

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

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I. New Members

Welcome to our new members: Nadeide Borisova, Tara Riley, Irina Shkrobach, and Joseph Florenza.

II. Social Media Information

Help Wanted: How are your social media skills? If you are willing to take on management of AAEGV's social media pages, including Instagram and Facebook, please consider joining the Board. Contact Nancy Muklewicz for further info.

III. Upcoming Exhibits Information

1) Upcoming Library Exhibit Themes

A) February 11th -- (9:15 -10 am) - Pick up **Culinary** and drop off **Atmospheres**

B) February 25th -- (9:15 -10 am - Pick up **Atmospheres** **No drop off** Stop by the library and view our junior high artists' work during the month of March!

C) April 1st - (9:15 - 10:00 am) will be our annual Trees Exhibit called: **Where Trees Gather: The Woodlands**. After the drop-off, our Exhibit Judge, **Brian Sauerland** will judge the entries. The following day, **Sunday, April 2nd** there will be a reception in the Elk Grove Library honoring the artists and their entries. All are invited to attend and there will be light refreshments. Our judge, Brian Sauerland, began working with pastels while attending the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design where he received his BFA in 1990. Since then he has concentrated on pastel paintings of landscapes as well as still lifes and portraits. "Ever since I began working as an artist, I've been intrigued with light on form, color, atmosphere, and composition, The paintings I create are about observing, searching, reacting, and experimenting. I'm constantly absorbing nature and I'm amazed at the array of colors and values that can be seen by the human eye."

2) Help Wanted

Tammy is looking for people to help obtain sponsors for our Art Centre Juried Show in the Fall, 2023. If you might like to contact a few businesses to see if they would like to sponsor us, please let Tammy know.

3) Upcoming Exhibit Opportunities - Looking for Submissions

a) The Inspiration Corporation is hosting an art auction (the art is donated) for their gala entitled *One Inspired Evening* wherein all proceeds will benefit a variety of services for those

experiencing homelessness and poverty in Chicago. The registration deadline is 2/10/23 – visit: www.inspirationcorp.org/events/one-inspired-evening

b) Brushwood Center: 2nd annual Mother Earth Market – registration deadline 4/02/23 – visit: www.brushwoodcenter.org and click on “Events” and scroll down to Mother Earth Market.

c) Prince of Peace Church: 3rd annual Multi-Generational Community Art Show and Juried Competition. The theme: “What’s Your Story?” Registration deadline is 4/12/23 -- visit: www.poppalatine.churchcenter.com/registration/events/1557387

IV. Solo Exhibit & Workshop



AAEGV member - Elizabeth Dzedzic is featured in a solo exhibit currently running through Saturday, 2/18/23 at the TLD Design Center and Gallery -- 26 East Quincy Street in Westmont, Illinois. (60559). The Gallery hours are on Wednesdays through Saturday from 11 am to 6 pm. A **Meet the Artist** session will be held this Saturday, February 4th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. A two day workshop led by Beth will be held at the gallery on Saturday & Sunday, March 25th -26th from 10 am – 4 pm each day. Total cost for the workshop will be \$185/person. Dress for a mess, all supplies will be provided (bring recycled items for embellishment). Limited enrollment, register soon:

<https://tld-design-center-and-gallery.square.site/product/contemporary-collage-paper-frenzy/1323>

V. Artist Demonstration

Schaumburg artist **Peggy Dee** has extensively exhibited in the Chicago area. Her emphasis concerns the depiction of women and that is obviously her strength! In showing fragility and strength of the human figure, she is a master. Peggy has a BA in Arts from University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, and a Master of Fine Arts from Northern Illinois where she was also a professor. She also teaches at Elgin Community College. Peggy maintains her home-based studio in Schaumburg where she works with oils and acrylics on both paper and canvas. Come meet Peggy Dee on Wednesday night February 22, 2023 in the Pavilion Art Room from 7-9 pm. Check out her website: www.peggydeepaintings.com



One of Peggy Dee's Works of Art

Thank you to Promila Kumar for her demonstration on acrylics and the use of clay and other materials on paintings on Wednesday, January 25th. Some pictures of Promila and VJ follow on the next page. If you have more questions for Promila and VJ about her work or on how to set up an art booth, text VJ at 1-847-651-8254.



