



Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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May 22 program, 7:30 pm at the Elk Grove Village Library

Oil Pastel with George C. Bruce

GEORGE C. BRUCE, Artist in Oil Pastel and Watercolor

After growing up on a farm in Central Illinois, I studied Architecture at Southern Illinois University, and continued my studies at the University of Illinois getting a degree in Fine and Applied Arts with a major in graphic design. I spent my entire career in the design world. Initially, I was a working package designer for American Can Co. then joined the Quaker Oats Company as a Packaging Manager, then Sales Promotion Manager. After several years in the corporate world, I joined a Packaging Design and Marketing Communications firm on Michigan Ave. in Chicago where I became a partner. Since completing my career I have dedicated my free time to the fine arts. My wife, Susan and I live in Naperville where we raised

3 children and now have 7 grandchildren all of whom live in the Chicago area. We are an art family. Susan and I met at college and are both artists; our children followed in our artistic footsteps.

I work in watercolor and oil pastel, painting from life experiences and travel. I have limited my artistic endeavors to just watercolor and oil pastel, even combining both mediums. I enjoy teaching both watercolor and oil pastel classes at the DuPage Art League in Wheaton. I have taught classes at the Fine Line in St. Charles and Water Street Gallery in Batavia as well as various workshops in and around the area. I have my work in private collections in various parts of the country including Australia. I am honored to have my watercolor work on exhibit at The Proud Fox Gallery in Geneva, Illinois.

What Art means to me:

Art for me is an exciting creative process that combines all my life experiences; the love of nature, architecture and travel. I enjoy using my design background to create interesting and exciting paintings. I do "push the envelope" in my creative pursuits to continually learn and master the mediums I enjoy working with. Painting and creativity are major parts of my life.





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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
MAY 22, 2019	George Bruce	Oil Pastel	Large Meeting Room/Library

Member Exhibit Dates for 2018–2019

Exhibit	Dates
Trees Exhibit pick up artwork/Drop off artwork for Small Works (spring show)/from 1:15 to 2 pm	6/2/2019
Small Works 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	9/21/2019
2019 Art Centre Juried Art Show	10/3/2019

Sponsors for 2019 Art Centre show needed

Our Exhibits chairperson, Tammy Haman, is starting the search for sponsors for the Art Centre Juried Art show in October. Please email Tammy with your suggestions at AAEGVexhibits@gmail.com.

Small Works Spring Show

Our spring show will be dedicated to small works. Work should be a maximum 8 x 10 inches or under when unframed. 1–3 works accepted, series are welcome. Drop off is 6/2/2019 from 1:15–2:00 pm at the library, pickup will be 7/13/19 from 9:15–10 am.

Any questions, email: AAEGVexhibits@gmail.com



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Member News

Welcome! Please welcome new members Laurie Perkins, Jean Yang, and Linda Vice!

Big thanks to Audrey Freson and Peg Mulcahy for the treats at our April demo! Treats at the May demo will be provided by Tammy Haman and Marlie Morin--big thanks in advance!

Please Note: Member dues for the 2019–2020 year will be due June 1st. The membership application is available at our web site under the Forms tab, and a PDF will be forwarded via email.

If you have member news for the next newsletter, please email PMulc62075@comcast.net.

Report of the 2019–2020 Nominating Committee for Annual Slate of Officers

We are now accepting nominations for *all* Offices at the May meeting. Please see any board member if you are interested in serving. Officers will be elected at the May meeting.

Current open positions are:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

The Program Chairpersonship will also be open. The demonstration roster for 2019-2020 has been set, but we will need a liaison with the artists, making sure they get what they need for the demonstration setup and also introducing the artist. The Program Chairperson would also be working on setting up demonstration artists for the following year (2020-2021). The Historian Chairpersonship is also open. Please see any board member if you are interested.

Art in the Park

An Elk Grove Village Park district event, Art in the Park, will be held June 2, 2019, 12 pm–5pm, rain or shine, at the Village Green (Biesterfield & Wellington Rds). In case of rain, the event will be held in the Pavillion. Up to 3 paintings per artist can be displayed. All paintings need to be ready to hang and tagged. Anyone interested in exhibiting, please email Tammy at AAEGVexhibits@gmail.com For more information on the event, see <https://www.elkgroveparks.org/News/art-in-the-park-2019-featured-artists>.

Exhibit/Contest Opportunities

2019 Schaumburg Prairie Plein Air Competition and Show

Submitted works will be exhibited and for sale in the Herb Aigner Gallery inside the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts May 14–June 25, and will coincide with the 32nd annual Prairie Arts Festival, which will be held Memorial Day weekend (Saturday and Sunday May 25–26) on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center. For more information, see

http://www.villageofschaumburg.com/depts/cultural/pca/visual/prairie_plein_air.htm



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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

Addison Art Guild Demo

5/09/19 Lauren Peterson—Dramatic Portraits in Charcoal. Addison Village Hall, One Friendship Plaza, Addison, IL 60101, Rooms A&B. Meeting to begin at 7:00 pm. For more information, see www.addisonartguild.com.

Arlington Heights Art Guild Demo

5/16/19 Enid Silverman, oil. Wheeling Township Community Service Center 1616 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. For more information, see www.facebook.com/AHAGuild/.

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 Gagnani

Treasurer: Bob Packheiser

Secretary: Mary Kay McMahan

Exhibits: Tammy Haman and Darlene Greaves

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