

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

June Newsletter - 1 June 2023



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I. Welcome to Our New Members!

Please give a big welcome to our new AAEGV members who joined in the last month:

[Karishma Mehta](#), [Steve Moritz](#), [Crystina Smith](#), and [Yvette Yee](#)

II. Association Dues Due! / Change with Membership Dues -- Notes from our Treasurer

Why is it important to pay your dues now? Although we don't meet again until August, this summer will be filled with opportunities to exhibit and/or sell your work. Don't miss out because you haven't paid your dues! They were due June 1. \$15 covers the rest of 2023, then in January, \$30 will be due to cover 2024. Please refer any questions to Terri at tsvrescue@gmail.com.

As of April 30, the park district shows that AAEGV has \$1,526.03. I am aware of some credits that were not properly coded to AAEGV and am working with the park district's accounting staff to try and straighten things out. The Board's concern is that if AAEGV is ever unprofitable, that AAEGV could be eliminated. This is why I am keeping an eye on things to ensure that the club is, and remains, profitable.

III. Social Media Note

If you would like to showcase work in our Instagram account, please send me 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 at 847-308-0048 (Bruna Srb).

IV. Plein Air Time --- Returns again for the Summer!

Summertime + Paint: Plein Air Time returns for the summer season. Come join fellow artists to paint and/or sketch outdoors. We will meet at 9:30 AM to about noon at these locations:

Wednesday, June 21st -- Volkening Heritage Farm -- 201 South Plum Grove Road in Schaumburg

Saturday, July 15th -- The Pavilion grounds, EGV

Suggested Supply List:

Brushes

Easel

Canvas

Palette Knife

Mineral Spirits in airtight container

Plastic bag for your garbage

Paper Towels

Bottled water for yourself

Hat, sunscreen but NO Sunglasses

Umbrella (optional)

Backpack or wagon for transporting equipment

Palette Preloaded:

White

Ultramarine Blue

Alizarin Crimson

Sap Green

Burnt Siena

Cadmium Orange

Yellow Ochre

Cadmium Yellow

(A box/way to carry your wet painting home)

View Finder (optional)

V. Upcoming Exhibits Information

A) Help Wanted

Tammy is looking for people to help obtain sponsors for our Art Centre Juried Show in the Fall, 2023. If you might like to contact a few businesses to see if they would like to sponsor us, please let Tammy know.

B) 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! Due to increased membership we might have to start limiting pieces for our monthly exhibits to two (2) pieces per artist.

- 1) Saturday, June 3rd : Pick up **Animals** -- Drop off **Summertime**.
- 2) Saturday, July 1st : Drop off for the Prairie Art Show in Schaumburg from 10-10:30am.
See more details below. (D-1)
- 3) Saturday, July 29th : pick up **Summertime**, drop off **Human Nature**.
- 4) End of August – September Theme: **Earth**.
- 5) End of September: pick up **Earth**, no drop off.
- 6) October: drop off **Art Centre -- Juried Art Show**
- 7) November: **Honor our Veterans**
- 8) December: **Winter Blues**

C) Upcoming Exhibits

1) Prairie Art Center – July, 2023

The AAEGV has been invited to share their art at the Prairie Art Center Gallery in Schaumburg during the month of July. This is open to all members. You must be a current member to participate (**another good idea to pay those dues by June 1st!**). The **drop off will be Saturday, July 1st from 10:00-10:30 am** at the Prairie Arts Center – Herb Aigner Gallery (201 Schaumburg Court in Schaumburg, IL).

- a) An artist may submit up to 3 framed pieces depending approximately on the size: **three (3)** if they are small (12 x 16 or less), **two (2)** if they are mid-size (16 x 20), and **one (1)** if it is a larger piece.
- b) You will also need to include an artist statement that briefly describes the piece(s) and a short bio of the artist including: a picture of the artist, background/education, contact info/website.
- c) **Please send the painting details (a picture of the piece, title, size, medium and price) to aaegvexhibits@gmail.com by Saturday, June 17th.** Make sure all work is wired and ready to hang and identified on the back with the title name. Painting labels will be provided.
- d) Artist Reception for the Prairie Art Show will be Saturday, July 8th from 3-5pm.

e) There is no theme for this show, just bring your best work. Drop off will be at the Prairie Art Center from 10am-10:30am. If you have a conflict, please make arrangements with Tammy.