VI. Treasurer's Report from Nancy Muklewicz

As of January 1st, I have taken on the position of treasurer for the AAEGV. A big thanks to Bob Packheiser who held the position for so many years for his service to the Association. I know that I can on Bob's support as I take on this role and I am grateful for that.

Historically, the **AAEGV's fiscal year** began on June 1st. the EGV Park District's (EGVPD) begins on January 1st. To bring the AAEGV's fiscal year in line with the EGVPD's, in 2024 the AAEGV will migrate to a fiscal year beginning on January 1st to match that of the EGVPD. This means that dues will be collected for this season only, for the period of June 1st through December 31st, 2023 and then again on January 1st, 2024 for the entire fiscal year. The dues for this year (6/01-12/31/23) will be adjusted downwards accordingly.

A review of the EGVPD budget for 2023 shows two important things:

- 1) The Art Centre Show (Fall Juried Show) is a separate EGVPD program, so it is not a part of the AAEGV budget. Perhaps obviously, it is in the AAEGV's interest to support the Art Centre to ensure that it continues. This will be discussed in depth closer to the fall show.
- 2) As budgeted, the AAEGV would incur a net loss, The Board has decided to **increase the entry fee for the Trees Exhibit to \$15 for members/\$20 non-members** to ensure that the budgeted expenses are covered.

When the AAEGV merged with the EGVPD, thus becoming a program of the EGVPD, the Association surrendered about \$1,700.00 to the EGVPD. As of August, 2022; \$1,371.09 remained in our account. That figure dropped to \$700.21 as of 12/31/22. I have requested information from Deanna Rafida (our EGVPD liaison) to try to trace the disposition of these funds. My concern that once this "cushion" is gone, it could negatively impact our organization.

One last thing before everyone's eyes glaze over completely. Because the EGVPD keeps its financial records on an accrual basis (which is not conducive to producing a financial report), I am going to work with the Board to manually track things so I can produce numbers that I hope are meaningful to us. In other words, my future reports will be less wordy and contain more numbers. Thank you for your patience!

AAEGV Calendar at a Glance

<i>February</i>			
Su	2/05	1:30 – 3:30 pm	Sunday Fun Day – Art Studio at the Pavilion
Sa	2/11	9:15 – 10:00 am	Culinary Pick-Up, Atmospheres Drop-off (EGV Library)
We	2/22	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Meeting & Art Demonstration with Peggy Dee– Pavilion Art Room
Sa	2/25	9:15 – 10:00 am	Atmospheres Pick-Up (EGV Library) no drop-offs for March
<i>March</i>			
Su	3/05	1:30 – 3:30 pm	Sunday Fun Day – Art Studio at the Pavilion
We	3/22	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Meeting & Art Demonstration – Art Studio at the Pavilion
<i>April</i>			
Sa	4/01	9:15 – 10:00 am	Drop off for <i>Where Trees Gather</i> Exhibit – EGV Library -- judging to follow
Su	4/02	1:30 – 3:30 pm	Trees Exhibit Reception – Elk Grove Library
We	4/26	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Meeting & Art Demonstration – Art Studio at the Pavilion
<i>May</i>			
Su	5/07	1:30 – 3:30 pm	Sunday Fun Day – Art Studio in the Pavilion
Sa	5/13	tbd	Deadline to submit table/booth registration for Art in the Park
We	5/24	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Meeting & Art Demonstration – Art Studio at the Pavilion
<i>June</i>			
Su	6/11	tbd	Art in the Park – outside EGV Library
<i>July</i>			
tbd	tbd	tbd	Member Exhibit – Prairie Art Center

Some Arting Thoughts

"Painting is just another way of keeping a diary." - Pablo Picasso

"A work of art which did not begin in emotion is not art." - Paul Cezanne

"To be an artist is to believe in life." - Henry Moore

"Great art picks up where nature ends." - Marc Chagall