

Lemont Center for the Arts  
ART AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
OF LEMONT



Spring 2013  
NEWSLETTER

**The Lemont Center for the Arts has enjoyed a busy and successful 2012.** Besides record breaking sales during our Holiday Artists Bazaar, our class registrations continue to expand and each season we offer a variety of art classes for students of all ages. Our exhibition schedule has been well received by the community. This past autumn we combined fine art with the poetry from the Illinois State Poetry Society for a very interesting anniversary exhibit. This included a poetry reading by the participating poets and a question and answer period as attendees posed questions to the poets. Our collaboration with local groups continue also as we routinely show work from our local schools and Timberline Knolls. The LCA will feature art work from the Timberline Knolls art therapy department for its third annual exhibit during July and August 2013. The LCA celebrates Illinois Arts Month each October. In 2012 several hands on art events were offered and Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> music was provided by the Mooncats, a local jazz group of high school musicians.

The Art & Culture Commission looks to continue its programming and attain our goals. We were the recipients of a \$600 grant for the Illinois Arts Council to enhance our operations. As you can see we are doing our best to live up to our mission “to enrich the cultural landscape of Lemont by fostering the production and appreciation of the arts.”



**Mooncats at LCA  
Illinois Arts Month, October 13, 2012**

Lemont Center for the Arts

1243 State Street, Unit 101  
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Spring 2013

Lemont, IL 60439



**Exhibits**

CLAYSPACE

**February 22 – March 31**

Original, quality ceramics, decorative and functional available for purchase.

OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

**April 5 – 28**

**Reception, Friday, April 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
Artwork created by students for sale to benefit  
District 113a Education Foundation

LEMONT HIGH SCHOOL

***Eclectic: LHS Student Art Show***

**May 2 – June 30**

**Preview Reception,  
Thursday, May 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**



**Spring Fundraiser**

**Just in time for Mother's Day!** The LCA will be offering uniquely decorated terracotta pots. Each pot has been exquisitely enhanced by one of our local artists. All proceeds will benefit the Lemont Center for the Arts and its programming. Give as gift to Mom or purchase one for yourself to decorate your garden or home. The complete collection will be on display at the LCA and ready for viewing on our face book page, April 12<sup>th</sup> through Mother's Day or until sold out.

**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)  
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## Grant Awarded for 2013

The Art & Culture Commission (A&CC) of Lemont is proud to announce a modest grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. This program grant will help with every day operating expenses at Lemont Center for the Arts (LCA). In turn, the A&CC will be able to further the mission: *To enrich the cultural landscape of Lemont by fostering the production and appreciation of the arts.* At LCA, we offer free arts programs, classes and workshops at reasonable cost, a venue for local artists to display their creative talents, and a small gift area year-round. We also have annual events, including our *Anniversary Exhibit*, the *Timberline Knolls Honesty Exhibit*, *Lemont Loves the Arts*, and the popular *Holiday Artists' Bazaar* – a unique place to find holiday gifts. Community members also enjoy our free art projects at *Heritage Festival*, *Halloween Hoedown*, and *Hometown Holiday*, in addition to *Illinois Youth Arts Month* and *Illinois Arts & Humanities Month*. Be sure to look for the latest happenings at <http://LemontCenterForTheArts.wordpress.com/>!



**John (Southside Johnny) Howard entertained 25 people with a watercolor demo on February 9, 2013. Do you recognize who is depicted in the portrait?**

You may have noticed our sharp new vinyl lettering on the windows at Lemont Center for the Arts.



A BIG thanks to Kris at **S&P<sup>2</sup> Digital Graphics** for kindly donating his time to install the graphics. Please visit their web site at [www.sp2digital.com](http://www.sp2digital.com)

## New Look and New Artisan Gift Shop

If you've stopped by LCA lately, you may have noticed our new look! We've done some rearranging, we have installed some fantastic track lights to highlight the art on display, and we also are now featuring a small artisan gift shop year-round. This shop, located in the front portion of the gallery, features gift items made by local artists and craftspeople. You will find beautiful jewelry, note cards, handmade soap, ceramics, small original paintings, and Lemont giftware, all at reasonable prices. It's a great place to shop for unique gifts while supporting the arts in your community! If you haven't paid us a visit recently, please do so!

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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.

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#### LCA regular hours are:

**Friday, noon – 4 p.m.**

**Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Sunday, noon - 4 p.m.**

#### The LCA will be closed

**Friday 3/29, Saturday 3/30 and Easter Sunday 3/31**



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

Two art students were standing in front of a mummy case in a museum. A sign on the case said: 1275 B.C.

"What do you think that number means?" One art student asked.

The second student thought for a while. "Maybe it's the license plate for the car that hit him!"