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August 2017

The Lake Chapala Society

www.lakechapalasociety.com

Fifth Annual LCS Children's Art Camp

What had five days of classes, 10 + teachers, 60+ volunteers, more than 130 local kids, and fun art at great prices? The answer: the Fifth Annual LCS Children's Summer Art Camp.

The Art Camp was held from July 17 to 21 at the Lake Chapala Society. This five day event, sponsored and generously supported by the Ajiic Society of the Arts (ASA), LCS, and more than 60 dedicated volunteers and teachers. Some of the kids' parents also joined in to help. Art Camp was attended by over 130 local kids each day.

The children learned to use their creativity and imagination during workshops on jewelry-making, acrylics, watercolour, printmaking, drawing, and painting, as well as tabachin pod decorating. A special workshop was held with projects tailored for kids eight and under.

Each day, the children were given a nutritious snack, and on Friday, the last day of the program, a special lunch was held. Food for the program was provided by Margaret Ann Porter.

Many children chose to sell their creations during a four-hour sales event held on Saturday, July 22. There was an overwhelmingly enthusiastic turnout for the sale! Children received half of the after-tax proceeds from the sale of their artwork and the balance went toward buying additional art supplies for this most popular of all LCS programs.

The Children's Art Program is held every Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon on the Art Patio in the rear of LCS. The class goes ahead rain or shine except when LCS is closed for holidays. The program is open to the public, is free of charge, and welcomes all children from the ages of three to 18.

The Children's Art Program builds on Ajiic's art legacy and is made possible through the help of our dedicated volunteers and legacy artists such as Javier Zaragoza and Jesús López Vega, who were once in the program as children.

The art program is a



In the Works!

cornerstone of the outreach programs LCS provides to the Mexican community. Other such LCS programs include English as a Second Language, the Spanish Library, the new Chess Club, and Student Aid.

The LCS Children's Art Program sincerely thanks the Ajiic Society of the Arts for its generous support through its donations and dedicated volunteers, and thanks the lakeside community-at-large for its volunteers and donations.

If you are interested in volunteering, drop by any Saturday morning. The need for volunteers is especially great during the low season, so if you would like to help, please email childrensart@lakechapalasociety.com.



MUSIC FEST
August 26
1-6 PM

FEATURING:
 Mike and the Suspects
 Funky Drivers
 La Catrina
 Roll Up

Food provided by:
 Café Corazón & Alex's Pasta
 Sweets & Treats
 Cash Bar
 50/50 Raffle

Admission (MXN):
 \$120 Members
 \$170 Non members
 \$200 at the gate

Wanted!

Blood Pressure monitoring group is looking for volunteers with medical/nurse education to take blood pressure on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the LCS campus.

Garden Crew needs volunteers to trim, plant, weed, and maintain our lovely gardens.

Information Technology is looking for volunteers familiar with IT support, networking, and wireless functionality. Position requires climbing stairs several times a day.

¡Que Ganga! needs volunteers Mondays and Thursdays.

Special Events needs volunteers to greet guests, collect tickets, and help with fiesta decorations. If you are an outgoing person and have a bit of flair, this may be for you.

ESL Program at Wilkes is looking for volunteer instructors.

For more information about these and our other volunteer opportunities, see the website at volunteer@lakechapasociety.com or fill out an application in the Service Office.

Introduction to Spanish

This is a casual class for the beginner that covers the Spanish alphabet, simple vocabulary and phrases useful about town for shopping, and information about the Lakeside area and Mexican culture.

Starting the first Tuesday of the month and continuing for three weeks, the next session will start Tuesday, August 1, on the LCS campus from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Learning materials are provided. Tuition is \$175 pesos. Sign up at the LCS office, or on our website at www.lakechapasociety.com.

This is a members only program. You must be a member of LCS to attend, and your membership must be current for the duration of the program.

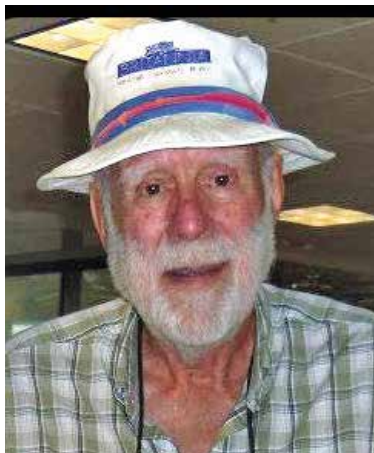
Condolences Murray Blanchard

We are saddened to learn of the loss of long-time LCS member Murray Blanchard who died July, 8 in Calgary, Alberta at the age of 90.

Murray, an MIT graduate, loved LCS and while in country could be found almost daily in the café with his morning chat group. His gracious friendliness will be greatly missed by all of his LCS friends.

Condolences may be sent to his daughter, Lise, at liseb521@gmail.com.

Tributes in his memory may be made to any animal shelter.



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ESL Registration

Registration for new students of English will be held at the Wilkes Biblioteca on August 21, 22, 23 and 24 from 12 to 2 p.m. Students must be 15 years of age and must bring a copy of their birth certificate. The cost of the book is \$450 pesos. The course is free.

