

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

January Newsletter - 1 January 2026



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I. 2026 Membership Information

AAEGV 2026 Membership Dues are due now! Confirmations of your 2026 Membership have been emailed. Membership will be \$30 for the year (Jan-Dec, '26) and \$20 for an additional family member. Payment can be made in-person at the Pavilion Help Desk, by mail – sending to the address on the form, or by trying the Elk Grove Park District website. You will be removed from the email list in February if you have not renewed your membership. 2026 Fee Schedule:

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

- 1) **January: Patterns** (Drop-Off: January 10th --9:15-10:00 am @ Elk Grove Public Library; Pick-Up for "Joy")
- 2) **February: Rustic Landscape** (Drop-Off: February 7th – 9:15 – 10:00 am @ Elk Grove Public Library; Pick-Up for "Patterns")
- 3) **March: Abstract** (moved from May due to Trees Exhibit)
- 4) **April: Junior High Show – no AAEGV Exhibit**
- 5) **May: Trees Juried Show**
- 6) **June: Fences**
- 7) **July: Unexpected Direction**
- 8) **August: Letters/Writing**
- 9) **September: Blind Photo pick**
- 10) **October: 43rd annual Juried Art Show**
- 11) **November: Fall Colors**
- 12) **December: Holiday Madness**

III. Holiday Party

Thank you to all who joined us for the 2025 Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 10th. A good time was had by all and thanks especially to Marie Bass and Sandy Schmidt who organized the proceedings.

IV. Photography Contest

The Oak Park Art League is sponsoring a photography contest whose theme is: "Of the Moment." The theme, "Of the Moment" is meant to encourage people to pause this holiday season and look at the moments that make this time of the year so special. From snow falling to gift giving to seeing friends and family; this contest is meant to highlight all the good things that are worth taking a moment to appreciate. Photos selected as Finalists will be printed and displayed with their interpretation of the theme. Eligible Individuals must be 18/older and must live in Cook County. **Photos may be submitted between December 1, 2025 and January 5, 2026.** For more information and specifications check the link for the contest:

<https://www.oakparkartleague.org/news-all/2025/12/11/of-the-moment-photography-contest>

V. Portrait Painting Workshop

Tina Figarelli is offering a two-day Oil Painting Workshop centered on classical realism techniques. The focus will be on painting a portrait in layers from live models as well as photographs, allowing students to develop their skills in this traditional approach. The workshop takes place on Friday, January 9th & Monday, January 12th from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm (with an hour for lunch). The cost is \$350, model fee included; a supply list will be given at sign-up. Location: North Light Art Studio at 1325 East Davis Street in Arlington Heights. Visit the following link to sign up & for more information: tinafigarelli.com/workshops

VI. January Art Demo

John Fleck will demonstrate painting landscapes in charcoal and explain his process, image selection, & interpretation. Having drawn all his life, in the 1990s he illustrated children's educational books. He now teaches drawing and painting at North Shore Art League and the Evanston Art Center among other locations. He works in oil, acrylic, gouache, charcoal, pen and ink, pastel, and watercolor. John is an associate member of Oil Painters of America and a member of Plein Air Painters of Chicago. He is primarily inspired by the natural world in his artwork and has exhibited widely in the Chicago area. Visit his website at johnfleckart.com or on Instagram @fleck4121

VII. Newsletter Deadline

Items for the February, 2025 newsletter **must** be sent by Thursday, January 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

January			
Sat	1/10/26	9:15 – 10:00 am	Drop-Off for “Patterns”/Pick-Up for “Joy” @ EG Public Library
Wed	1/28/26	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Art Demo – John Fleck: Landscapes in Charcoal @ Pavilion Art Centre
February			
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
March			
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 – TBA @ Pavilion Art Centre
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 – TBA @ Pavilion Art Centre
May			
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	Art Demo – TBA @ Pavilion Art Centre

Arting Shots:

- “The artist sees what others only catch a glimpse of.” - Leonardo da Vinci
- “Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.” - Vincent van Gogh
- “The goal of life is rapture. Art is the way we experience it.” - Joseph Campbell
- “Look at life with the eyes of a child.” - Henri Matisse
- “It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.” - Henry David Thoreau
- “Do not fear mistakes, there are none.” - Miles Davis
- “Vision is the art of seeing what is invisible to others.” - Jonathan Swift

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