

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

February Newsletter - 1 February 2024



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I. Comings and Goings

We welcome **Lisa Breimeier** and **Marlie Morin** to our AAEGV ranks. Thank you for becoming a part of our AAEGV family.

We are saddened to say farewell to longtime AAEGV Board member, **Terri Sullivan Victory**. Terri passed on January 19th after a long battle with cancer. We fondly remember her humor, her determination, her art, and her grace while she was with us. Keep her family in your prayers & hearts.

II. Upcoming Exhibits Information

A) Future AAEGV Library Exhibits – Monthly Themes

These exhibit themes for members can be interpreted in any manner you wish. If you have work you would like to exhibit and it does not quite fit the theme, that's okay, bring it in!

1) **March – Our Natural World Exhibit at The Empty Corner in Arlington Heights**

Our March exhibition will be displayed at the **Empty Corner Gallery** 214 East Grove Street Arlington Heights, IL. The theme will be “Our Natural World” and you will be allowed to submit up to 2 pieces for display. If you are going to participate in the March showing, please contact Mary Kay McMahon marykaymcmahon@gmail.com (by Thursday, February 29th) to let her know as soon as possible the number and sizes of the pieces. Drop-off for the show will be Tuesday, March 5th from 10 – 11:30 am and 6 – 7 pm. The reception for the showing will be on Thursday, March 7th at 6:30 pm.

If anyone has their piece completed and would like to be considered for promotional materials, please send me a photo and I will send it to them to choose. Please send it within the next two weeks.

2) **April -- Juried Show: Tree Exhibit** ❄️ 🌳 🌲 /// **Reimagined** – see Section VI-B below

3) **May -- Going Green**

4) **June – Abstract**

5) **July – Pantone Color of the Year: Peach Fuzz**

6) **August – Drawing Pen & Ink**

B) Annual Trees Juried Show

Our annual **Trees Juried Show** will take place this April at the EGV Library. An entry form has been attached to the email, but here are some highlights:

1) One piece of art may be submitted by a member/non-member and trees must be the primary subject matter.

- 2) Entrance Fee: \$15 – member/\$20 – non-member
- 3) Art medium may be in oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel drawing media, or mixed media.
- 4) Cash prizes will be awarded; all art must be for sale.
- 5) Work needs to be original and must not have been shown at previous juried exhibits.
- 6) Dimensions including frame: no smaller than 8” x 10” and no larger than 24” x 30”. Work should be suitably framed with a taut wire attached to the back.

More details are on the entry form.

C) Upcoming Demo Information --

- 1) On Wednesday, February 28th, we welcome our own artist, **Mary Kay McMahon**, who will demonstrate the multi-media art form of collage. Come see her combine watercolor, acrylic, paperwork, and other media into new forms of artistic display --7 pm in the Pavilion Art Room.
- 2) The **March Art Demo** meeting will be changed to Wednesday, March 20th at 7pm in the Art Craft Room in the Pavilion (instead of W 3/27/24).

III. Social Media Information

If you would like to showcase work in our Instagram account, please forward a picture of the artwork, the artist’s name, size, material, title, and your Instagram information (if you have it). Send the information via text to Bruna Srb at 847-308-0048.

IV. Upcoming Events with Our Members

A. Sunday is Fun Day!

What is **Sunday is Fun Day**? It is open studio time at the Pavilion Craft Room (due to EGPD party rentals) where you can bring your own supplies and work on anything you would like. It is available as a perk for members of AAEGV only. Share conversation, suggestions, and skills during some relaxed studio time. Hope to see you there! The next dates are on the calendar for Sunday: **February 4th** (**Nancy Muklewicz** will be doing a pastel demo, bring some if you have some at home – or work on your own project), **March 3rd**, **April 7th**, & **May 5th** -- from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

B. “Reimagined”-- a Collaboration with the Elk Grove Historical Museum in April, 2024

“Reimagined” will be a collaboration with the Elk Grove Historical Museum celebrating the early history of EGV. They have gathered 30 photos for us to choose to use as inspiration for a painting. The exhibit will be at the Elk Grove Historical Museum (next door to the farmhouse on Biesterfield) and we will have a reception, on Saturday, April 13th. It is open to all artists and we are looking for more artists to participate! Just let Tammy know if you would like to participate at aaegvexhibits@gmail.com. She will send you a Google file with all the photos that you can choose from and let her know which one you would like to recreate. We will be keeping track because we are going to limit 2 artists per photo max. If you wish to do a deeper dive into the photos, history, early culture of EGV, contact Mike at the Historical Museum.

