

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

November Newsletter - 1 November 2024



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I. Membership Information

1. **Membership Dues** for 2025 will be \$30 (for January through December, 2025). A renewal form will be attached to this newsletter.

2. **We need your help!** Our organization depends on volunteers. We all appreciate being able to exhibit our work. **Please read the attached pdf**—we've divided the Exhibit Chair duties into manageable portions—most of these would require minimum time commitment and would ensure we could continue our exhibitions with your help. Contact Jan Elbert elbertjan10@gmail.com if you would like to help. Thanks!

3. Did you know that there's a way to contribute money to AAEGV and get a tax deduction for it? The **Elk Grove Parks Foundation** is a Charitable Corporation that provides means for individuals and corporations to make tax-deductible donations to various programs not typically supported by property taxes, like AAEGV. Contributions can be mailed to:

ELK GROVE PARKS FOUNDATION

499 BIESTERFIELD ROAD

ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL 60007

Checks should be marked "AAEGV" in the memo section.

For tracking purposes, please notify the treasurer (Nancy Muklewicz) of any donations made to benefit AAEGV, since the funds are transferred to the park district (specifically to AAEGV's account there) on a quarterly basis. Then we can ensure that AAEGV gets credit for the donation and thank the donor as well. You can also donate money to AAEGV by paying extra when you pay your dues, however, that donation would not be tax deductible.

II. Upcoming Exhibits Information

A) Library Exhibits Info

November - "Storytime" Drop-off Saturday, November 2nd (9:15-10:00 am at the EG Library).

Let your art tell a story (either about the artwork or the artist) and include a typed story to be hung with your art. Write a blurb about the art, the artist, the meaning, etc. Make it no longer than 1 -- 8 ½" x11" page which will be hung next to the art. These will remain on exhibit through the end of 2024.

B) AAEGV-- 41st Annual Juried Art Show Winners & Closing Info

Best of Show - Jane Frey - *The Studio*

2nd Place - Award of Excellence (Cosmic Otter Arts): Jay Johnson - *Oak Creek Grandeur*

2nd Place - Award of Excellence (In Memory of Tom Warnke): Blanche Dougal - *Poppy Garden*

3rd Place - Award of Excellence (Mayor Craig Johnson): Bruna Srb - *Coming Together*

3rd Place - Award of Excellence (Elk Grove Park District): Richard Pass - *Spanish Stair*

3rd Place - Award of Excellence (Elk Grove Park District): Mary Kay McMahon - *Pink Sheep Barn*

3rd Place - Award of Excellence (The Great Frame Up): Steve Moritz - *Apple River Canyon*

Honorable Mention (Blick Art Materials): Kasia Lynch - *Solitude*

Honorable Mention (Blick Art Materials): Gloria Zucaro - *My Favorite Earrings*

Purchase Awards:

Elk Grove Village Mayor and Trustees: Jack Mitchell - *Good Morning Elk Grove*

Karen Serantoni - *Plains Bison*

Tasty Catering: Tammy Haman - *Deep Within*

Medical Dental Associates: Steve Moritz - *Apple River Canyon* & Marie Bass - *Unruffled*

People's Choice Award: Lindsey Mucha - *Window Box*

The 41st Annual Juried Art Show was a huge success! Many thanks go out to all the volunteers who helped make the show run smoothly. A special shout-out to Jack Mitchell and Steve Moritz for hanging the show, Chris Deger for his calligraphy skills and more, and Jane Frey for an outstanding refreshment display!

C) 2024 AAEGV Holiday Party

Our **Holiday Party** will be Wednesday evening, December 11th at the Al Hattendorf Center from **7:00-9:00 pm** (same as the last few years - 225 East Elk Grove Boulevard in Elk Grove). Our party is a potluck, so please bring an hors d'oeuvres/dessert dish to share. We will once again do our small painting exchange for the Party. Paint a 2D art piece using only FOUR colors: **Red, Green, White** and **Black**...using only these four to mix other shades in order to create a unique painting. Take the challenge! Be unique! Think about the strengths and limitations of using only those pigments. What colors can you mix? What is saturated color? Is the value dull or bright? Will texture change my work? Will my brush strokes give my work dimension? Remember to wrap your gift painting for the exchange!

