

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

February Newsletter - 1 February 2026



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I. 2026 Membership Information

Dues must be paid by January 31st or your membership will be considered as lapsed. If you have not sent in your dues by January 31st, you will not receive any more emails until you have updated your dues status. Please welcome **Leslie Menarik** as a new member for 2026!

Annual Membership Dues	\$30
Family/Couple Discount	1 st member pays \$30; 2 nd pays \$20
Tree Exhibit Entry Fee (Spring Show)	\$15
Juried Art Show Fee (Autumn Show)	\$30

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) **February: Rustic Landscape** (Drop-Off: February 7th - 9:15 - 10:00 am @ Elk Grove Public Library; Pick-Up for "Patterns")

2) **March: Abstract** (moved from May due to Trees Exhibit)

3) **April: Junior High Show - no AAEGV Exhibit**

4) **May: Trees Juried Show**

5) **June: Fences**

6) **July: Unexpected Direction**

7) **August: Letters/Writing**

8) **September: Blind Photo pick**

9) **October: 43rd annual Juried Art Show**

10) **November: Fall Colors**

11) **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: **Tuesday, March 31st, 2026 at (5 pm)** No entries will be accepted after the deadline.

- 2) To register, email a copy of the completed entry form and a photo of your painting to Marie Bass at: mbass417@att.net by Tuesday, March 31st. Then also, complete your registration at the Pavilion Front Desk + \$15 entry fee – in person or by mail by March 31st.
- 3) **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.
- 4) **Judging** for the show will be early Friday afternoon on **May 8th**.
- 5) A **light reception** will take place at the library on **Saturday, May 9th** from 2:00 - 4:00pm.
- 6) The registration fee is \$15. One piece of art may be submitted by an AAEGV member. **Trees** must be the primary subject matter. Art submitted may be in oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, drawing media, sculpture, ceramic, or mixed media. Dimensions including the frame must be no smaller than 8” x 10” and no larger than 24” x 30”. *More specifics can be found on the entry form.*
- 7) **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.

III. February Art Demo

John Markese specializes in figurative art and portraiture in a variety of media, more notably in oil paint and pastels. His architectural paintings of downtown Chicago are intricate and vibrant, filled with lively brushwork and agile mark making. He has won numerous awards for his figure and portrait paintings. John teaches drawing and painting at Mainstreet Art Center. He will demonstrate and discuss his process painting a portrait in oil. Visit his website: www.johnmarkese.com or on Instagram @john.markese

IV. 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.

V. Newsletter Deadline

Items for the March, 2026 newsletter **must** be sent by Thursday, February 26th 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

<i>February</i>			
Sat	2/07	9:15 – 10:00 am	Drop-Off for "Rustic Landscape"/Pick-Up for "Patterns" @ EG Public Library
Wed	2/25	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Art Demo – John Markese: Portrait in Oil @ Pavilion Art Centre
<i>March</i>			
Sat	3/07	9:15 – 10:00 am	Drop-Off for "Abstract"/Pick-Up for "Rustic Landscape" @ EG Public Library
Wed	3/25	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Art Demo – Magdalena Kranc-Velazquez – Creating Mixed Media Book
<i>April</i>			
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
<i>May</i>			
Thu	5/07	9:00 am – 4:00 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 – 5:00 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:

- *"Painting is silent poetry, and poetry is painting that speaks." – Simonides of Ceos*
- *"The position of the artist is humble. He is essentially a channel." – Piet Mondrian*
- *"In art, the head can never execute anything higher than the heart can imagine."*
- *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- *"Nature is not only that is visible to the eye...it also includes the inner picture of the soul."*
- *Edvard Munch*
- *"An artist never really finishes his work; he merely abandons it." – Paul Valery*
- *"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together." – Vincent Van Gogh*
- *"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." – Dr. Seuss*
- *"To practice any art, no matter how well or badly, is a way to make your soul grow. So do it."*
- *Kurt Vonnegut*

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