C. "Best of the Best Exhibit"

On February 3rd through the 27th, 2024 -- The Best of Best Exhibit sponsored by the DuPage Art League will feature seven (7) of our award winning artists who will be exhibiting at the Art League Gallery in Wheaton. Our members to be featured are: [Audrey Freson](#), [Jane Frey](#), [Paula Kuehl](#), [Mary Kay McMahon](#), [Ric Pass](#), [Tom Rybarczyk](#), and [Tom Warnke](#). The gallery is located at 218 West Front Street – Wheaton, Illinois 60187. The DuPage Art League phone number is 630-653-7090. Times for the exhibition will be posted in a later newsletter.

D. Members' Input for the Newsletter

If any of the AAEGV membership has news of exhibitions to enter, upcoming exhibitions of work, equipment for sale, information on classes, etc. and would like to put it in the newsletter to alert our community, feel free to send the submission to Chris Deger at cldeger@gmail.com by Tuesday, February 27th

V. Other Opportunities Brought to Our Attention

1. **The Blue Moon Gallery** of Grayslake, IL has a very active activity schedule all-yearlong and some of our artists have been displayed there. If you are interested in what they have coming up or perhaps participating in one of their programs, contact the gallery at www.thebluemoongallery.com

2. The City of West Chicago's Cultural Arts Commission invites artists, both regional and national, to participate in the City's annual Art Banner Exhibit. The exhibit takes place in the downtown area from the second week of May to the last week of August. The theme is "Time to Celebrate" and info can be found at this website: www.westchicago.org/artbannerexhibit
The deadline is **February 9th**.

3. Art Instructor Wanted for Mainstreet Art Center

Teen Drawing & Oil Painting Classes - We are looking for a talented, creative artist to share their enthusiasm, skills and love of art with our teens. Mainstreet Art Center is a School of Fine Art in downtown Lake Zurich, IL. We teach drawing, oil and pastel painting to adults and children aged 6-98. Subbing opportunities are also available. If you are interested, please contact: artists@mainstreetartcenter.com



Jack Mitchell at January's Art Demo

AAEGV Calendar at a Glance

<i>February</i>			
Sun	2/04	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Sunday Fun Day – Pavilion Art & Craft Room
Sat	2/24	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick-up <i>Farm Life</i> , no drop-off at EGV for March
Wed	2/28	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Art Demo – Art Craft Room in the Pavilion – Mary Kay McMahon -- collage
<i>March</i>			
Sun	3/03	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Sunday Fun Day – Pavilion Art & Craft Room
Tue	3/05	10-11:30 / 6 – 7	Drop-off for “Our Natural World” – Empty Corner Gallery --210 E Grove AH
Thu	3/07	6:30 – 8:00 pm	“Our Natural World” Reception: Empty Corner Gallery, Arlington Heights, IL
Wed	3/20	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Art Demo – Art Craft Room in the Pavilion -- Karen Sako: cold wax
Sat	3/30	9:15 – 10:00 am	Trees Drop-Off – EGV Library
<i>April</i>			
Sat	4/06	10:00 – 11:00 am	<i>Reimagined</i> Drop-off – Elk Grove Historical Society
Sun	4/07	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Sunday Fun Day – Pavilion Art & Craft Room
Sun	4/07	3:00 – 4:30 pm	Trees Reception at the Elk Grove Library
Sat	4/13	TBD	<i>Reimagined</i> Reception @ Elk Grove Historical Society
Wed	4/24	7:00 -- 9:00 pm	Art Demo – Mary Longe: Navigating Art from Easel to Auction
<i>May</i>			
Sun	5/05	1:300 – 3:00 pm	Sunday Fun Day – Pavilion Art & Craft Room
Wed	5/22	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Art Demo – Michael Latata: Gouache demonstration

Arting Shots:

- *“Art...is as much a source of happiness for the beginner as for the master. One forgets everything in one's work.” of all beautiful art, all great art, is gratitude.” - Marie Bashkirtseff*
- *“Creativity takes courage.” - Henri Matisse*
- *“The world is but a canvas to our imagination.” - Henry David Thoreau*
- *“The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls.” - Pablo Picasso*
- *“The job of the artist is always to deepen the mystery.” - Francis Bacon*
- *“The art of art, the glory of expression and the sunshine of the light of letters, is simplicity.” - Walt Whitman*
- *“Painting is easy when you don't know how, but very difficult when you do.” - Edgar Degas*

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