

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

March Newsletter - 1 March 2026



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I. Upcoming Exhibits Information

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

*****Please note, that if you'd like to bring up to three (3) pictures for the monthly library exhibits, please do so to help fill the walls a little more.**

- 1) **March: Abstract** (Drop-Off March 7th - 9:15 - 10 a, @ Elk Grove Public Library; Pick-Up for Rustic Landscapes)
- 2) **April: Junior High Show - no AAEGV Exhibit**
- 3) **May: Trees Juried Show**
- 4) **June: Fences**
- 5) **July: Unexpected Direction**
- 6) **August: Letters/Writing**
- 7) **September: Blind Photo pick**
- 8) **October: 43rd annual Juried Art Show**
- 9) **November: Fall Colors**
- 10) **December: Holiday Madness**

II. Trees Juried Show

This year's Trees Juried Show will kick off on Friday, May 8th and run through the month of May. Below is a summary of important dates and things to know before the show. Consult the entry form attached to this newsletter for more information.

- 1) Registration deadline: **Tuesday, March 31st, 2026 at (5 pm)** *No entries will be accepted after the deadline.*
- 2) To register, email a copy of the completed entry form and a photo of your painting to Marie Bass at: mbass417@att.net by Tuesday, March 31st. Then also, complete your registration at the Pavilion Front Desk + \$15 entry fee - in person or by mail by March 31st.
- 3) **Drop off** your painting at the Elk Grove Library on **Thursday, May 7th** between 9:15 - 10:30 am or 5:00 - 6:00 pm.
- 4) **Judging** for the show will be early Friday afternoon on **May 8th**. **Cheryl Cook** will be our judge.
- 5) A **light reception** will take place at the library on **Saturday, May 9th** from 2:00 - 4:00pm.
- 6) The registration fee is \$15. One piece of art may be submitted by an AAEGV member. **Trees** must be the primary subject matter. Art submitted may be in oil, acrylic, watercolor,

pastel, drawing media, sculpture, ceramic, or mixed media. Dimensions including the frame must be no smaller than 8” x 10” and no larger than 24” x 30”. *More specifics can be found on the entry form.*

7) *Cash prizes* will be awarded: 1st prize: \$300, 2nd Prize: \$200, 3rd Prize: \$100

Please contact Mary Kay McMahon at 847-989-0791 or marykaymcmahon@gmail.com with questions.

III. Collage Workshop Opportunity

Beth Deck-Dziedzic will be teaching a 2-day Contemporary Collage workshop at TLD Design and Gallery in Westmont, IL on March 21 and 22, 2026 from 10 am to 4 pm. There are a few seats left. Here is the link with all the details and for the registration:

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

IV. Wheaton Library Pastel Demo

Join pastel artist **Pamela Hamilton** as she paints a spring flower with soft pastels. Learn techniques for underpainting, layering, and bringing floral subjects to life. Provided in partnership with the DuPage Art League. This is a hybrid event. Choose to attend in-person or virtually. For the best experience, we recommend attending in-person. Registration is required for this event and will close on March 16, 2026 @ 6:30pm. Here is the registration link for the demo:

<https://www.wheatonlibrary.org/event/art-demo-pastel-spring-blooms-128829>

V. Chippewa Falls Juried Art Show

We invite you to participate in Arrivals and Departures, a five-state, juried art show that runs July 15 - August 30, 2026 at the Heyde Center for the Arts in Chippewa Falls, WI. The entry deadline is May 31st. Information on the show and entry forms can be obtained at the following website: <https://www.cvca.net/events/arrivals-and-departures-call-for-artists>

VII. March Art Demo

Magdalena Kranc-Velazquez will be our March Demo artist on **Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 pm at the Art Centre** in the Pavilion. Magdalena states: “I strive to capture a longing for an unknown world—a safe place that embodies healing, acceptance, joy, and love. When I create, I enter a flow state where I enjoy the process and trust my artistic choices. Creating art makes me feel relaxed and present, where time seems to stand still. My work consists of intricate mixed media collages that feature layering, combined with delicate yet dramatic hand painting and drawing.” Her website: <https://www.magdakranc-velazquezart.com/>

VII. February Demo

Some pictures from John Markese's demo on Wednesday, February 25th.



VIII. Social Media

If you would like to showcase your 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.

IX. Newsletter Deadline

Items for the April, 2026 newsletter **must** be sent by Sunday, March 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

March			
Sat	3/07	9:15 – 10:00 am	Drop-Off for "Abstract"/Pick-Up for "Rustic Landscape" @ EG Public Library
Wed	3/25	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Art Demo – Magdalena Kranc-Velazquez – Creating Mixed Media Book
Tue	3/31	5:00 pm	Entries due for the May 2026 Trees Exhibit
April			
Sat	4/04	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick-Up for "Abstract" /No Drop-Off Jr High Show @ EG Public Library
Wed	4/22	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Art Demo – Susan Ploughe – Getting Started with Gouache
May			
Thu	5/07	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Drop-Off for Trees Exhibit @ the Elk Grove Public Library
Fri	5/08	9:00 – 11:30 am	Trees Exhibit Judging @ the Elk Grove Public Library
Sat	5/09	2:00 – 5:00 pm	Trees Exhibit Reception @ the Elk Grove Public Library
Wed	5/27	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Carol Zack – Painting with Oil Pastels @ Pavilion Art Centre

Arting Shots:

- "The artist's world is limitless. It can be found anywhere, far from where he lives or a few feet away. It is always on his doorstep." - Paul Strand
- "Everything has its beauty, but not everyone sees it." - Andy Warhol
- "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." - Pablo Picasso
- "A painting is never finished. - it simply stops in interesting places." - Paul Gardner