

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

January Newsletter - 1 January 2024



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I. Welcome to Our New Members

We welcome **Kathie** and **Adam Collinson** to our AAEGV ranks this month and welcome back to **Carol Wiesman**!

II. 2024 Membership Dues

2024 dues are due -- if you have not yet paid them. A membership form has been attached one more time for any dues to be paid. The email list will be updated for the next month and you will not receive the AAEGV Newsletter if dues are not paid. Here is our 2024 Membership as of 12/29/23:

Bob Bardelli, Marie Bass, Dona Blunt, Starr Brady, Adam Collinson, Kathie Collinson, Chris Deger, Gail Dreuth, Jan Elbert, Audrey Freson, Larry Freson, Jane Frey, Lori Gragnani, Kewei Gu, Bob Hilger, Jean Jacobsen, Loretta Koulias, Elizabeth Luong, Mary Kay McMahon, Jack Mitchell, Steve Moritz, Nancy Muklewicz, John Nolan, Bob Packheiser, Ric Pass, Laurie Perkins, Paul Reining, Tom Rybarczyk, Sandy Schmidt, Pat Schuler, Lynnea Semasko, Norm Taylor, Carol Wiesman

III. Our 3rd Annual Christmas Party

Our annual **Christmas Party** held last month was a delightful success. Thanks to everyone who attended and to Sandy Schmidt and Jane Frey for their invaluable assistance in organizing this festive event.

IV. Upcoming Exhibits Information

A) Future AAEGV Library Exhibits – Monthly Themes

These exhibit themes for members can be interpreted in any manner you wish. If you have work you would like to exhibit and it does not quite fit the theme, that's okay, bring it in!

1) **January -- My Favorite Things** (Winter Blues pick-up/Favorite Things drop-off Sat 1/06 -- 9:15-10 am in the EGV Library)

2) **February -- Farm Life** (Favorite Things pick-up/Farm Life drop-off: Sat 1/27 -- 9:15-10 am in the EGV Library)

3) **March – Our Natural World** Exhibit at **The Empty Corner** in Arlington Heights (EGV Library: Children's Exhibit) – Information to soon follow.

5) **April -- Juried Show: Tree Exhibit** ❄️🌳🌲 /// **Reimagined** – see Section VI-B below

6) **May -- Going Green**

Congratulations to **Lynnea Semasko** and **Jane Frey** for selling artwork that was hanging in the Elk Grove Library!

B) Upcoming Demo Information --

- 1) On Wednesday, January 24th we welcome our own oil portraiture artist **Jack Mitchell**! Come see him paint in the art room at the Pavilion at 7 PM. He has been doing portraits of the Seniors at Friendship Village this year and has a lot to share with us!
- 2) Our **March Art Demo** meeting will be changed to Wednesday, March 20th at 7pm in the Art Craft Room in the Pavilion (instead of W 3/27/24).

V. 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.

VI. Upcoming Events with Our Members

A. Sunday is Fun Day!

What is **Sunday is Fun Day**? It is open studio time at the Pavilion Craft Room (due to EGPD party rentals) where you can bring your own supplies and work on anything you would like. It is available as a perk for members of AAEGV only. Share conversation, suggestions, and skills during some relaxed studio time. Hope to see you there! The next dates are on the calendar for Sunday: **January 7th** (Gelli Plate Printing with Tammy Haman demonstrating the technique), **February 4th**, & **March 3rd** from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

B. "Reimagined"-- a Collaboration with the Elk Grove Historical Museum in April, 2024

"Reimagined" will be a collaboration with the Elk Grove Historical Museum celebrating the early history of EGV. They have gathered 30 photos for us to choose to use as inspiration for a painting. The exhibit will be at the Elk Grove Historical Museum (next door to the farmhouse on Biesterfield) and we will have a reception, on Saturday, April 13th. It is open to all artists and we are looking for 15 more artists to participate! Just let Tammy know if you would like to participate at aaegvexhibits@gmail.com. She will send you a Google file with all the photos that you can choose from and let her know which one you would like to recreate. We will be keeping track because we are going to limit 2 artists per photo max.

C. "Best of the Best Exhibit"

On February 3rd through the 27th, 2024 -- The Best of Best Exhibit sponsored by the DuPage Art League will feature seven (7) of our award winning artists who will be exhibiting at the Art League Gallery in Wheaton. Our members to be featured are: **Audrey Freson**, **Jane Frey**, **Paula Kuehl**, **Mary Kay McMahan**, **Ric Pass**, **Tom Rybarczyk**, and **Tom Warnke**. The gallery is located at 218 West Front Street – Wheaton, Illinois 60187. The DuPage Art League phone number is 630-653-7090. Times for the exhibition will be posted in a later newsletter.

D. Someone You Should Know

Attached to this Newsletter is an interview Nancy Muklewicz had with one of our members, [Kasia Lynch](#), who has a very interesting project with which she has been involved for the past twenty plus years or so. Please read about this interesting project and sketch about one of our members who has been also an art instructor for the Arlington Heights Park District.

E. Members' Input for the Newsletter

If any of the AAEGV membership has news of exhibitions to enter, upcoming exhibitions of work, equipment for sale, information on classes, etc. and would like to put it in the newsletter to alert our community, feel free to send the submission to Chris Deger at cldeger@gmail.com by the 29th of the preceding month. We will try to get it into the newsletter and reserve the right to edit the submission for its relevance to the association.

AAEGV Calendar at a Glance

January			
Sat	1/06	9:15 – 10:00 am	Drop off <i>My Favorite Things</i> , pick up <i>Winter Blues</i> – EGV Library
Sun	1/07	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Sunday Fun Day – Pavilion Art Craft Room (Gelli Plate printing with Tammy Haman)
Wed	1/24	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Art Demo – Art Craft Room in the Pavilion – Jack Mitchell: oil portraiture
Sat	1/27	9:15 – 10:00 am	Drop-off <i>Farm Life</i> , pick-up <i>Favorite Things</i> – EGV Library
February			
Sun	2/04	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Sunday Fun Day – Pavilion Art & Craft Room
Sat	2/24	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick-up <i>Farm Life</i> , no drop-off at EGV for March
Wed	2/28	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Art Demo – Art Craft Room in the Pavilion – Kasia Lynch: pastel landscapes
March			
Sun	3.03	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Sunday Fun Day – Pavilion Art & Craft Room
Wed	3/20	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Art Demo – Art Craft Room in the Pavilion -- Karen Sako: cold wax

Arting Shots:

- *"The essence of all beautiful art, all great art, is gratitude." - Friederich Nietzsche*
- *"Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others." - Jonathan Swift*
- *"The true work of art is but a shadow of the divine perfection." - Michelangelo*
- *"The world is but a canvas to our imagination." - Henry David Thoreau*
- *"The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance."*
- Aristotle
- *"Life beats down and crushes the soul and art reminds you that you have one." - Stella Adler*