

About the Society



Lexington Arts and Crafts Society
130 Waltham Street
Lexington, MA

Office/Gallery Hours



Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9am-4pm
Closed during lunch: 1:30-2:00pm

Office – Enter
at 3rd side door

Gallery Hours: *Open Free to Public*

Tuesday-Friday & Sunday Noon-4pm
Saturday 10am-4pm

Exhibit Receptions: typically
Sundays 3-5. Includes refreshments/
often includes a demonstration,
activity or entertainment.

Parsons Gallery
(*main Gallery*)
Enter at front of building.

Back Door Gallery



The Back Door Gallery (*Office Art Nook*) features rotating exhibits/sales showcasing a sampling of the works of LACS Guild artists/craftspersons.

Enter at 3rd Side Door



Open M-F, 9:00am-4:00pm (*closed during lunch*)

History



1935 - The Lexington Arts and Crafts Society was founded

LACS was founded by a group of artists and craftspersons with the objective "to foster in the community a more active interest in the arts and crafts, and encourage higher artistic standards". For nearly twenty years, they carried on activities in members' homes and in various public buildings in Lexington.

1953 - The Society incorporated as a non-profit organization.

Land was purchased at 130 Waltham Street and the Society broke ground for its own building. The building, which consisted of just the front section, was dedicated the following year.

1965 and 1973 - Additions to the building were constructed.

First the middle section and then an upper and whole back section. Currently, there is a large painters studio, a full ceramic studio with kilns, well-equipped woodworkers and metalworkers shops, a weavers studio with numerous looms, a large gallery, an office with small gallery, and multi-purpose meeting/class rooms.

Mission



The Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit regional education center dedicated to the preservation and promotion of excellence in both the traditional and contemporary arts and crafts.

The Society enriches the lives of its members, students and the community.

Mission (cont'd)



The Society:

- **Fosters an environment that supports and inspires craftspersons and artists.**
 - **Provides well-equipped work space.**
 - **Presents opportunities for continued learning and enrichment.**
 - **Is an active force for the arts and crafts in the larger community.**
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Membership/Classes/Events



- **Membership**
 - Guild (Adults) – ten Guilds
 - Sustaining (Adults)
 - Junior Membership (Teens)
 - **Classes/Workshops**
 - Members and the Public
 - Adults and Teens
 - All Levels
 - **Demos/Lectures**
 - **Open Studios**
 - **Exhibits**
 - Guild Shows
 - Invitationals
 - Collaboratives
 - **Annual Fundraising Fair**
 - **Sales**
 - Summer Artisans Market
 - December Holiday Market
 - **Back Door Gallery**
(Office Art Nook)
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Membership



We have nearly 400 Members comprised of:

Adult (Guild and Sustaining) members, and Teen (Junior) members

There are currently ten guilds:

Ceramics, Decorative Arts/ Basketry, Metalworkers, Needle Arts, Painters, Photography, Polymer Clay/Beading, Weavers and Woodworkers

Each Guild has:

- its own schedule of meetings, classes, workshops, and exhibits, which enables members to work with artisans with similar interests, sharing ideas and expertise
 - some have their own specialized tools and equipment
 - its own dues and volunteer requirements
 - a monthly business meeting which should be attended by all Guild members
 - a Chair on the Society Board, which meets monthly regarding the business of the Society
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Membership (*Adults*)



Society Guild Members

- Are active, producing artists and craftspersons, who belong to one or more Guild
- Support the aims and objectives of both the Society and their Guild(s)
- Pay Society and Guild dues, support the Society's Annual Fundraising Fair, and contribute their volunteer time supporting management and administrative functions of both their Guilds and the Society

Society Sustaining Members

- Are persons who have an interest in the arts and crafts and desire to participate in the Society
 - Support the aims and objectives of the Society
 - Pay Society dues and contribute their volunteer time to the Society
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Benefits of Sustaining Membership



