

College Of Lake County: Alumni Art Showcased In Virtual Gallery

For the first time, College of Lake County (CLC) is sharing the artwork of its alumni, and because of the pandemic, in a virtual way.



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At the [Alumni Art Showcase](#), which runs from June 28 to July 9, images of art created by numerous CLC alumni are being shown in an online gallery. The showcase is a partnership between the [CLC Foundation](#) and CLC's [Robert T. Wright Gallery of Art](#), which is displaying the art on the CLC website. Both 2D and 3D mediums are shown with several pieces listed for sale.



The event is coordinated by Annual Giving and Alumni Relations Manager Kristen Davis, Adjunct Fine Arts Faculty and Gallery Curator Ann Rintz and Biological and Health Sciences and Communication Arts Office Assistant Sam Cotugno.

Photo caption: Power Through Grace by James Bakula

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The idea for an alumni art show came during a discussion between the alumni relations committee as a way to bring the college's artist alumni together and back to campus.

"The CLC Alumni Art Showcase features alumni artists from across our vast network so we can foster that feeling of community and inspire our graduates to continue their involvement with the college," said Cotugno, who is a CLC alum herself.



Because the college is still in the transition back to in-person, and many alumni are not local, doing it virtually made sense. And it turned out to be a great fit for showing alumni art.

Photo caption: Disappearing Illinois Barn #8 by Susan Kronowitz

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"This exhibit is a smart way to enjoy art during a time when we are all socially distanced," said Joan Hammel, a CLC alum who is a singer/songwriter. "You can be anywhere to enjoy it. I love how it brings alumni together in a new way, and perhaps in the future they will be able to have the gallery exhibitions online as well so folks who cannot make it in person can still see it."

Having the work online didn't hurt reception from the public either, as social media engagement has been high on alumni relations pages.

Davis said as with any new event, there was worry about not getting any participation from alumni artists, but 19 enthusiastically submitted multiple pieces of their art.

"I would be thrilled if this became an annual event," Davis said. "The hope would be to add a reception to go along with it to showcase art and reconnect with alumni in person as well as online."

To stay up to date with CLC alumni news, events and opportunities to connect with CLC, check out the CLC alumni [webpage](#), [Facebook](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

College of Lake County is a comprehensive community college committed to equitable high-quality education, cultural enrichment and partnerships to advance the diverse communities it serves in northeastern Illinois. Offered at three campuses in Grayslake, Vernon Hills and Waukegan or online, college classes are affordable and accessible to help each student achieve academic, career and personal goals. More than 70,000 students graduated with degrees and certificates since the college opened in 1969. College of Lake County is the only higher-education institution ranked among the top 15 best places to work in Illinois by Forbes and is a national leader in many areas, including sustainability and conservation.

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