



January Newsletter - 1 January 2025

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I. Membership Information

1. If you have not yet paid your dues, you will need to by the end of January. **Membership Dues** for 2025 will be \$30 (for January through December 2025). A renewal form will be attached to this newsletter. After January 31st, you will be removed from the membership list and no longer receive emails. Here is our 2025 Membership [as of 12/30/2024](#): Raymond Ascher, Salvador Barrocas, Starr Brady, Christopher Deger, Tammy Haman, Robert Hilger, Doris Kucik, Nancy Muklewick, Patricia Schuler, Norman Taylor, Marie Bass, Marilyn Knebel, Jane Frey, Lori Gragnani, Paula Kuehl, Richard Pass, Beverly Loftus, Sandy Schmidt, Rita Molepske, Dona Blunt, Kasia Lynch, Jack Mitchell, Paul Reining, Sylvia Koch, Karen Serantoni, Ruchi Patel, Jay Johnson, Janet Anderson, Steve Moritz, Jean Jacobsen, Richard Moss, & Iryna Shkrobach.

2. **We need your help!** *Our organization depends on volunteers.* We all appreciate being able to exhibit our work. We have 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, especially our April **Trees Exhibit**. Contact Jan Elbert elbertjan10@gmail.com if you would like to help. Thanks!

3. With many thanks to our 2025 volunteers for much-needed roles:

Monthly exhibits - Jane Frey, Lindsey Mucha

Exhibition Graphics/Ribbons - Jan Elbert, Ric Pass

JAS-Judge Recruiter - Marie Bass

Trees- Judge Recruiter - Dona Blunt

JAS—Sponsor Recruiter - Bob Hilger

Exhibit show hangers - Jack Mitchell and Steve Moritz

Nominating Committee 2024- Jan Elbert, Dona Blunt, Bob Hilger

4. A special note of gratitude to the following AAEGV members: **Sandy Schmidt** for her service in organizing the club's Demo & Holiday Parties for the past years and who is retiring from the Demo position. **Jane Frye** is retiring from organizing hospitality for the past few years but will still be helping with the monthly exhibits. **Tammy Haman** is stepping back from her Exhibits position into a part-time role after years of service there and running some truly fine art exhibitions. Your work has been greatly appreciated and we thank you for your service!

II. Upcoming Exhibits Information

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

- 1) January–February “Winter Blues” (January 11th – February 22nd)
- 2) March - Student Show (no AAEGV exhibit)
- 3) April -- Juried Tree Show

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

B) 2024 AAEGV Holiday Party

Thank you to all who attended our Holiday Party on December 11th. A good time was had by all with a wonderful grab bag exchange showing such a range and depth of talent in the AAEGV! Nancy Muklewicz won the Bob Holmes watercolor piece created at the November Demo.

III. Members Appearing in Area Shows & Special Notices

- A. **Bob Hilger** will be staging a one-man art show coming up in January. The show is entitled, “EVE” based upon the book by Cat Bohannon which will reflect Bob’s artistic view of women and their influence in his paintings. The Exhibit will show at the TLD Design Center and Gallery -- 26 East Quincy Street in Westmont II. The opening reception is Wednesday, January 15th from 5:00 -8:00 pm and the show will run till February 15th.
- B. **Tammy Haman** will be doing a demo on Thursday, January 16th for the Arlington Heights Art Guild on Encaustic Mixed Media. Guests may attend for a \$5 guest fee. For more info, go to their website at [Arlington Heights Art Guild](http://ArlingtonHeightsArtGuild)
- C. **The Racine Art Museum** is featuring an exhibition of “**Watercolor Wisconsin 2024**” running until April 19th, 2025, honoring the depth and breadth of watercolor in the region. This is the 58th edition of the show and the museum also features several other interesting exhibits to see. It is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 10 am – 4 pm. The address is: 441 Main Street – Racine, Wisconsin.

IV. Other Stuff

From CBS Sunday Morning: A short, upbeat interesting perspective on aging and how to counter that with a shout out to art. It is presented by Jane Fonda (contributed by Jan Elbert)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=KQXAJRY6XYs&t=3s>

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 February, 2025 newsletter **must** be sent by Thursday, January 29th at 6 pm for inclusion in the February 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

January			
Sat	1/11	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick-up for "Stories," Drop-off "Winter Blues"
Wed	1/22	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Dan Danielson – Watercolor/Seascapes Demo at the Art Centre
February			
Sat	1/22	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick-Up of "Winter Blues" exhibition @ the EGV Public Library
Wed	2/26	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Wes Douglas – Urban Sketching Demo at the Art Centre
March			
Wed	3/26	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Sandie Bacon – Golden Acrylic Hands Demo at the Art Centre
April			
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Wed	4/23	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Robin Strand – Pastels/Plein Air Demo at the Art Centre

Arting Shots:

- "Every child is an artist; the problem is staying an artist when you grow up." - Pablo Picasso
- "We don't make mistakes, just happy little accidents. - Bob Ross
- "Every artist was first an amateur." - Ralph Waldo Emerson
- "There is nothing more truly artistic than to love people." - Vincent van Gogh
- "Creativity is contagious. Pass it on." - Albert Einstein
- "Have no fear of perfection, you'll never reach it." - Salvador Dali
- "Don't think. Thinking is the enemy. It's self-conscious, and anything self-conscious is lousy. You can't try to do things. You simply must do things." - Ray Bradbury

AAEGV 2025 Board

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