Classes begin the middle of September. Class times depend on the results of placement tests administered at the time of registration.

U.S. Passport Update

Visit the service office for updated passport information that is changing periodically as the pesos fluctuates in value. One update includes the decrease (19 vs 18.5 peso to dollar) in fees required for passport services.

Interested in Learning Bridge or improving your skills? Contact kslcs@live.com. LCS members only.

Thank You

I would have never imagined I would be at a loss to find a fitting way to say "thank you" to those who have so generously helped me during my recent health crisis. Your help and concern, calls and contributions, gifts and prayers have been my guiding light.

I look forward to seeing all of you. Please remember that you and your kindnesses will never be forgotten.

- **Barbara Madren**

[Editor's note - Barbara is an LCS Life member who underwent life saving surgery in June. Several LCS members donated after a call for assistance went out.]

August Activities

*Open to the Public ** US Citizens (S) Sign in required

(C) Membership card required

Health Insurance *

IMSS & Immigration Services Mon+Tues 10-1
Lakeside Insurance Broker Tues+Thur 11-2

Health and Legal Services *

Becerra & Galindo Services Thur 10:30-12:30
Blood Pressure Fri 10-12
Hearing Aid Services (S) Mon+2nd and 4th Sat 11-4
Ministerio Publico Wed August 9 + 30 10-2
Optometrist Claravision (S) Thur 9-3
Skin Cancer Screening (S) 2nd + 4th Wed 10-12
US Consulate** Wed August 2 10:30-12:30 Sign up

Lessons(C)

Chair Yoga Fri 2-3
Children's Art Sat 10-12*
Children's Chess Club Sat 12-1
Children's Reading 2nd Sat 11:30-12:30
Clases de Bordado Artístico Mon 3-6, Wed & Fri 4-6
Exercise Mon+Wed+Fri 9-10
Exploring Spanish Wed 12-1:30 Sat 11-12:30
Fitness Thru Yoga Mon 2-3:30
Intermediate Hatha Yoga Tues+Thur 2-3:30
Introduction To Spanish Tues 12-1:30 (S)+ cost
Line Dancing Tues+Thurs 10-11:15
Photography Club 1st Mon 12-2
Stretch and Balance Exercise Tues+Thurs 8:45--9:45
Warren Hardy Spanish Classes Mon-Sat Sign-up+cost
Write-to-a-Prompt Thurs 10-12
Zumba Gold Wed 10-11

Libraries

Audio Thur 10-12
Book & Video Mon-Sat 10-2
Library of Congress Books*/ Talking Books Thurs 10-12
Wilkes Mon-Fri 9:30-7, Sat 9:30-1*

Social Activities (C)

All Things Tech Fri 10-11:30
Bridge 4 Fun Tue + Thurs 1-5
Creatively Mindful Art Wed 11-12:30
Discussion Group Wed 12-1:30
Everyday Mindfulness Mon 10-12
Film Aficionados Thurs 2-4:30
Games Group Mon 1-4
Needle Pushers Tues 10-12
NextChapter Book Group 2nd Thurs 1-3:30
Scrabble Fri 11:30-1:30
Spanish/English Conversation Sat 11-12:30
TED Learning Seminars Tues 12-1:15
Tournament Scrabble Tues 12-1:50

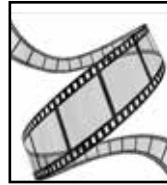
Service and Support Groups *

ASA Board Meeting Wed August 30 10:30-12
Al-Anon (in Spanish) Mon 6-7:30, Wed 5:30-7:30
Information Desk Mon-Sat 10-1
Lake Chapala Painting Guild 2nd Fri 1:30-3:30
Lakeside AA Mon +Thurs 4:30-5:30
Open Circle Sun 10-11:30
Toastmasters Mon 7-8:30 p.m.

Ticket Sales

Monday-Friday 10-12 a.m.*

Video Library Additions August



The library needs couriers to bring back DVDs to help us keep our inventory current. We order them on-line, pre-pay them, and have them delivered to the address of your choice. If you can help, email Tom Keane at keanhombre@prodigy.net.mx. Thank you.

We are always on the lookout for movies that will interest the LCS members. If you have any suggestions about good movies, old or new, please give the title of the film, your name and email address to the volunteer on duty. We will check it out and get back to you. Thank you for your help! Here are a few new additions for August. See the *Green* catalog at the video store for more.

The Founder #7639 Michael Keaton as Ray Kroc, a salesman who turned two brothers' innovative fast food eatery, McDonalds, into one of the biggest restaurant businesses in the world.

Sweet Bean #7636 Another story about an eatery on a much smaller scale, owned and operated by a much more compassionate man. "Sweet Bean" is a Japanese film that revolves around Dorayaki--small pancakes that are glued together with sweet red bean paste. The manager of a pancake stall finds himself confronted with an odd but sympathetic elderly woman looking for work.

Lark Rise To Candleford #6752 An adaptation of Flora Thompson's autobiographical novel set in 19th century Oxfordshire. A young girl moves to the local market town to begin an apprenticeship as a postmistress. BBC series.

