothers have been hosting it
since its inception and just released their debut
album! Whoo! Talent! Better grab a friend and
head down there yourself and check them out.

Monthly Mondays

LAC Members can paint every
2nd Monday of the month.

Next one will be on

February 12, 2024

1pm – 7pm

Board Meeting 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday Drop In

Starting January 25, 2024 LAF is moving
Open Studio Thursdays
to the Foundry Downtown location on Main
Street. The address is 4815 50 Ave Leduc in
the old Star Catholic Outreach location next to
Nail World.

From Brittany Snellen - We will continue this
free open studio day for the next 18 months.
Originally, open studio was planned as a
temporary day, as we changed our
membership structure, however, now that we
have a new space that we are excited to share,
we are extending that opportunity until June

2025! Between now and then you can expect
to see us starting up our pottery studio in the

space— that's right, we are getting a KILN
downtown!— and **opening the new ArtWorks**
store, which will offer goods from local artists
and artisans! You can find an application on
our website if you are interested in being a
vendor!

We are moving Open Studio to the other
location so that people can start to become
acquainted with our Downtown space, which
offers ample parking (both on Main Street, and
even more behind in the ATB parking lot!), we
also have TWO bathrooms in this facility, a
wheelchair accessible ramp at the back door,
and coffee shops and restaurants within
walking distance!

Open Studio on Thursdays will ONLY be
offered at the downtown location, as we have
some plans in the making for Thursdays at the
LRC location.

Looking forward to seeing you downtown!

Artist of the Month Reception

Starting in January, the Artist of the Month will
have the option to hold a reception during their
month. How to set one up will be added to the
Member's Handbook. LAC will pay for half the
LAF rental cost and assist with promos.

2 MONTHS TO GO!
GET YOUR
NEW PAINTINGS READY FOR

Spring Fling Art Show

April 1-30, 2024

in the LAF Front Gallery

&

LAC Members Show & Sale

June 15-30, 2024

in the LAF Front Gallery

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Are you ready for something special?

Our very own **David Shkolny**, a professional artist with over twenty years teaching experience, is preparing to tutor a course in the heart of **Montelparo, Italy May 10-17, 2024.**



David has been a Leduc Art Club instructor for many years, teaching different mediums to multiple ages and ability students.

Congratulations David! Sounds so exciting with all the studio time, en plein air, lovely location, and golden hours.

Paid Opportunity

The LAF has a second location on Main Street and is looking for artists to facilitate Art Parties there. Interested? Contact Ingrid pastpresident@leducartclub.com

EducAid Training Services is a new business located in Leduc City Centre Mall. They are looking for artists that would like to sell their work at their location. Please contact Kristan Myers 780-940-5656, educaidtraining@gmail.com

Foundry Downtown ArtWorks Store

Hello painter, potter or candlestick maker!
Thank you for your interest in joining ArtWorks! This is a new project created by the Leduc Arts Foundry for our second location on Mainstreet Leduc, The Foundry Downtown. ArtWorks will be a store for makers of all kinds to sell their work in Leduc. We are very excited about this project, and look forward to bringing more attention to artists in Leduc.
<https://www.artsfoundry.ca/art-works>

If you have any questions, please send them to manager@artsfoundry.ca

THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

so generous with their time and efforts to ensure the growth of our club

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our club. They help make these community events happen and go a long way to ensure grants for our club are possible and exposure for our club and members.

Watch for volunteer opportunities and stay involved. You won't regret it.

GOT YOURS?



Royal blue Zip up hoodies with LAC embroidered logo on the left chest are available for \$50. Contact Linda West lindawest60@gmail.com or at Tuesday drop-in.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Now Due by January 31, 2024

Memberships run from

Jan.1 - Dec. 31st for \$50..

You can register on our website [join now](#)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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Reaching for Mastery Intermediate to Advanced Oil Painting with Cindy Revell's

session 4 classes starts on January 15th and runs for 5 weeks.

