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LEONIA ARTS



Our Mission Leonia Arts, a non-profit community based organization founded in 2005, supports Leonia's artists and arts organizations by promoting events, encouraging collaborations, and connecting with art enthusiasts – like you

Introducing the New Board Members

Leonia Arts has a new President, Vice President and Secretary. Let's learn a little bit more about them and their plans for the future of Leonia Arts:



Suzanne Dickerson Davis - President

Suzanne has a Bachelor's degree from UCSC where she majored in art history and continued her Master's studies while living and working in Manhattan. For her entire professional career, Suzanne has worked in the NYC art world in various capacities. She is looking forward to finding ways for Leonia Arts to showcase the wide range of visual, written and performing artistic talent in our local community.



Andee Post- Vice President

Andee was born into a family of artists, who were engrossed in the culture of Leonia. During her childhood, Andee's parents participated in the Players' Guild, where she first assisted her mother in applying the actors' makeup, and later became an actor herself. Andee is a member of the Screen Actors Guild. Currently you will find Andee giving guided tours...of houses...as a Realtor. Andee is dedicated to preserving the values that make Leonia such a great place, and very interested in helping Leonia to grow and develop into the future.



Colleen Geddes – Secretary

A new mom and Broadway tailor by trade, Colleen is very excited to support the growth of Leonia Arts. The arts are very important to society, especially in these difficult times. Art should be celebrated, encouraged, and available to everyone. Promoting through social media is the first step and growing the younger generation of artists in our youth program is the next step.

We are doing a poll on how to better serve our membership. Please go to

<https://strawpoll.com/1j4p4p7g1/r>

And click all that apply.

Previous **Group Exit 70A Art Show**

Events

Leonia Arts hosted a Chalk Art Event alongside Group Exit 70A

Even with a pandemic happening, a group of artists, Group Exit 70A, were able to bring some culture back to Leonia by hosting an outdoor Art Show. There was live music and chalk art for the kids.



(Top Photo of Group EXIT 70A, Lower photo of Leonia Arts Board Members: Andee Post Vice President, Colleen Geddes Secretary and Suzanne Dickerson President. Right Photo of Chalk Art Event winners Ferreras Family)

Fall Art Contest

LEONIA ARTS 2020 Art Contest

Leonia Arts is looking for submissions of visual, literature or media arts on:

A representation of Fall

Open to kids and adults of all ages. Winners will be voted online and be awarded a local gift card.

Email or tag us your submissions of drawings, paintings, photography, poems, videos and any other medium you want to use to show us what Fall means to you.

All submissions must be in by November 1

Voting will be held on November 2

Email us at info@LeoniaArts.com or find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tik Tok @LeoniaArts

Visit LeoniaArts.org for more info!

We had a great turn out with our Fall Art Contest. We had 29 entries. Voting begins November 2nd and ends on November 9th on our Facebook page. We are awarding a Junior and an Adult Artist. The winners will be receiving a local gift card to Café Mignon.

Café Mignon was a wonderful sponsor of our contest by hanging some entries on their café wall. We want to send a big shout out of thanks to them.

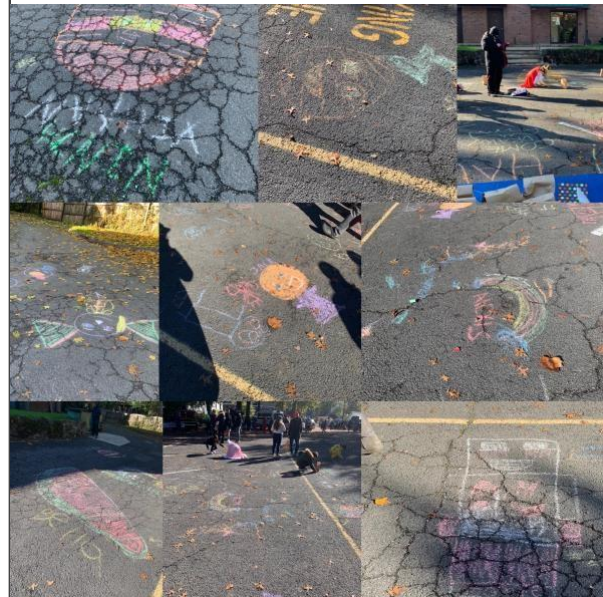
Fall Art Contest Cont.

Events Some of the submissions to the Fall Art Contest



Halloween Chalk Art Event

At the parking lot of Leonia United Methodist Church



It was awesome to see all the kids running around in costumes. The town Trunk or Treat was so much fun and a wonderful success. We had almost 40 kids drawing chalk art during the event. It was so much fun!

Member News **Book Release**

Steven Swank is releasing a new book **CHANCE, RHYTHM, RYHME**

Steven Swank's third book of poetry and this is one of his poems in it. You can buy from him directly at sdswank@gmail.com or via his website www.creativeimperative.com or via Barnes and Noble or Amazon.

Hope
©Steven Swank

What a pester is hope-
so sure that life will continue unabated,
vigorous but unframed,
substantial as the swallow's nest
tucked in above the farmhouse door,
the birds returning year after year.

How vague is hope-
lean and slender,
a slip of light slanting through tall trees
to fall unbidden, a tender embrace
upon the sapling.

What a wonder is hope-
that despite my distractedness,
art and form reside within,
await my return to conscious effort
for expression.

What a shear is hope-
ready to cut, to sever from my past
the confounding doubts of self-worth,
and in compassion, walk with me
around the corner into the sun.

How joyous is hope-
that even with the drama,
you still believe in me

Class Offering

WATERCOLOR CLASSES

WITH PAM FENWICK



JOIN ME ONLINE VIA ZOOM

8 Wednesdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Nov. 18th - Jan. 5th

OR 8 Thurs. evenings 7- 9:00 pm
Nov. 19th - Jan. 14th

We will work from still life, exploring transparency and opacity. The emphasis will be on composition, color, and issues related to the medium. Students will receive individual attention and instruction as well as critiques.

You'll need a palette, paints, paper, brushes and a good light source to create shadows. You will be asked to get things for your set-up — possibly two red apples, or an eggplant and an egg, etc.

Some of you already have most of the supplies, but let me know if you need the list of specific materials for class.

There will be a total of 8 sessions of 2 hours each for \$225.



Leonia Arts is here to promote our artists!
Please send us any of your news or events you are doing!

Email us at info@leoniaarts.org or tag us on social media @leoniaarts

If you are interested in volunteering, reach out to
info@leoniaarts.org and we can find a committee for you!

If you want us to share your work on our social media accounts or
in the next newsletter just email us or tag us @leoniaarts.

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