III. Members Appearing in Area Shows & Special Notices

A) Encaustic Media Demo

Would you like to see an Encaustic Mixed Media demo? **Tammy Haman** will be doing a demo on Thursday, January 16th for the Arlington Heights Art Guild. Guests may attend for a \$5 guest fee. For more info, go to their website at <https://arlingtonheightsartguild.com/>

B) Strokes of Genius Exhibit

Strokes of Genius is a painting class from Palatine. Anne Kauff, instructor and artists will hold a show at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts during the month of November. Several AAEGV artists are students and will be exhibiting paintings including Jane Frey, Lynnea Semasko,

Gail Dreuth, Jan Anderson, Jean Jacobsen, and Sandy Schmidt. The location is 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg. Open to the public.

C) Jane Frey Exhibition

Jane Frey will be exhibiting her work at Moats Gallery #3 at 616 N. Court in Palatine, Illinois. now through January 1st. This exhibit is sponsored by Northwest Cultural Council

D) Congratulations to **Tom Rybarczyk** who sold his piece that appeared in the Elk Grove Historical Society's "Reimaginings" exhibition this past summer.

IV. Upcoming Demo Events

1) November Art Demo – Bob Holmes

On Wednesday night, November 20th (we are meeting the 3rd week because the 27th is too close to Thanksgiving), we welcome Bob Holmes to the Art Centre of the Pavilion. Bob was born in Iowa and received his art training at the University of Northern Iowa and finished his graduate work at Northern Illinois University. He is particularly drawn to small town and rural life for his subject matter which evokes from happy, pivotal times from his youth. Bob searches for the humble, serene, and reflective moments in his subject matter. His works can be accessed through his website: www.bholmespaintings.com. Come, welcome and enjoy this wonderful artist on the 20th!

2) From Jake Pajor (our October EGVPL IT speaker):

I hope you found our presentation on Digitizing Your Art informative and inspiring. To further enhance your digital art experience, here are some practical tips and resources:

Digital Art Tools:

- **Canva:** A user-friendly design tool perfect for creating social media graphics, invitations, and more.
 - **Tip:** Explore Canva's extensive library of templates to quickly create professional-looking designs.
 - <https://www.canva.com/>
- **Procreate:** A powerful digital painting and illustration app for iPad.
 - **Tip:** Experiment with different brushes and layers to achieve various artistic effects.
 - There is a one time fee to purchase the app.
 - <https://procreate.com/>

Photographing Your Artwork:

- **Lighting:**
 - **Natural Light:** Use soft, natural light from a window to avoid harsh shadows.
 - **Artificial Light:** Use a ring light or diffused light to evenly illuminate your artwork. A ring light will reduce shadows and provide consistent lighting. A diffused light can also be used to soften harsh light and create a more even illumination.
 - **Lightbox:** Use a lightbox to illuminate your artwork from behind, eliminating shadows and creating a clean, professional look.
- **Camera Angle:** Photograph your artwork straight on to avoid distortion.

- **Editing:** Use a photo editing app like Adobe Lightroom or your phone's built in editing tools to adjust brightness, contrast, and color balance.
- <https://youtu.be/FKgWlzvm3Hs> This video has some good tips for taking photos of your work after it is completed with only a few tools you may already have at home.

Remember, the key to digital art success is consistent practice and experimentation. Don't be afraid to step outside your comfort zone and try new things.

If you have any further questions or need additional assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me. Jake Pajor: (847) 725-2161 jpajor@egvpl.org www.egvpl.org

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 December 2024 newsletter **must** be sent by Friday, November 29th at 6 pm for inclusion in the December 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

November			
Sat	11/02	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick up JAS pieces / Drop off Storytime paintings @ EG Public Library
Wed	11/20	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Bob Holmes Watercolor Rural Art Demo – Pavilion Art Centre Room
December			
Wed	12/11	7:00 – 9:00 pm	AAEGV Holiday Gathering @ the Al Hattendorf Center
January			
Sat	1/11	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick-up for Stories, Drop-off theme TBA

Arting Shots:

- "Painting is easy when you don't know how, but very difficult when you do" - Edgar Degas
- "Life beats down and crushes the soul and art reminds you that you have one." - Stella Adler
- "Art is the most beautiful of all lies." - Claude Debussy
- "Art is not a thing, it is a way." - Albert Hubbard
- "Insight is the first condition of Art." - George Henry Lewes

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