Have you wanted to move your skills and work farther, do you feel stuck, consider taking this class you won't regret it.

Children Art Classes with David Shkolny

are on Thursdays and run for 7 weeks.

Thank you Patti O' for always looking after David and the kids.

Welcome Bruce Whaley to the 2024 lineup

February 29 - March 28
7 - 9:30pm

Bruce will begin instructing a beginners acrylic painting class on Thursday evenings. Check out our website for more info.

Watercolour for all with Willie Wong

Saturday March 9, 2024
10am - 4pm

A new one day workshop with Willie. Learn how to transfer a image to paper and paint an old homestead.

Is there a class or workshop that you would like to see offered? Would you like to teach? Please contact Jane Piercy Ballard Kathy Jackson, or Angel Lynch.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2024
2:30 - 4pm at the LAF

Next AGM is May 13, 2024
4:30pm at the LAF

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.

Did you know... Leduc Art Club Members can apply to FCSS for grants worth up to \$200/year towards classes 5+ weeks long. Guideline link <https://www.leduc.ca/creative-culture-connections-program-guidelines>

Application link
<https://www.leduc.ca/sites/default/files/CCC%20Application%202022.pdf>
For more info contact Kristie O'Hara at FCSS @ 780 980 7109

Policies, Procedures and Bylaws and Membership information (**great for newbie and seasoned members alike**) are available in the LAC library located next to our storage room. It could answer a question you may have so take a minute or two to read what is in there. Many thanks to those responsible for it

Do you have an idea to share? Celebration? Concern? There is a box on the library shelf where you can share them. They will be addressed at a Board meeting.

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.

WOW! Breaking News!!
DISCOVER LEDUC REGION
says

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Thanks for letting us shine the spotlight on you! Go check out what more they have to say on the Discover Leduc Region's blog

<https://discoverleduc.ca/arts-culture/art-in-the-leduc-region/>

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DIRECTORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Many hands make light work and if you are interested in taking an active role to help our

club grow please contact Ingrid Shields at pastpresident@leducartclub.com

Feel the Pulse of Heritage at the Celebration of Rhythms

FEBRUARY 24, 2024
12 - 3pm



Dive into a day of vibrant culture and pulsating rhythms!

The C.L.Whole You Foundation invites you to the heart of Leduc for a spellbinding celebration of Black History Month. Join us at the Telford Community Centre for an unforgettable journey through African and Caribbean heritage.



VALENTINE'S SUNDAY MARKET

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Shop all things lovey dovey at the
Arts Foundry

Sunday, February 11th, 2024
11:00am - 3:00pm
4330 Black Gold Drive
Leduc Recreation Center

SEEKING VENDORS!

We are seeking anyone who sells items great for gifting! Artwork, stickers, candles, bath bombs, jewelry, baking, body care and more! *All products must be handmade*

There is no application process,
once you're paid, you're in!

Valentine Vendors Space CA\$35.00

Vendor registration includes 1 6ft table and one chair. Feel free to bring table cloths, small grid walls, display stands and decor to spice up your table!

Register online at the LAF website



The Arts and Culture Council of Strathcona County is pleased to confirm the annual Creative Conference will take place on

Thursday, March 28th, 2024.

This promises to be a day packed with inspiring keynote speakers in the artistic realm, networking opportunities and artist development workshop.

All are welcome including Visual artists, painters, sculptors, illustrators, and photographers, Graphic designers, industrial designers, fashion designers, interior designers, and UX/UI designers, Musicians, Authors, poets, journalists, and screenwriters, Directors, producers, cinematographers, and editors, Actors, dancers, theatre directors, and choreographers, Innovators and Entrepreneurs, Creative Technologists, Architects and Builders!

Keep your eyes peeled for the invite and registration details. Until then, **SAVE THE DATE, 03/28/2024**

Calling all artists and members of the Arts and Culture Council of Strathcona County!

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