2) June 11th – Culture and Art in the Park in the Village Green adjacent to the EGV Library

Join us for the Elk Grove Park District's Art & Culture in the Park Event! This event is sure to stimulate your senses and open the door to our community's cultures to gather together. Submerge yourself in the visual arts with art, dance, and music. Taste cuisine from different cultures. Experience new hobbies in our art demos for both kids and adults. This is a **FREE** Community Event brought to you by our sponsors: Parkway Bank, Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, and Dick Blick Art Materials. *In case of inclement weather the event will be held indoors at the Pavilion Fieldhouse – 1000 Wellington Avenue.*

3) This Autumn's Art Centre -- Juried Art Show

Mark your calendars with the dates for the **40th Annual Juried Art Show**. Submission deadline will be 9/1/2023. The Artist Reception will be 10/6/2023 while the show is open to the public beginning 10/7/2023 - 10/8/2023. All award-winning artist's work will remain on the walls for the month of October. More details will be forthcoming as it gets closer and we'll be having a Q&A session at our August meeting. We would appreciate any information/pictures/anecdotes that you might like to share in regards to previous art shows as this will be our 40th anniversary and we were thinking of perhaps creating a retrospective exhibit if we can get enough information.

4) Congratulations to **Chris Deger** for selling his "**Festive Cardinal**" piece at our Member Exhibit (Animals) at the Library!

5) August, 2023 Meeting

New this year: We will be having a Q&A session with the Board and Member Critiques for our August Meeting. Bring your questions, especially about the Juried Art Show.

Creating Original Artwork: We have had many questions about what constitutes original artwork. Original art is a piece that was generated by the artist, not copied from a published source. The question then arises about copyright-free websites like Pixabay or Unsplash. They are copyright-free and you can paint from them, but when you submit to a juried exhibit the rules usually stipulate that the artwork must be original. You could take 3 or 4 pictures from those sites and make an original painting that fuses them into an original composition, but you should not copy them exactly. Also, when you take a class and a teacher has the entire class paint one of their reference photos, that is not original art. It is always best to paint from your own original reference photos.

Our Fall Juried Art Show and the Spring Trees Exhibit both have requirements for original art. If you have additional questions on this topic, bring them to our August meeting for discussion.

D) *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! They are on the calendar for Sunday: June 4th, July 2nd, & August 6th.

VI. *Artist Demonstration -- May, 2023*

Thank you for coming to Tony Armendariz's art demo on May 24th. His art demonstration with watercolors was both informative and rewarding. We hope you really enjoyed his presentation. www.armendarizart.com. Some water color class info follows.



VII. *Upcoming Events & Suggestions from Our Members*

1) If anyone is interested in selling their art at Paw Fest (Huntley, IL) on Saturday, August 12th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, a table can be rented for \$50 through Animal House in Huntley. Further info is on their website: <https://www.animalhouseshelter.com/pawfest/> (It was not stated when sign-up is due but there is contact info on the website). (Laurie Perkins)

2) The **Schweikher House** in Schaumburg could be a locale of interest to visit. Here is the website: www.schweikherhouse.org. It is a hidden gem in which artists could enjoy a Plein Air activity, tour, or demonstration on the grounds this summer, fall, or next spring. The 100-year-old peony garden will be in full bloom around the first week of June and is wonderful to experience. (Carole Pye)

3) Mainstreet Art Center is a Fine Art School in downtown Lake Zurich, IL. We have been teaching drawing, oil and pastel painting to adults and children aged 6-96. We have a wonderful team of Fine Artists working and painting here. We have a supportive and positive community with friendly and team-based staff. Our team has been creating artists for over 29 years. We are looking for a talented, creative, artist who is interested to share their enthusiasm, skills, and love of art with children.

