



Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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January 23 program, 7:30 pm at the Elk Grove Village Library

Acrylic Demo with Lori Gragnani



Daydream, 5" x 7", acrylic

LORI GRAGNANI began painting at the age of fifteen and participated in her first juried show at the age of eighteen. Since then her work has undergone many changes. The paintings you see today are the positive results of those changes. After graduating from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education, she worked as a high school substitute teacher and graphic designer. Her graphic design experience led her to a position as a publications designer for Triton College. Her teaching experience includes art instructor at Harper College and Elk Grove Park District.

Lori allows the mood of the painting and the subject matter to dictate the technique to be used. Often times her painting style is a combination of thin glazes, delicate brushwork, and bold application of paint with the palette knife.

Born and raised in the Chicago area, she finds this midwestern location offers a rich variety of subject matter. The beauty of nature, elements of rural life and urban settings find their way onto canvas. No matter what subject she chooses to paint, they are all part of her personal statement.

"I feel a tremendous amount of energy when I begin a new painting. This energy comes from a visual and emotional response to my subject. While my enthusiasm for the painting is very strong, I paint rapidly. I think about the subject in terms of colors, values, shapes, and textures. Each painting challenges me to translate what I see into a visual language that the viewer can understand and enjoy."



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Program Dates for 2018–2019

The program dates below will be held at the Elk Grove Village Library, unless indicated otherwise.

Date	Demo Artist	Media	Location
JANUARY 23, 2019	Lori Gagnani	Acrylic	Large Meeting Room/Library
FEBRUARY 27, 2019		Critique	Large Meeting Room/Library
MARCH 27, 2019	Cheryl Rausch	How to best photograph your artwork for social media.	Large Meeting Room/Library
APRIL 24, 2019	Frankie Johnson	Pastel and Watercolor	Large Meeting Room/Library
MAY 22, 2019	George Bruce	Oil Pastel	Large Meeting Room/Library

Prairie Center for the Arts Exhibit

We are exhibiting in the Aigner Gallery at the Prairie Center for the Arts in Schaumburg (201 Schaumburg Ct, Schaumburg, IL) in January 2019. All details can be found on the application, posted on our website, www.AAEGV.org under Forms (please note that the registration deadline has passed, no new entries being accepted).

Some highlights

- Reception **January 11**, the same evening as a performance as the Elgin Symphony, so we can expect many visitors
- Book of Artist Statements to be on display throughout the exhibit. Be sure and prepare one, it is a great way to promote yourself!
- Pick up: **January 26**, 10 to 11 am

Any questions, email: AAEGVexhibits@gmail.com

Member News

Welcome! Please welcome new members John Franklin and Bonnie Scivally!

Programs for 2019–2020—what would you like to see?

Our Program chairperson, Tara Riley, is starting to put together next years programs. What subjects or local guest artists would you like to see? Please email Tara with your suggestions at tara.riley@me.com



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Member Exhibit Dates for 2018–2019

Exhibit	Dates
Prairie Center for the Arts exhibit, reception 6pm–8pm 201 Schaumburg Ct, Schaumburg, IL Drop off: January 5th, 10 am–11 am Pick up: January 26th, 10 am–11 am Viewing hours: 9 to 5 pm on weekdays, on weekends when events are being held	JANUARY 11
Winter Exhibit pick up artwork/from 9:15 to 10 am	1/19/2019
NO EXHIBIT IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH	
Trees Exhibit application due date (see https://aaegv.org/forms for application or email attachment). No entries accepted after this deadline.	4/6/2019
Trees Exhibit drop off artwork/from 9:15 to 10 am	4/20/2019
Trees Exhibit pick up artwork/Drop off artwork for Spring Show/from 9:15 to 10 am	5/25/2019
Spring Show pick up artwork/Drop off artwork for Summer Exhibit/from 9:15 to 10 am	7/13/2019
Summer Exhibit pick up artwork/Drop off artwork for Fall Exhibit/from 9:15 to 10 am	8/17/2019
Fall Exhibit pick up artwork/from 9:15 to 10 am	9/28/2019
2019 Art Centre Juried Art Show	10/10/2019

Small works show?

We are considering an exhibit of small works. Stay tuned for more information!



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Our meetings are on the **4th Wednesday of the month** at the Elk Grove Village Public Library, 1001 Wellington Avenue, Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007 at 7:30 pm. **No meetings are held in June, July, August and December.** Check out our website: <https://aaegv.org/>. Like our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/artinelkgrove>.

Any news you would like to share? Any comments? Send them to your newsletter editor, Peg Mulcahy, at PMulc62075@comcast.net. Put "Art News and Views" in the subject line. And thanks for sharing!

Please submit news by the 1st of the month for inclusion in that month's newsletter.

2018–2019 Board Members:

President: Irene Peterson

Vice President: Lori Gragnani

Treasurer: Bob Packheiser

Secretary: Mary Kay McMahan

Exhibits: Tammy Haman and Darlene Greaves

Historian: Carol Wiesman

Programs: Tara Riley

Membership: Marlin Morin

Newsletter: Peggy Mulcahy

Hospitality: Sandy Schmidt

Quote of the month

"You miss one hundred percent of the shots you don't take." Wayne Gretzky

Exhibit/Contest Opportunities

One Inspired Evening annual art auction looking for art donations

One Inspired Evening is an annual fundraising gala that includes an art auction, silent auction, raffle, and live music. All proceeds from the event go directly to supporting Inspiration Corporation's mission of helping people who are affected by homelessness and poverty to improve their lives and increase self-sufficiency through the provision of social services, employment training and placement, and housing in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. Submissions are juried in February. **Deadline: January 25, 2019.** For more information and application, see <http://www.inspirationcorp.org/events-pages-58.php>.

Artists Magazine Annual Art Competition

\$24,000 in cash prizes plus publication in *Artists Magazine*. **Deadline: April 2, 2019.** For more information, see <https://www.artistsnetwork.com/art-competitions/artists-magazine-annual/>.



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Exhibit/Contest Opportunities, continued

Artists Magazine AcrylicWorks 7

Winning art will be featured in North Light Books' hardbound showcase of the best in contemporary acrylic. North Light Books will showcase the best of the best in a variety of styles and subjects. **Deadline: February 1, 2019.** For more information, see <https://www.artistsnetwork.com/art-competitions/acrylic-works/>.

If you are looking for more opportunities to exhibit in the Midwest, see an extensive list of call for entries, as well as online opportunities at <http://www.artshow.com/juriedshows/Midwest.html>. Also the Chicago Artists Resource (CAR) maintains a call-for-artists list at <http://www.chicagoartistsresource.org/calls-for-artists>.

Events

Arlington Heights Art Guild Demo

1/17/18, Steve Puttrich, Oil. Wheeling Township Community Service Center 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. For more information, see www.facebook.com/AHAGuild/.