

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

April Newsletter - 1 April 2026



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I. Welcome to our New Members!

The AAEGV wishes a hearty welcome to our following new members: *Joan Andrea*, *David Inverso*, *Rhonda Popko*, *Barb Raftis*. We hope you find your membership a fulfilling adventure!

II. 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) *April: Junior High Show – no AAEGV Exhibit*
- 2) *May: Trees Juried Show*
- 3) *June: Fences*
- 4) *July: Unexpected Direction*
- 5) *August: Letters/Writing*
- 6) *September: Blind Photo pick*
- 7) *October: 43rd annual Juried Art Show*
- 8) *November: Fall Colors*
- 9) *December: Holiday Madness*

III. 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 has now passed
- 2) **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.
- 3) **Judging** for the show will be early Friday afternoon on **May 8th**. **Cheryl Cook** will be our judge.
- 4) A **light reception** will take place at the library on **Saturday, May 9th** from 2:00 - 4:00pm.
- 5) **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.

IV. Member News

Jan Elbert will be demonstrating her process of oil painting on April 16th for the Arlington Heights Art Guild at the Wheeling Township Community Service Center -- 1616 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004. Their social portion starts at 6:45 pm, business meeting at 7:15, demo is 7:30-9. Non-members pay \$5.

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>

VI. April Art Demo

Susan Ploughe holds a BFA in Painting from Carnegie Mellon University. After many years of working as an illustrator and graphic designer, she turned to oil painting full time in 2002. Since then, her work has been juried into many respected shows, including the Oil Painters of America National Exhibition, and she has won awards in many regional, national and international painting exhibitions. Her work has appeared in articles in *Southwest Art*, *American Art Collector*, *Fine Art Connoisseur*, *International Artist*, and *American Artist* magazines. Susan teaches art classes and workshops at the Mainstreet Art Center in Lake Zurich, IL. She will be demonstrating how to get started painting with gouache for us on Wednesday, April 22nd from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Art Centre in the Pavilion. Visit her website at susanploughe.com



Magdalena Kranc-Velazquez finished piece from the March Demo.

VII. 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.

VIII. Newsletter Deadline

Items for the May, 2026 newsletter **must** be sent by Wednesday, April 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

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	9:15 -- 10:30 am & 5:00 – 6:00 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 – 4:00 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 goal of life is rapture. Art is the way we experience it. Art is the transforming experience.”*
- Joseph Campbell
- *“Beginning with audacity is a very great part of the art of painting.”* - Winston Churchill
- *“Art is not a mirror held up to reality, but a hammer with which to shape it.”* - Berthold Brecht
- *“Art is meant to disturb, science reassures.”* - Georges Braque
- *“All our knowledge has its origin in our perceptions.”* - Leonardo da Vinci
- *“The ability to simplify means to eliminate the unnecessary so that the necessary may speak.”*
- Hans Hofmann
- *“The primary benefit of practicing any art, whether well or badly, is that it enables one's soul to grow.”*
- Kurt Vonnegut, jr.

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