- **Eligible to participate in workshops, demonstrations, meetings and events which are open to members only**
 - **Discounts on classes and workshops at Society member rates**
 - **Free Parking during Society events**
 - **Annual Holiday Marketplace Preview Party and advanced shopping for members and invited guests**
 - **Satisfaction of supporting the arts**
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Benefits of Guild Membership

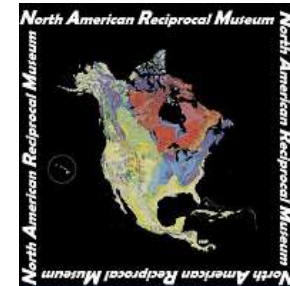


- **Guild meeting space / some with fully equipped studios, specialized tools**
 - **Opportunities to exhibit and sell one's work**
 - **Eligible to participate in workshops, demonstrations, meetings and events which are open to Guild members only**
 - **Discounts on classes and workshops at Guild member rates**
 - **Participation in Guild Shows**
 - **Annual Holiday Marketplace Preview Party and advanced shopping for members and invited guests**
 - **Free Parking during meetings/events**
 - **Join a community of people who share their interests**
 - **Satisfaction of supporting the arts**
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Other Member Benefits



**The Society is a member of NARM
(North American Reciprocal Museums)**



Members receive discounts at museums and other art associations affiliated with NARM, with a full year non-discounted Society membership

Members also receive discounts at various quality retailers for arts and crafts

Member Responsibilities



The Society was founded by dedicated and hard-working individuals and can only be maintained by members sharing responsibilities...

Members are expected to share in the duties and responsibilities that keep the organization running.

It is the participation and support of its members that enables the Society to remain a viable organization.

Operational Support



Paid positions consist of:

**3 part-time Office Administrators, part-time Custodian,
and Teachers.**

Volunteer Organization Structure for the Society consists of:

- **Executive Board (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary)**
- **Guild Chairs**
- **Committee Chairs**
- **Members (who help on committees/events/and assist with administrative and clerical tasks)**

A considerable number of management and administrative functions are performed by members, on a volunteer basis.

Classes and Workshops



Numerous classes and workshops for adults and teens year-round (days, evenings and weekends), all levels (beginners - advanced), for members and the general public at reasonable fees.



Guild Studios and Classrooms



Metalworkers Studio

Woodworkers Studio



Guild Studios and Classrooms



Woodworkers Shop



**Ceramics Studio
Teen Pottery**



Guild Studios and Classrooms



Weavers Studio

Ceramics Studio – Teen Pottery



Guild Studios and Classrooms



Painters Studio
Portrait Drawing

Meeting Room/Classroom
Chinese Lanterns
Middle School Field Trip



ARTISTS DEMONSTRATIONS



2016~2017 Painters Guild ARTIST DEMONSTRATION SERIES

LEXINGTON ARTS and CRAFTS SOCIETY
130 Waltham Street, Lexington, MA



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The Lexington Arts and Crafts Society Painters Guild will present 5 demonstrations by professional, award winning, locally and nationally known artists, some of whom teach at the Society. The artists provide informative and inspiring demonstrations in their chosen medium.

It is a wonderful opportunity to watch, learn, question and speak with the artists in a comfortable setting.

Located in the Plummer Studio, admission and parking are free and the public is welcome to all sessions.



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Weber



Scaltreto

2016

Sunday September 18 2:00 - 4:00pm Dawn Evans Scaltreto, Watercolor Fabric Textures

Sunday October 9 2:00 - 4:00pm Carolyn Letvin, Plein Air Printmaking for Oil Painters

2017

Sunday January 29 2:00 - 4:00pm Dana Levin, Portrait in Oils*(snow date: Feb.19)

Sunday March 12 2:00 - 4:00pm Sam Voke, Demonstration in Oils

Sunday April 2 2:00 - 4:00pm Catherine Weber, Encaustic Painting, Abstract

Painters Guild Demonstration Series

Free - Open to the public

Held at Lexington Arts and
Crafts Society
PLUMMER STUDIO

See current year schedule at
www.lacsma.org EVENTS

Youth Programs



Junior Members (ages 12-18) are eligible to take classes and workshops and participate in exhibitions which are open to junior members.