Captain Fantastic #7641 An entertaining and thought-provoking story of one family's unconventional approach in a world that seems to expect and accept only the conventional. See the review in the *Green* Catalog.

Life Between Oceans #7644. A man takes a job as a lighthouse keeper. He meets a beautiful young woman and they eventually marry. One day they see an infant in a small dingy floating in the ocean. They struggle over the decision to report it or keep the baby.

Of Mice and Men #7632 The film follows Steinbeck's novel closely, exploring questions of strength, weakness, usefulness, reality and utopia, bringing Steinbeck's California vividly to life.

We recently added a few of **The Great Courses** presented by The Teaching Company. The courses available are listed in the *Pink* Catalog. Also available are many courses on VHS tapes, which can be transferred to DVDs.

We'll transfer your old VHS tapes to DVD format cheap. Ask the volunteer on duty.

¡Que Ganga! Update

We still need your help! The thrift shop is an important revenue source that helps support LCS programs. Please keep donating merchandise and keep buying those special treasures you'll find in the store. We need household items, furniture, and appliances. We love knick knacks! Call us at 342-100-2081 We'll even pick-up your donations.

TED Talks Learning Seminars

Tuesdays In the Sala 12 noon to 1:15 p.m. Members only. Bring your card.

August 1 Rewild the World

Wolves were once native to the U.S. Yellowstone National Park - until hunting wiped them out. But when wolves were re-introduced in 1995, the rest of the park began to find a new, more healthful balance. In a bold thought experiment, George Monbiot imagines a wilder world in which humans work to restore the complex lost natural food chains that once surrounded us.

August 8 Nature Is Everywhere

How do you define "nature?" If we define it as that which is untouched by humans, then we won't have any left, says environmental writer Emma Marris. She urges us to consider a new definition of nature that includes not only pristine wilderness but also the untended patches of plants growing in urban spaces -- and encourages us to bring our children out to touch and tinker with it, so that one day they might love and protect it.

August 15 Let the Environment Guide Our Development

Human growth has strained the Earth's resources, but as Johan Rockstrom reminds us, our advances also give us the science to recognize this and change behavior. His research has found nine "planetary boundaries" that can guide us in protecting our planet's many overlapping ecosystems.

August 22 Four Environmental Heresies

Stewart Brand helped usher in the environmental movement in the 1960s and '70s. He has been rethinking his positions on cities, nuclear power, genetic modification and geo-engineering.

August 29 The Case for Optimism on Climate Change

Nobel Laureate Albert Gore poses three questions. The answer to the first question, "Do we have to change?" involves a bit of bad news. The answers to questions two and three, based on worldwide information on global policy changes and the development of workable solutions, suggest we have the means at hand and need only the will to prevail.

PEP Gardening Returns

Attention gardeners: introductory and advanced gardening classes given by instructor Francisco Nava will be August 15 to September 7 in the *Sala*. "Introduction to Lakeside Gardening" Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:30 -10:30 a.m. "Advanced Lakeside Gardening" Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Members only. \$500 pesos. Limited to 20 students. Sign up in the Service Office.



Thursday Film Aficionados

Open to LCS members only. Bring your card. All films shown in the Sala from 2-4 p.m. No food. No pets.

August 3 *Healing the Living* 2016 France

An interweaving of three stories connected via an accident will have you thinking, and possibly changing your attitude about life and death. (98 minutes)

August 10 *A Quiet Passion* 2017 UK

The story of American poet Emily Dickinson, from her days as a schoolgirl to her later years as a reclusive, unrecognized poet. This film should get attention at Academy Awards time. (119 minutes)

August 17 *The President* 2014 Georgia

A brutal dictator faces the injustices committed by his regime when his country is taken over by revolutionaries. Filmed in Tblisi, Georgia and environs. (116 minutes)

August 24 *The King's Choice* 2016 Norway*

On the 9th of April, 1940, The German war machine arrives in the city of Oslo. The Norwegian King faces a choice that will change his country forever. (125 minutes).

August 31 *The Man Who Knew Infinity* 2016 UK*

The story of the life and academic career of the Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan and his friendship with his English mentor, professor G. H. Hardy. Dev Patel and Jeremy Irons star. (104 minutes)

Bus Trips August

Thursday, August 3 Galerias Mall and Costco

Cost is \$350 pesos for members and \$450 pesos for non-members. Enjoy major retailers and restaurants. Bus departs promptly at 9 a.m. from the sculpture in La Floresta.

Wednesday August 23 Tonalá and Tlaquepaque

Shop Tonalá for home decor and handicrafts. In Tlaquepaque find upscale retailers and fine dining in an historical architecturally significant, pedestrian-only zone. Cost is \$350 pesos for members and \$450 pesos for non-members. Bus departs promptly at 9 a.m. from the sculpture in La Floresta.

Children's Art Cards

Our wonderful art cards, designed by children attending LCS Saturday Art Classes, are available at Café Corazón. Children earn ten pesos per each card; portions of the proceeds support this most popular community program.

THE LAKE CHAPALA SOCIETY, A.C.

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