

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

August Newsletter - 1 August 2026



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I. Elk Grove Historical Museum Show

The Elk Grove Historical Museum in cooperation with the AAEGV has opened its historical exhibition, "Exceptional: Built with Dignity," on Wednesday, July 1st 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.

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) August: Letters/Writing (Make a composition in the shape of a letter, e.g. H, Y, X, C T, O, being some of the favorites. Use a letterform or word somewhere in your work, or asemic writing, nonsense scribbles resembling cursive, cursive, or a typed or hand-written letter glued or depicted on the work that will become a part of your work). Drop-Off on Saturday, August 8th – 9:15 – 10:00 am/Pick-Up for Unexpected Directions.

2) September: Travel Discoveries (new theme as we did not draw a Blind Photo pick in time).

3) October: 43rd annual Juried Art Show

4) November: Fall Colors

5) December: Holiday Madness

III. October's Juried Art Show

The **43rd annual AAEGV Juried Art Show** will take place Friday-Sunday, October 16th – 18th, 2026. The following information concerns the upcoming show:

1) Registration

a) Deadline: **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 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).

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.

***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 August Demo meeting by Jane Frye.

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 September, 2026 newsletter **must** be sent by Saturday, August 30th 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

August			
Sat	8/08	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick-Up for “Unexpected Directions”/Drop-Off for “Letters/Writing” @ the Elk Grove Public Library
Wed	8/26	7:00 – 9:00 pm	John Fleck – Charcoal Landscape @ Pavilion Art Centre
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: tbd

Arting Shots:

- *“Painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt, and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen.”*
- Leonardo da Vinci
- *“All art requires courage.”* - Anne Tucker
- *“When an inspiration doesn't come, I go halfway to meet it.”* - Sigmund Freud
- *“I would like to paint the way a bird sings.”* - Claude Monet
- *“Man will begin to recover the moment he takes art as seriously as physics, chemistry, or money.”*
- Ernst Levy
- *“If one really loves nature, one can find beauty everywhere.”* - Vincent van Gogh
- *“Creativity is contagious, pass it on.”* - Albert Einstein
- *“Have no fear of perfection, you'll never reach it.”* - Salvador Dali
- *“Originality is nothing but judicious imitation.”* - Voltaire
- *“You cannot use up creativity. The more that you use, the more you have.”* - Maya Angelou

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