Teen dedicated classes as well as welcome to enroll in many adult classes.

Summer Youth Art offerings and open studios and activities for all ages throughout the year.

Annual Student Shows:

High School Art Show (students from several town High schools) and LACS Student Show for Adults and Junior Members.

Scholarships from an Art Scholarship Fund are available to graduating seniors from Lexington High School. In addition, we provide continuing support to scholarship recipients in furthering their art careers at accredited art institutions.



Annual High School Art Exhibit



Annual High School Art Show – Lexington and several surrounding towns high school students.

Past Exhibit



Annual Fundraising Fair



October's Fair is an annual fundraising event where:

- Guild members donate original works which are sold during this 3-day event – 100% of proceeds go to the Society
- All Guild members contribute with merchandise and/or cash.
- Sales and cash contributions typically reach \$20-24,000 and helps to cover operating expenses.



Annual Sales



The Society has two Annual Sales with quality arts and crafts for sale handcrafted by our guild members:

- **July/August timeframe Artisans Market**
- **December Holiday Marketplace**



Annual Holiday Marketplace



Holiday Marketplace and Preview Party and advanced shopping for members and invited guests



Exhibits



A variety of exciting exhibits are mounted in Parsons Gallery year-round by our guild members, invited guest artists and artist groups, and community collaboratives.



Receptions/Demonstrations



Exhibit opening receptions often include a speaker, demonstration or entertainment and are open free to the public.



Annual LACS Students Exhibit



Previous Exhibit



Community Collaboratives



- **Soup Bowls for Hunger**
LACS w/Via Lago's Restaurant
- **Annual Lexington Open Studios (*town-wide*)**
Lexington Artists
Lexington Arts and Crafts Society
Lexington Artists Home Studios
Munroe Center for the Arts
- **Art-a-Blooming (bi-ennial exhibit)**
LACS w/Lexington Field & Garden Club
- **Participation w/Lexington Community**
Revolutionary Revelry
300th Anniversary Celebration
Antony Sister City Events



Jean M. Hart, LACS Painter
Chamber award for part in ArtWalk/
New Community Initiative Award '09

Artwalk Logo Contest



Logo Finalists



Logo Contest - Artwalk Lexington High School Students '08

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place



Winning Logo

Annual Lexington Open Studios



Lexington Arts and Crafts Society
Artist booths, full gallery and open studios
with demonstrations throughout the
Building



Annual Bowls for Hunger



**In collaboration with Via Lago's
Restaurant during November
and December**

Bowls are available to purchase

**All proceeds for bowls go to
support the Lexington Interfaith
Food Pantry**

**Bowls are handcrafted by members
of LACS Ceramics Guild and the Teen
Pottery class**



Bi-ennial Art-a-Blooming



**Bi-ennial Collaborative -
LACS and Lexington Field
and Garden Club**

**Past Art-a-Blooming
Exhibit**



300TH Celebration Exhibit



Lexington Arts and Crafts Society and the
300th Celebrations Committee

Held in October '12



Antony Sister City Visit



Luncheon Reception at LACS during their visit April '10

Antony Parade Float '10

Design work by Jean Hart, built by students of Minuteman Tech, Antony committee, LACS members and other community volunteers



Society's Parade Celebration



Lexington Arts and Crafts Society Float '10

Design work by Jean Hart, built with help from LACS members and community volunteers

Celebrating 75 Years



Floats pulled by trucks complimentary provided by JP Carroll

Bi-ennial State of Clay



State of Clay held '12:



For State of Clay event updates
visit www.stateofclay.com

Sharing Our Planet Exhibit



Watercolor Painting

Collaborative Mass Audubon Society and LACS – July '12

Metal Sculpture



Animal Exhibit – helped to raise money and awareness



***We welcome you to become a Member
of this wonderful organization
or consider supporting us with your
participation in our classes or other events
or by your charitable contributions.***
