

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

September Newsletter - 1 September 2026



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1. October's Juried Art Show

The **43rd annual AAEGV Juried Art Show** will take place Friday-Sunday, October 16th – 18th, 2026. Our judge will be **Jennifer Aguilar-Iannotti**, Studio Art Teacher of Elk Grove HS, Sponsor of its Art Club, and the District Coordinator for Arts Unlimited. The following information concerns the upcoming show:

1) Registration

- a) Deadline: **This Friday September 4, 2026.** ~~No entries will be accepted after the deadline.~~
- b) To register, email a copy of this completed form and a photo of your painting(s) 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). The form is included in this email/ mailing.

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, Multimedia, 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. Purchase prizes will be awarded, and the "Rising Star" prize will be awarded as well.
- 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 or 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 McMahon at 847-989-0791 or marykaymcmahon@gmail.com with questions.

g) *Want to pay the JAS entry fee online?* For members only, find a "How-To" guide at <https://aaegv.org/forms>. Pay via the Park District website: <https://www.elkgrovetparks.org/>. You still need to email a copy of your application form, photos of your entries and copy of the paid receipt to marilyn.knebel@yahoo.com by Friday, September 4th.

h) We will need docents for the initial weekend of the JAS, Friday through Sunday, October 16th through the 18th. Sign-ups will begin at the September Demo meeting.

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) September: Travel Discoveries (new theme as we did not draw a Blind Photo pick in time. Pick-Up for Letters/Writing & Drop-Off for Travel Discoveries – 9:15-10 am @ EGPL).

2) October: 43rd annual Juried Art Show (Pick-Up for Travel Discoveries & Drop-Off for JAS: Friday, 10/16 at 9:15 – 10:30am/5:00 – 6:00 pm)

3) November: Fall Colors

4) December: **Holiday Madness**

III. The Empty Corner Plein Air Festival

We wanted to send some information regarding our upcoming **Plein Air Festival** to the local Arts Guild and invite all the artists to join us! We'd love to see the artists in the community come together and spread their love for painting and the suburbs. Please feel free to share this information with your members; we would greatly appreciate it!



The 4th Annual Arlington Heights Plein Air Festival is BACK for 2026!



This year's festival invites artists and art lovers to experience Arlington Heights from a whole new perspective. Plein air means painting outdoors, on location, and capturing the light, color, and character of a place as it happens. Throughout the festival, watch artists paint around Arlington Heights, meet the artists, explore the town, and see artwork come to life!

- 1) Artists can register to paint scenes around Arlington Heights from September 18th – 27th and submit up to 3 ready-to-hang works for the juried exhibition.

- 2) All pieces must be stamped at The Empty Corner on September 18th.
- 3) Artwork will be on display and available for the public to view September 27–October 4
- 4) Winners will be announced at the Opening Reception on September 27th, including the People's Choice Award from the Farmers Market Challenge!

For more information, please check out The Empty Corner website:

<https://www.theemptycorner.com/plein-air-2026-ah>

IV. Information about the Edward Gorey House Art Envelope Contest

If you are interested in a whimsical contest in which you draw, compose, and/or create create beasts that can fit into an envelope, check out this contest that runs through December 1st.

<https://edwardgoreyhouse.org/events/envelope-2026>

V. Call for Volunteers for the AAEGV

We really appreciate the help we get from members to keep our group running. Please consider how you can contribute! Our group thrives on our exhibition opportunities, demos, and social interaction. Enhance your experience and help the group by sharing your time and talents. Contact one of our board members for info. Occasional or board-level opportunities are:

HOSPITALITY (set up, organize refreshments)

MONTHLY EXHIBITIONS (intake, installing)

JURIED EXHIBITIONS (organization, sponsor recruiting, set up, many other roles)

PUBLICITY (Get the word out via social media, graphics)

PROGRAMS (Invite artists for demos, arrange through Park District)

MEMBERSHIP (Maintain membership list, publish directory)

VI. Elk Grove Historical Museum Show

The Elk Grove Historical Museum in cooperation with the AAEGV has opened its historical exhibition, "Exceptional: Built with Dignity," now 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. We have been told that there has been a positive response from the public and gratefully acknowledge the AAEGV members who submitted artwork. The Elk Grove Historical Museum can be located at 399 Biesterfield Road (a block or so west of the Pavilion) in Elk Grove Village. The hours are Wednesday through Saturday, Noon until 4:00 pm.

VII. Art Demo

Brian Sauerland will be our September Art Demo guest on *Wednesday, September 23rd from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Art Centre* (in the Pavilion). Brian is an award-winning pastel artist who has

exhibited nationally and whose work has appeared in many publications. He first started using pastels while studying at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design. After graduation he concentrated on landscapes as his primary subject matter, being intrigued by light on form, color, atmosphere and composition. He teaches at Mainstreet Art Center, Lake Zurich, IL and at DuPage Art League, Wheaton, IL. He is a Signature Member of Pastel Society of America and Vice President and Master Status Member of Chicago Pastel Painters. He is an Associate Member of American Impressionist Society. Visit his website at sauerlandstudio.com or on Instagram @ briansauerland



Our August Demo Artist, John Fleck, gave a great presentation on charcoal artistry. (*Pictures courtesy of Jan Elbert*). Below are two influential artists and attached to the newsletter are other sources for charcoal art.

Andrew Barrowman

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbi6Ng6ljs0&list=PLAb2u0vL3YP97reruhUGyb_tHRLvHREsB&index=6&t=1490s

Tansy Lee Moir

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYEKgibFMc&list=PLAb2u0vL3YP97reruhUGyb_tHRLvHREsB

[VIII. 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.

[IX. Newsletter Deadline](#)

Items for the October, 2026 newsletter **must** be sent by Tuesday, September 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

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	c. 11:00 am	Judging for the Juried Art Show at the Elk Grove Public Library
Sun	10/18	2:00 – 4:00	Juried Art Show Reception at the Elk Grove Public Library
Wed	10/28	7:00 -9:00 pm	Art Demo -Tammy Hamann: "Hands-on Gelli Plate Painting" @ the Art Centre
November			
Sat	11/14	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick-Up for JAS, Drop-Off for Fall Colors @ the Elk Grove Public Library
Wed	11/18	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Art Demo - Deana Bada Maloney: "Animal Forms – Sketches in Clay"

Arting Shots

- *"Artists must be men of wit, consciously or unconsciously philosophers; read, study, and think a great deal of life..."* - Robert Henri
- *"Artists who seek perfection in everything are those who can't attain it in anything."* - Eugene Delacroix
- *"Art is a line around your thoughts."* - Gustav Klimt
- *"In drawing, one must look for or suspect that there is more than is casually seen."* - George Bridgman
- *"There is no must in art because art is free."* - Wassily Kandinsky
- *"A true artist is not one who is inspired, but one who inspires others."* - Salvador Dali
- *"Every artist was first an amateur."* - Ralph Waldo Emerson
- *"Inspiration exists, but it has to find you working."* - Pablo Picasso
- *"Artists are just children who refuse to put down their crayons."* - Al Hirschfeld
- *"The Achilles heel of an artist lies in the hope that his art is good."* - Kapil Gupta

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