

Lemont Center for the Arts  
ART AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
OF LEMONT



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NEWSLETTER

There are many kinds of teachers in the world, and each has his or her own unique style. Lemont High School art teacher Ryan Hennebry has his own style, to be sure, but he also has a lot of energy to devote to his students and a unique vision of ways in which to connect his student's artwork to the community and give deeper meaning to the students' day-to-day art experiences.

In class, the Studio 3 and 4 students drew a design on corrugated cardboard and then cut away sections of the thin top layer, revealing the corrugated middle. These creations are now on display in the cafeteria for the larger high school community to see.



In addition to the projects created as part of the art curriculum, Mr. Hennebry and his students are working to bring art into the every day at Lemont High School and to the community of Lemont with their *Blueprint* project. During first semester, students create art for *Blueprint LHS*. Every year, they focus on a different academic department. Their goal is to have a minimum of one student-created artwork in every classroom in LHS.

This year's *Blueprint LHS* focuses on the Mathematics department. Though it is early in the year, several students have already

completed their artworks. One is a sensitively rendered portrait of Marv Gonsiorowski, a long time teacher in the LHS Math department who died last summer. Rachel Kasperski, who Mr. Hennebry dubs "a gifted portrait artist," created the



18x24 inch charcoal drawing depicting "Mr. Gons." The portrait has been on display at LHS, and, according to Hennebry, "teachers, administrators and visitors have all commented on how moving the drawing is and how Rachel captured Gons's character and likeness. Several people who knew Marv even said that they were moved to tears by the drawing. Marv touched many people's lives."

Hennebry and his students also seek to place student-made art throughout the businesses and village buildings of Lemont through *Blueprint Lemont*. Second semester, students select a subject for their art. Some focus on business-related images (for example, a cupcake for Muffins), while others depict the exterior of historical buildings.

Another notable endeavor at LHS involves both the fine art and English departments. *The Quarry* is the high school's art and literary magazine. Published annually, this magazine showcases visual art and literature by LHS students. For the first time last school year, thanks to help from Mr. Ross Lillwitz, *The Quarry* was printed in full color. The students working on production of the magazine meet with Mr. Lillwitz and learn how to format files and images for the printing process – a skill that is important in the visual arts field.

At LHS, students engage in meaningful art making that enriches the cultural landscape and benefits all of Lemont.

Frames for the *Blueprint* project are attained through a fundraiser by the LHS art club. If you are interested in donating money or frames to support this community art project,

please contact Mr. Ryan Hennebry at LHS:  
630.257.5838 or ryanh@lemont.k12.il.us

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### Exhibits

#### November 9 ~ December 23 Holiday Artists Bazaar

Enjoy holiday shopping and choose exquisite gifts of original art and fine craft at the Lemont Center for the Arts. Expanded gallery hours for your shopping convenience.

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
10 A.M. ~ 6 P.M.**

#### January 11 ~ February 10 Lemont Loves the Arts

Enjoy the work of young local artists. *Lemont Loves the Arts* is a community arts program sponsored by all of the K-8 schools in Lemont. The program gives students an opportunity to express their creativity based on a theme. The theme this year is “**My Favorite Family Fun Is.....**” The Lemont Center for the Arts is proud to showcase the award winners from this competition for the third consecutive year. Categories include: Photography, Dance, Fine Arts, Music, Literature, Videography and Computer Generated Art.

Join us for a special reception and awards presentation on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 -8 p.m.

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### Volunteers Needed

As the Lemont Center for the Arts expands its programming, it is in need of volunteers to staff the gallery. If you have a few hours that you could donate to helping our efforts, please contact us or stop by to fill out an application.

**For more information check us out at**  
[LemontCenterForTheArts.wordpress.com](http://LemontCenterForTheArts.wordpress.com)  
[www.facebook.com/LemontCenterfortheArts](http://www.facebook.com/LemontCenterfortheArts)  
e-mail [lemontcenterarts@gmail.com](mailto:lemontcenterarts@gmail.com)  
or call 630 243 7375

RIDDLE: Where did Edgar Allen Poe get his paper?

**The Gallery will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup> and will  
reopen on January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**The Lemont Center for the Arts  
And  
The Art & Culture Commission of Lemont  
Appreciates your continued support!**

**Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and  
Peace and Happiness in the New Year!**

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### Spring Fundraiser

**CALLING ALL ARTISTS!** The Art & Culture Commission is looking for artists to adorn terra cotta planters for a Spring Fundraiser. The planters will be in a variety of sizes, and ready to decorate in your medium of choice. They will be sold to raise money to continue and enhance all artistic endeavors offered by the Art & Culture Commission and the Lemont Center for the Arts. Planters and details will be available late January or early February. Call **630-243-7375** to reserve your planter to help this worthy cause.

**Beginning January 11**

**LCA regular hours are:**

**Friday, noon – 4 p.m.  
Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Sunday, noon - 4 p.m.**



This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

The Lemont Center for the Arts was a recent recipient of a grant from the Illinois Arts Council to further our mission to enrich the cultural landscape of Lemont by fostering the production and appreciation of the arts.

ANSWER: From a poet-tree

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