Required Skills:

- Must have good fundamental skills in drawing, pastels and acrylic painting.
- Be able to help problem solve and have a creative flair using various teaching methods as needed.
- Fine Artist, Drawing & Painting Skills required.
- Teaching Experience preferred; all candidates will receive training from our staff
- Classes run year round and class times are between 4:00 - 9:00 pm Tuesday & Wednesday

Job Information and Compensation:

- We will train a qualified candidate to our curriculum, but there is freedom and mentorship in developing lesson plans
- Pay is \$20 per hour
- Eight children to a class
- We offer many professional growth opportunities to develop your skills as a fine artist, including classes and workshops
- We have scheduled breaks and holidays that align with the District 95 school calendar
- Opportunity to display your own artwork at our gallery

If you have any questions or would like to apply please email kari@mainstreetartcenter.com (Kari Johnson)

4) Tony Armendariz will be teaching a watercolor class in Palatine. Here's some additional info concerning the class:

Session: Five weeks Dates: Starting Monday, July 10

Time: 10:00 am – 12:30pm Fee: \$175

Location: Strokes of Genius Fine Arts Center

21 E Northwest Hwy, Suite 2B, Palatine, IL 60067

(Located in the Quest Academy strip mall) Entrance to the studio is in the SW corner by the Farmers Insurance office. Signs will be posted to help locate entrance.

There will be 10 spaces available in the class. There needs to be at least 5 students for the class to be offered. If you are interested please contact Jean Jacobsen who operates the studio via text at 1-847-287-7765. (Jean Jacobsen)

VIII. Members' Input

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 (e.g. June 29th for inclusion in the July Newsletter). We will try to get it into the newsletter and reserve the right to edit the submission for its relevance to the association. Try to keep the announcements brief.

IX. A Sad Farewell to Friends

1) Funeral services were held for Beverly Miotke on Friday, May 26th. Beverly was a member of the AAEGV for many years. *For many of us Beverly was a teacher, a friend and always an inspiration. She has and will be missed.* --- Irene Peterson

2) Terri Sullivan Victory lost her husband, Gerry, on Friday, May 26th. Please keep Terri and her family in your thoughts, prayers, and/or presence.

AAEGV Calendar at a Glance

June			
Sa	6/03	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick up for Animals, Drop-Off for Summertime (2 months) – EGV Library
Su	6/04	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Sunday Fun Day – Craft Room in the Pavilion
Su	6/11	12:00 – 4:00 pm	Art & Culture in the Park – outside the Elk Grove Library
Sa	6/17	3:00 pm	Entry Deadline for the Prairie Center for the Arts Show
We	6/21	9:30 am – Noon	Plein Air Gathering – Volkening Heritage Farm -- Schaumburg. IL
July			
Sa	7/01	10:00 – 10:30 pm	Drop off for Prairie Art Show in Schaumburg
Su	7/02	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Sunday Fun Day – Craft Room Studio in the Pavilion
Sa	7/08	3:00 – 5:00 pm	Prairie Center for the Arts in Schaumburg – AAEGV Exhibit Reception
Sa	7/15	9:30 am – Noon	Plein Art Gathering – The Pavilion Grounds in Elk Grove Village
Sa	7/29	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick up for Summertime, Drop off Human Nature – EGV Library
August			
Su	8/06	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Sunday Fun Day – Craft Room in the Pavilion
We	8/23	7:00 – 9:00 pm	AAEGV Meeting & Critique in the Pavilion Art Room
September			
Fr	9/01	5:00 pm	Submission Deadline for the Art Centre Juried Art Show
Su	9/03	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Sunday Fun Day
We	9/27	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Art Demo in the Pavilion Art Room – Peggy Dee
October			
Th	10/05	tba	Drop off Art Centre: Juried Art Show – EGV Library
Fr	10/06	tba	Juried Art Show – Artists' Reception
Sa	10/07	9:00 am	Juried Art Show Open to the Public
Su	10/08	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Sunday Fun Day – Craft Room in the Pavilion
We	10/25	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Art Demo in the Pavilion Art Room – Len DeSaul

Arting Shots:

"If I could say it in words, there would be no reason to paint.." - Edward Hopper

"Painting is just another way of keeping a diary." - Pablo Picasso

"The position of an artist is humble. He is essentially a channel." - Piet Mondrian

"Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others." - Jonathan Swift

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