

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

November Newsletter - 1 November 2025



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I. 2026 Membership Information

AAEGV 2026 Membership Dues will be due at the end of December, 2025. A new membership form will be included with the November & December Newsletters. Membership will be \$30 for the year (Jan-Dec, '26) and \$20 for an additional family member. Payment can be made in-person at the Pavilion Help Desk, by mail – sending to the address on the form, or by trying the Elk Grove Park District website.

II. Upcoming Exhibits Information

Library Exhibits Info -- Themes for the 2025-26 Year Library Exhibitions

- 1) November – “Visual Treasures” (Pick-Up for JAS/Drop-Off on Saturday, 11/01 9:15 – 10 am at the Elk Grove Public Library)
- 2) December – “Joy”
- 3) January: Patterns
- 4) February: Rustic Landscape
- 5) March: Trees Juried Show
- 6) April: Junior High Show – no AAEGV Exhibit
- 7) May: Abstract
- 8) June: Fences
- 9) July: Unexpected Direction
- 10) August: Letters/Writing
- 11) September: Blind Photo pick
- 12) October: 43rd annual Juried Art Show
- 13) November: Fall Colors
- 14) December: Holiday Madness

III. Juried Art Show for October, 2025

Many thanks to all of the participants who helped to make the 42nd annual Juried Art Show a great success! The Exhibition contained a diverse and talented portfolio of art and was well received by the members, guests, and other visitors. Congratulations to our following award winners:

Best of Show – Tom Rybarczyk “Pike River” (*Itasca Bank and Trust*)

2nd Place – Jane Frey “Sweet Indulgence 1” (*Award of Excellence - AAEGV President’s Sister*)

3rd Place – Jay Johnson “Big Sky Ranch” (*Award of Excellence by Elk Grove Mayor Craig*)

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3rd Place – Bruna Srb “Butterflies Dance” (*Award of Excellence by The Great Frame Up*)

3rd Place – Kasia Lynch “Waiting” (*Award of Excellence by TS Victory*)

3rd Place – Susan B. Auld “Abstract in Blue” (*Award of Excellence by TS Victory*)

3rd Place – Audrey Freson “Wyoming Winter” (*Award of Excellence by TS Victory*)

Honorable Mention – Marie Bass “Venezia” (Blick Art Materials)

Honorable Mention – Jan Elbert “Tell Us of the Reef” (Blick Art Materials)

Rising Star Award – Dona Blunt “Dalia’s World”

People’s Choice – Bruna Srb “Butterflies Dance”

Purchase Awards:

Elk Grove Village Mayor and Trustees

Bruna Srb – “Butterflies Dance”

Richard Pass – “Lom Stave Church – Norway”

Medical Dental Associates

Nancy Muklewicz – “Pretty in Pink”

Congratulations to **Loretta Koulias** and **Nancy Muklewicz** for selling paintings as a result of the show!

IV. Holiday Party

Plan to join us at the fun and lively **AAEGV Holiday Party**. It will take place on **Wednesday, December 10th at the Hattendorf Center, 225 East Elk Grove Blvd (same place as last year) from 7:00- 9:00**. The party is potluck, so please bring an hors d'oeuvres or a dessert to share. Again, this year, we will exchange a piece of art and please bring a small painting (6x6, or similar size) for the gift exchange. The theme is **WINTER** - so that give you a wide range of possibilities for your artwork.

Also, we will have fun trying to figure out little-known things about each other. This was a big hit last year and this time you can think about it before the party. Spouses/significant others are always welcome. If you have any other game suggestions, please contact Marie Bass. It will be fun!

V. October's Art Demo

November's Demo will be the 3rd week of November (Wednesday, November 17th) due to Thanksgiving preparations. **Steve Puttrich** is an award-winning artist who works in water color and oil media who is a graduate of the American Academy of Art. Since his graduation he has been involved in numerous post-grad activities and currently is on the faculty of the Watercolor and Oil Painting at the Palette and Chisel Academy of Fine Art. He has run numerous workshops, judged art shows, and has entered in pieces as well. Steve says, “I’m drawn to moments shaped by light, emotion, and story. Whether I’m standing beside a quiet stream, watching light pour

through trees, or studying the curve of a face, I look for what's timeless in a fleeting moment. My work blends strong design with a deep respect for the subject—whether that's a landscape, a portrait, or a narrative scene. I paint with a heart for beauty, a hand trained by years of study, and a soul committed to giving back what I've been given. My background in architectural and engineering illustration gave me discipline; nature gave me awe; and faith gives my work meaning. I want my paintings to reflect gratitude—for light, life, and the gift of being present to it all." His website: <https://www.steveputtrich.com/>

The Art Demo will be Wednesday, November 17th at 7:00 pm in The Art Centre in the Pavilion.



Laura Lein-Svencner from our October Artist Demo Session.

VI. Newsletter Deadline

Items for the December, 2025 newsletter **must** be sent by Saturday, November 29th at 6 pm for inclusion in the newsletter. Send the info to Chris Deger at cldeger@gmail.com. We reserve the right to edit the piece for space.

AAEGV Calendar at a Glance

November			
Sat	11/01	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick-Up for Juried Art Show / Drop-Off for "Visual Treasures"
Wed	11/19	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Steve Puttrich – Oil Painting @ the Art Centre in the Pavilion
December			
Sun	12/07	12:45 – 2:00 pm	Drop-Off for "Joy" / Pick-Up for "Visual Treasures" @ EG Public Library
Wed	12/10	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Holiday Party 🎄 @ the Al Hattendorf Center

Arting Shots:

- "The world is but a canvas to our imagination." - Henry David Thoreau
- "Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others." - Jonathan Swift
- "The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance."
- Aristotle
- "Without tradition, art is a flock of sheep without a shepherd. Without innovation, it is a corpse."
- Winston Churchill
- "The essence of all beautiful art, all great art, is gratitude." - Friedrich Nietzsche