

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

April Newsletter - 1 April 2025



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I. Trees Juried Exhibition – March 2nd – March 29th, 2025

Thank you to all who contributed to the Trees Juried Exhibition this past March -- both to those who participated and to those who helped out to make the exhibition a success! The following entries were awarded recognition:

- 1) 1st Prize: Jan Elbert for “Alchemy of a Burn”
- 2) 2nd Prize: Jay Johnson for “Quetico Dusk”
- 3) 3rd Prize: Kathy Passi for “Manoa Falls State Park, Oahu”
- 4) Peoples’ Choice Awards (three-way tie): Kasia Lynch -- “Hope,” Tom Rybarczyk-- “Fall Color,” and Sandy Schmidt – “Minocqua, Wisconsin”



II. Upcoming Exhibits Information

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

- 1) May – “Places I’ve Been”
- 2) June – “The Other Side of Me”
- 3) July – “Garden Treasures”
- 4) August -- “Pet Friends”
- 5) September – “Series of Three” (a group of three related pictures)
- 6) October – 42nd Annual Juried Show
- 10) November – “Visual Treasures”
- 11) December – “Joy”

III. Area Shows & Special Notices -- (courtesy of the AHA Guild members)

A) Walk in the Park – Sunday, August 24th

The [Arlington Heights Art Guild](#) wanted to include some information about A Walk in the Park, Sunday, August 24th from 10:00 am to 5:00pm this year. A **booth rental** is only \$100.00, so, you may be interested in acquiring one for the show. As of now, AHA Guild has about 20 booths sold. Booth rentals pick up later, so we wanted to give our members a heads up. More information and forms are available at www.arlingtonheightsartguild.com.

B) [Prince of Peace Church in Palatine](#) is hosting the 5th Annual Community Art Show (and Juried Competition) this spring. Find details and registration info at <http://pop.church/artshow>. This year’s theme is “building bigger tables.” Deadline: 4/30/25

C) [The 14th Prairie Plein Air Competition and Show](#) is sponsored by the Village of

Schaumburg. Show: All submitted work will be displayed in the Herb Aigner Gallery inside the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts May 13-June 22 and will coincide with the 36th annual Prairie Arts Festival. Sale: Artists may make their work available for sale - no commission will be taken. Entry Deadline: April 20, 2025. Entry Fee: \$40 (non-refundable) Contact: Roxane Benvenuti, 847-925-3605, rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com
www.prairiecenter.org

- D) **St. Simon's Episcopal Church** is hosting its second annual art exhibition, "Our Creative Spirit" running May 9 – 11. The opening reception will be on Friday, May 9th. Information is available at: www.Saintsimons.org/art. Last spring a number of artists in your art center took part in this wonderful show that displayed 49 artists and about 100 pieces of fine art. It was a wonderful show that began with a gala reception. This year we look forward to participation from Elk Grove. The show is non-juried and there is no submission fee. Info is attached to the newsletter.
- E) Congratulations to **Jane Frey** for receiving Runner-Up for the painting, "Lemons" at the One Inspired Evening event. From the **Trees Exhibit**: Congratulations to **Alan Seidl** for selling "Sunset, Sunrise," and **Tom Rybarczyk** for selling "Fall Color" at the exhibition! Congratulations to **Steve Moritz** for receiving a commission from the Tree Exhibit!

IV. Art Demo

Our April Demo Artist will be **Robin Strand** who is a Chicago based artist, focused mainly on animal and landscape painting. She primarily deals in oil and pastel media and she has her BA in Art from NIU and has worked in graduate studies in painting & printmaking from the School of the Art Institute and Medieval & Impressionistic Art from the University of Chicago. Robin writes "...the world hypnotizes me with her light and color and nourishes me with her mystery and beauty. My other body of work involves conjuring images from an inner world, informed by dreams, poetry, and storytelling. I am always fascinated with the intellectual and spiritual aspects of painting, and I feel very fortunate to have this passion. The challenge of trying to convey what is still preserved on our astounding, blue planet has never stopped thrilling me." Join Robin and us on Wednesday, April 23rd at 7:00 pm at the Art Centre in the Pavilion. Her website is available at: <https://www.robinstrandart.com/>



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V. 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.

VI. Newsletter Deadline

Items for the May 2025 newsletter **must** be sent by Monday, April 28th at 6 pm for inclusion in the May 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

April			
Wed	4/23	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Robin Strand – Pastels/Plein Air Demo at the Art Centre
May			
Sat	5/03	9:15 – 10:00 am	Drop-Off for “Places I’ve Been” @ Elk Grove Public Library
Wed	5/28	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Membership Critique Session -- TBA

Arting Shots:

- “The essence of all beautiful art, all great art, is gratitude.” – Friedrich Nietzsche
- “An intellectual says a simple thing in a hard way. An artist says a hard thing in a simple way.”
– Charles Bukowski
- “Art is the marriage of the conscious and the unconscious.” – Jean Cocteau
- “The greatness of art is not to find what is common, but what is unique.” – Isaac Bashevis Singer
- “Life is short, the art long.” – Hippocrates
- “Painting is the passage from the chaos of the emotions to the order of the possible.” – Balthus
- “The job of the artist is to always deepen the mystery.” – Francis Bacon
- “Art is a harmony parallel to nature.” – Paul Cezanne
- “Art is the stored honey of the human soul, gathered on the wings of misery and travail.”
– Theodore Dreiser
- “What is art but a way of seeing?” – Saul Bellow
- “A work of art is above all an adventure of the mind.” – Eugene Ionesco

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