

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

March Newsletter - 1 March 2025



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I. Our Condolences

We sadly report that Sandy Schmidt's beloved husband, Gene, passed away at home on Sunday, February 16th, surrounded by family after a long illness. Plans for his life celebration will follow later in the year. We send Sandy and her family our very best.

II. Trees Juried Exhibition – March 2nd – March 29th, 2025

1) Drop off your painting at the Elk Grove Library on Saturday, March 1st between 9:15 - 10:30 am. Pick-Up for "Winter Blues" will occur at this time as well. Judging will take place after the drop-off and hanging of the art.

2) A **light reception** will take place at the library on **Sunday, March 2nd from 3:00-4:30 pm.**

Everyone is invited to attend!

3) Members, don't forget to bring treats to the **Trees Reception** at the library March 2nd. We look forward to goodies! Contact Suzana at staipovic11@aol.com with any questions.

III. Treasurer's Report -- Nancy Muklewicz

A bit of history: Two years ago, I became the treasurer of AAEGV. In 2019, when the club became a program of the park district, the club's balance of \$3,021.21 was turned over to the Elk Grove Park District. Over time, that balance shrank to \$700.21. It seems that at the time of the merger, it wasn't clear to the club's leadership then that some items that the park district had covered would no longer be covered by the EGPD. In other words, after the merger, certain expenses would instead be paid out of AAEGV funds. Also, some monies that were promised by other departments within the park district were never transferred to the AAEGV account. \$600 relating to that was recovered from the years prior to when I became treasurer. Some other items contributed to the erosion of the club's money. Those items aren't recoverable, but we are now keeping a close eye on finances to ensure that it doesn't happen again. My fear is that if the AAEGV as a park district program became unprofitable, the park district could decide to eliminate it. Maintaining a positive balance has been my goal as treasurer, to hopefully mitigate the possibility of AAEGV being discontinued.

Where do we stand now? As of 12/31/2024, AAEGV has \$4,829.17. Because the park district uses the accrual method of accounting (where revenue is recognized when it is earned), the balance is actually a bit higher because 2025 dues that were paid in 2024 are not included in that figure.

Where's my 1099? If you sell a painting at one of our juried art shows (Trees or Art Centre), you will only get a 1099 (tax document) from the park district if you earned more than \$600 on the work of art. So there's no excuse – do your taxes! 😊

IV. Upcoming Exhibits Information

A) Library Exhibits Info -- Themes for the 2025 Year Library Exhibitions

- 1) **March - Juried Tree Show (March 1st - March 29th) Drop-Off @ 9:15-10:30 am on 3/01**
- 2) **April -- EG Middle Schools Art Show - Tree Show pick-up 3/29 @ 9:15 - 10 am**
- 3) **May - "Places I've Been"**
- 4) **June - "The Other Side of Me"**
- 5) **July - "Garden Treasures"**
- 6) **August -- "Pet Friends"**
- 7) **September - "Series of Three" (a group of three related pictures)**
- 8) **October - 42nd Annual Juried Show**
- 10) **November - "Visual Treasures"**
- 11) **December - "Joy"**

V. Area Shows & Special Notices -- (courtesy of the AHA Guild members)

- A) Watermedia Workshop - Audrey Ra will be giving a Brand Ambassador Materials Workshop (BAMW) to the first 15 artists who sign up at aaegvexhibits@gmail.com. The workshop will be held at the Elk Grove Pavilion in the Art Room on Friday, March 21st from 1-3pm. You will receive a confirmation email that you are registered as one of the 15 participants. If you are interested but can't make this date, please send an email expressing your interest so we can schedule another workshop in the future. An Acrylic Workshop will also be scheduled in the future.
- B) **A Walk in the Park - Sunday, August 24th**
The **Arlington Heights Art Guild** wanted to include some information about A Walk in the Park, Sunday, August 24th from 10:00 am to 5:00pm this year. A **booth rental** is only \$100.00, so, if you may be interested in acquiring one for the show. As of now, AHA Guild has about 20 booths sold. Booth rentals pick up later, so we wanted to give our members a heads up. More information and forms are available at www.arlingtonheightsartguild.com.
- C) **The Suburban Sketchers of Long Grove**
The Suburban Sketchers are showcasing their dynamic works in their exhibition "Drawn Together!" Experience the energy of sketching in all its forms—raw, expressive, and full of life. Sketching Activities All Month Long! Grab your sketchbook and join us for interactive sessions, live demos, and community sketch events throughout March. Whether you're an avid sketcher or just curious, there's something for everyone! Stay tuned for details and get ready to see the world through an artist's eyes! The opening reception will be Thursday, March 6, 2025, 7-9 pm at The Empty Corner -- 214 E. Grove Street, Arlington Heights.

