

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

February Newsletter - 1 February 2025



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I. Membership Information

The following represents the Fees Schedule for the AAEGV 2025 Membership Year:

Category	Member	Non-Member
Annual Member Dues	\$30	--
Family/Couple Dues	1 st - \$30/2 nd - \$20	--
Trees Juried Show - March	\$15	\$20
Autumn Juried Show	\$30	\$60

II. Upcoming Exhibits Information

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

- 1) Jan–Feb “Winter Blues” (Extended to – March 1st) Pick-Up 9:15-10:00 am on 3/1
- 2) March - Juried Tree Show (March 1st – March 29th) Drop-Off 9:15-10:30 am on 3/01
- 3) April -- AAEGV art on hiatus, EG Middle Schools Art Show
- 4) May – “Places I’ve Been”
- 5) June – “The Other Side of Me”
- 6) July – “Garden Treasures”
- 7) August -- “Pet Friends”
- 8) September – “Series of Three” (a group of three related pictures)
- 9) October – 42nd Annual Juried Show
- 10) November – “Visual Treasures”
- 11) December – “Joy”

B) Trees Exhibition – March 1st – 29th, 2025

The Trees Juried Exhibition has been officially moved to the month of March from April as previously mentioned in the alert sent out to members a few weeks ago. If you missed the alert, there is still time to enter this year’s juried show.

- 1) **Registration** deadline: **Saturday, February 8, 2025**. No entries will be accepted after the deadline. To register, email a copy of this completed form (attached to the newsletter) and a photo of your painting to Marie Bass @ mbass417@att.net by February 8th. Then, complete your registration at the Pavilion Front Desk – in person or by mail. This completed form must be submitted with payment by Saturday, Feb 8th.

- 2) Drop off your painting at the Elk Grove Library on Saturday, March 1st between 9:15 - 10:30 am. Judging will take place after the drop-off and hanging of the art.
- 3) A **light reception** will take place at the library on Sunday, March 2nd from 3:00-4:30 pm.
- 4) **Rules for Submission:**
 - a) **One piece of art** may be submitted by either an AAEGV member or non-member.
 - b) AAEGV Member fee: \$15.00 / Non-member fee: \$20.00
 - c) **Trees** must be the **primary** subject matter.
 - d) **Ms. Karen Sako** will be our judge. Cash prizes will be awarded.
 - e) Art in Oil, Acrylic, Watercolor, Pastel, Drawing Media, and Mixed Media may be submitted.
 - f) All work must be for sale. Labels will be provided.
 - g) Dimensions including frame: no smaller than 8"x10" or larger than 24"x30". Work must be framed with a taut wire for hanging. Tape ends of the wires to avoid injury.
 - h) The AAEGV retains 10% from the sale of all paintings during this exhibition.
 - i) Work shown at previous Juried Exhibits **will not** be accepted.
 - j) All work must be original to the artist and may not be from a workshop, class, or kit. Complete this Entry form and submit it with your check, payable to the Elk Grove Park District and hand it in by Saturday afternoon, February 8th. (If mailing, allow for more time)
 - k) Any questions: Contact Mary Kay McMahan at marykaymcmahan@gmail.com
- 5) 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. Members Appearing in Area Shows & Special Notices

- A. **Bob Hilger** will be staging a one-man art show continuing into February. The show is entitled, "EVE" based upon the book by Cat Bohannon which will reflect Bob's artistic view of women and their influence in his paintings. The Exhibit will be shown at the TLD Design Center and Gallery -- 26 East Quincy Street in Westmont Il. The show will run till February 15th.
- B. **Iryna Shkrobach** will exhibit her abstract painting "Mountains of Mars" in the College of Lake County-- Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art 2025 Members Exhibition and is scheduled to run through February 15th, 2025. Works from over 75 artists will be on display. The college is located at 19351 West Washington Street -- Grayslake, IL.
- C. **The Racine Art Museum** is featuring an exhibition of "Watercolor Wisconsin 2024" running until April 19th, 2025, honoring the depth and breadth of watercolor in the region. This is the 58th edition of the show and the museum also features several other interesting exhibits to see. It is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 10 am – 4 pm. The address is: 441 Main Street – Racine, Wisconsin.

IV. Art Demo

- A) Our February Demo Artist will be **Wes Douglas** who is a professional designer, illustrator, graphic recorder, award winning art director, and concept artist working in the Chicagoland area for the past 30+ years. He specializes in urban sketching and has been a drawing instructor at the DuPage Art League in Wheaton. Wes will be working with urban sketching for us on **Wednesday, February 26th at 7 pm at The Art Centre**. Please join us!
- B) Below are a few pictures from January's Demo presented by **Dan Danielson** as he explored painting an American Goldfinch in watercolor. An enjoyable presenter, he wasn't quite able to finish because of the rolling dialogue.



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. Newsletter Deadline

Items for the March, 2025 newsletter **must** be sent by Wednesday, February 26th at 6 pm for inclusion in the March 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

February			
Wed	2/26	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Wes Douglas – Urban Sketching Demo at the Art Centre
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:

- *"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." - Maya Angelou*
- *"Passion is one great force that unleashes creativity, because if you're passionate about something, then you're more willing to take risks." - yo yo ma*
- *"Art is the stored honey of the human soul." - Theodore Dreiser*
- *"Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time." - Thomas Merton*
- *"Painting is very easy when you don't know how, but very difficult when you do." - Edgar Degas*
- *"Creativity comes from a conflict of ideas." - Donatella Versace*
- *"If I could say it in words there would be no reason to paint." - Edward Hopper*

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