

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

July Newsletter - 1 July 2026



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I. Welcome to New Members

The AAEGV welcomes **Billy Mitchell** as a new member to our group and welcomes back **Blanche Dougal** to our ranks.

II. Elk Grove Historical Museum Show

The Elk Grove Historical Museum in cooperation with the AAEGV will be opening an exhibition, "Exceptional: Built with Dignity," on Wednesday, July 1st running through Saturday, November 14th. The show highlights the 70th anniversary of the establishment of Elk Grove Village and the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Elk Grove Park District. AAEGV members have submitted artwork representing images of this era. The **Opening Reception** will be **Wednesday, July 1st from 4:00 – 6:00 pm** at the Elk Grove Historical Museum – 399 Biesterfield Road (a block or two west of The Pavilion) in Elk Grove Village. The museum exhibition hours will be Wednesday through Saturday, Noon until 4:00 pm.

III. 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) **July: Unexpected Direction** (Pick-Up for Fences, Drop-Off for Unexpected Direction on Saturday, July 11th from 9:15-10:00 am at the Elk Grove Public Library).

2) **August: Letters/Writing** (Theme explained: Make a composition in the shape of a letter(s), e.g. H, Y, X, C T, O, being some of the favorites. Use a letterform or word somewhere in your work, or asemic writing, nonsense scribbles resembling cursive, cursive, or a typed or hand-written letter glued or depicted on the work that will become a part of your work).

3) **September: Travel Discoveries** (new theme as we did not draw a Blind Photo pick in time).

4) **October: 43rd annual Juried Art Show**

5) **November: Fall Colors**

6) **December: Holiday Madness**

IV. October's Juried Art Show

The **43rd annual AAEGV Juried Art Show** will take place Friday-Sunday, October 16th – 18th, 2026. The following information concerns the upcoming show:

1) Registration

- a) Deadline: **Friday September 4, 2026**. **No entries will be accepted after the deadline.**
- b) To register, email a copy of the completed entry form and a photo of your painting to marilyn.knebel@yahoo.com by Friday, September 4th.
- c) Then, complete your registration at The Pavilion Front Desk – in person or by mail by September 4th (by closing time).
- d) An official entry form will be emailed to members this weekend & also sent in the August & September newsletters.

2) Drop off

Elk Grove Library on Friday, October 16th between 9:15 - 10:30 am or 5:00 – 6:00 pm.

3) Reception

A light reception will take place at the library on Sunday, October 18th from 2:00-4:00 pm.

4) Rules for Submission

- a) The show is limited to AAEGV members. Members may submit two pieces of work and the entry fee is \$30. Art in Oil, Acrylic, Watercolor, Pastel, Multi-Media, Sculpture, Ceramic is allowed.
- b) All work must be for sale. Labels will be provided. The Artists' Association retains 20% from the sale of all paintings during this exhibit.
- c) Dimensions including frame: no smaller than 8"x10" nor larger than 24"x30". The work must be framed with a taut wire for hanging. Tape ends of the wires to avoid injury.
- d) Cash prizes will be awarded: 1st Prize -- \$300; 2nd Prize -- \$200; 3rd Prize -- \$100 along with purchase award prizes.
- e) Work shown at previous Juried Exhibits will not be accepted. All work must be original to the artist and may not be AI generated, from a workshop, class, or kit.
- f) Complete this Entry form and submit with your check payable to the Elk Grove Park District- by mail or in person at:

Elk Grove Park District
Art Centre, Deanna Rafidia
1000 Wellington Avenue
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

By entering this show, the artist agrees to hold harmless the Artist's Association of Elk Grove Village, Elk Grove Public Library, and the Elk Grove Park District for any loss and/or damage to his/her work. Please contact Mary Kay McMahan at 847-989-0791 or marykaymcmahan@gmail.com with questions.

V. 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.

VI. Newsletter Deadline

Items for the August, 2026 newsletter **must** be sent by Wednesday, July 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

July			
Wed	7/01	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Elk Grove Historical Society Exhibit Reception – “EGV at 70 & EGPD at 60”
Sat	7/11	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick-Up for “Fences”/Drop-Off for “Unexpected Directions” @ the Elk Grove Public Library
August			
Sat	8/08	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick-Up for “Unexpected Directions”/Drop-Off for “Letters/Writing” @ the Elk Grove Public Library
Wed	8/26	7:00 – 9:00 pm	John Fleck – Charcoal Landscape @ Pavilion Art Centre
September			
Sat	9/12	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick-Up for Letters/Writing, Drop-Off for Travel Discoveries @ EG Library
Wed	9/23	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Art Demo: Brian Sauerland “Pastels” @ the Art Centre in the Pavilion
October			
Fri	10/16	9:15 – 10:30 am 5:00 – 6:00 pm	Pick-Up for Travel Discoveries, Drop-Off for the Juried Art Show at the Elk Grove Public Library
Sat	10/17	Late AM	Juried Art Show judging will occur at the Elk Grove Public Library
Sun	10/18	2:00 – 4:00 pm	Juried Art Show Reception
Wed	10/28	7:00 -9:00 pm	Art Demo: tbd

Arting Shots:

- “When inspiration doesn't come, I go halfway to meet it.” - Sigmund Freud
- “I would like to paint the way a bird sings.” - Claude Monet
- “Imagination is more important than knowledge.” - Albert Einstein
- “God and other artists are always a little obscure.” - Oscar Wilde
- “I dream a lot. I do more painting when I'm not painting. It's in the subconscious.”
-Andrew Wyeth
- “The goal of life is rapture. Art is the way we experience it. Art is the transforming experience.”
- Joseph Campbell
- “Art is meant to disturb, science reassures.” - Georges Braque