- D) Prince of Peace Church in Palatine** is hosting the 5th Annual Community Art Show (and Juried Competition) this spring. Find details and registration info at <http://pop.church/artshow>. This year's theme is "building bigger tables."
- E) The 14th Prairie Plein Air Competition and Show** is sponsored by the Village of Schaumburg. Show: All submitted work will be displayed in the Herb Aigner Gallery inside the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts May 13-June 22 and will coincide with the 36th annual Prairie Arts Festival. Sale: Artists may make their work available for sale - no commission will be taken. Entry Deadline: April 20, 2025. Entry Fee: \$40 (non-refundable) Contact: Roxane Benvenuti, 847-925-3605, rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com www.prairiecenter.org
- F) St. Simon's Episcopal Church** is hosting its second annual art exhibition, "Our Creative Spirit" running May 9 - 11. The opening reception will be on Friday, May 9th. Information is available at: www.Saintsimons.org/art
- G) District 214** is calling for submissions to the annual **Daily Herald and District 214 Arts Unlimited Art and Writing Contest**. Submissions will be accepted through March 3. Judges will review artwork, poetry and prose — any genre, style or theme — from entrants residing in Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights, Rolling Meadows and Wheeling. Winners will be published in the Daily Herald and honored at the Arts Unlimited Reception in April. All entries must be submitted electronically via email to herald.contest@d214.org. Winners will be contacted by email by March 17th. More info at www.d214.org
- H) The Elk Grove Park District** will be offering classes this spring in Watercolor, Pottery, Acrylics, Framing, Drawing, and an Open Studio. Check out the *Spring Catalog* pp. 36-37.

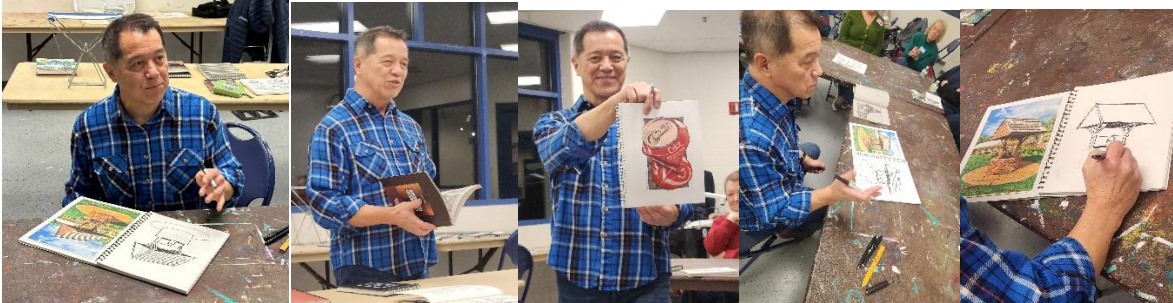
VI. Art Demo

- A) Our March Demo Artist will be **Sandie Bacon**, a classically trained, versatile Chicago-area artist whose art is informed by a thorough understanding of acrylics and a full range of other media. Sandie has been working as a Golden Paint Artist since 2006. She has a BA in fine arts/literature from the University of Redlands (CA) and an MFA from the Maryland Institute Graduate School of Painting. Join Sandie for a hands-on Golden OPEN Acrylics – we will sample making a gelli print, and working with sgraffito while we look at subtractive techniques and blending. Her website: www.sandrabaconfinearts.com
- B) We had a delightful session with **Wes Douglas** on Wed., 2/26 about Urban Sketching. Below are some pictures from the event and Wes sent a gracious thank you note to Tara Riley, which I share below as a testament to both Wes and the AAEGV:

Hello Tara,

I can't tell you how much fun I had last night with your group. I did not care that there wasn't a projector, a screen or that the room was not ready when we were there to set up. As an urban sketcher

and instructor, I always have a Plan B and that is why I always go low-tech because you never know what to expect. And when the tech crew showed up, I pivoted and asked the group questions because I knew they would be otherwise distracted if I tried to keep going with my presentation. Your group is wonderful, and I would've loved to hang out with them some more. If you ever want me back for a different presentation, just let me know. I would jump at the chance to be in front of your group again. Thank you for all your help in getting me there. - Wes Douglas



VII. 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.

VIII. Newsletter Deadline

Items for the April 2025 newsletter **must** be sent by Saturday, March 29th at 6 pm for inclusion in the April Newsletter. If you have news of shows, classes, etc. please send it by then, as the member meeting reminder in the 4th week of the month is meant to be brief. 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	3/01	9:15 – 10:30 am	Drop-Off for the Trees Exhibition/Pick-Up “Winter Blues” @ EG Library
Sun	3/02	3:00 – 4:30 pm	Trees Exhibition Reception @ the Elk Grove Public Library
Wed	3/26	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Sandie Bacon – Golden Acrylic Hands Demo at the Art Centre
Sat	3/29	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick-Up from the Trees Exhibition. No Drop-Off; Kids Exhibit in April
April			
Wed	4/23	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Robin Strand – Pastels/Plein Air Demo at the Art Centre

Arting Shots:

- *“Painting is just another way of keeping a diary.” - Pablo Picasso*
- *“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.” - Vincent Van Gogh*
- *“Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.” - Dr. Seuss*
- *“The world of reality has its limits; the world of imagination is boundless. - Jean Jacques Rousseau*