

AAEGV Artists Association of Elk Grove Village

May Newsletter - 1 May 2026



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I. Welcome to our New Members!

The AAEGV wishes a hearty welcome to our new members: [Joan Andrea](#), [David Inverso](#), [Kathy McHenry](#), [Barb Raftis](#), and [Patty Spannagel](#). We are so glad to have you join us!

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) May: Trees Juried Show
- 2) June: Fences
- 3) July: Unexpected Direction
- 4) August: Letters/Writing
- 5) September: Blind Photo pick
- 6) October: 43rd annual Juried Art Show
- 7) November: Fall Colors
- 8) December: Holiday Madness

III. Trees Juried Show

This year's **Trees Juried Show** will kick off on Friday, May 8th and run through the month of May ending on June 6th. Below is a summary of important dates and things to know before the show.

- 1) **Drop off** your painting at the Elk Grove Library on **Thursday, May 7th** between 9:15 - 10:30 am or 5:00 - 6:00 pm.
- 2) **Judging** for the show will be early Friday afternoon on **May 8th**. **Cheryl Cook** will be our judge.
- 3) A **light reception** will take place at the library on **Saturday, May 9th** from 2:00 - 4:00pm. All are welcome to see the great art as well as share your company and support. The show will remain until Saturday, June 6th.
- 4) **Cash prizes** will be awarded: 1st prize: \$300, 2nd Prize: \$200, 3rd Prize: \$100
- 5) **FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE TREES EXHIBITION**

What happens if you win an award and/or your painting sells? You will receive a check by mail from the park district. If you have not received a check from the park district in the past, a W9 form will be needed to get a check cut. Nancy Muklewicz will have these forms

at the reception. Please find her there and complete the form then. (If not, then this will have to be done via email.) Remember that 10% of the purchase price is withheld, so the check will be for 90% of the purchase price of your painting. One last thing - you will only receive a tax form (to file your 2026 taxes) from the park district if you receive more than \$600 from the park district in this calendar year.

IV. Member News

A. UPDATE ON THE COLLABORATION WITH THE HISTORY MUSEUM

AAEGV is joining with the Elk Grove History Museum to mark two local occasions: the 70th anniversary of Elk Grove Village and the 60th anniversary of the Elk Grove Village Park District. This year's exhibit will include 15 paintings from the "Reimagined Exhibit" and a few new ones, focusing on the park district. The exhibit will be displayed sometime during the month of June, after the current exhibit about Alexian Brothers Hospital is over. An opening day/night reception is in the works.

B. 100 Under 100 – Empty Corner Exhibit

A number of AAEGV artists will have pieces displayed at *The Empty Corner's 2026 "100 Under 100" Exhibition* that will be held Friday, May 1st until Monday, June 1st at the Empty Corner (214 East Grove Street – Arlington Heights, IL). The Opening Night Reception will be Friday, May 1st from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. The art pieces there will sell for \$100/under.

V. Upcoming Shows & Events

A. Chippewa Falls Juried Art Show

We invite you to participate in Arrivals and Departures, a five-state, juried art show that runs July 15 - August 30, 2026 at the Heyde Center for the Arts in Chippewa Falls, WI. The entry deadline is May 31st. Information on the show and entry forms can be obtained at the following website: <https://www.cvca.net/events/arrivals-and-departures-call-for-artists>

B. Plein Air Contest

Sandy Schmidt will be participating in the Plein Aire Contest for the Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts. Painting dates run from April 24-May 8. Forty participants are painting during that time around various spots within the boundary of the village. One painting from each participant will be hung in the Center for the 37th Prairie Arts Festival. 201 Schaumburg Court. Display on exhibit through June 21, 2026.

C. Large & Loose Landscapes in Charcoal

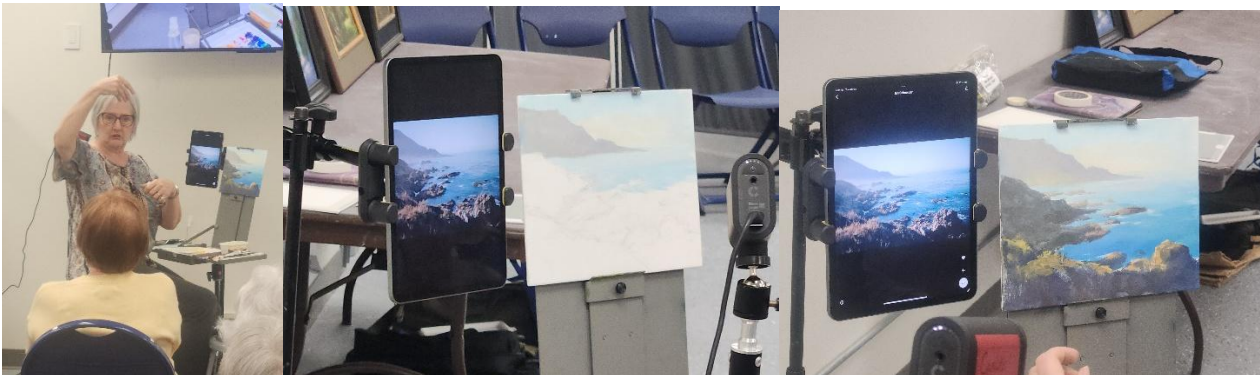
Our demo artist for August is **John Fleck**. He is also giving a 2-day plein air charcoal workshop in Michigan in May: John Fleck – Large and Loose Landscapes with Charcoal May 18 & 19, 2026 - from 9 am – 4 pm. The cost of this workshop is \$275. It's held in a lovely rural area of Michigan, just east of Grand Rapids.

<https://lifeprocesscenter.org/events/john-fleck-large-and-loose-landscapes-with-charcoal/>

[VI. May Art Demo – Artist Carol Zack](#)

Carol Zack started painting in high school and attended Vanderbilt University on an art scholarship. After graduating, she taught art in public schools for six years, then attended the University of Illinois. She now teaches adult painting classes and workshops and is active in the Greater Fox Valley arts community. She is a member in the American Portrait Society, The American Impressionist Society, The Chicago Pastel Painters, The Great Lakes Pastel Society and the Yellow House Artists. Carol works with soft pastels and many other painting media. She has worked with oil pastels for several years, and likes its eco-friendly, non-toxic qualities. Visit her website at zackartistry.com or visit facebook.com/ZackArtistry. *Carol will demo for us on Wednesday, May 27th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the Art Centre in the Pavilion.*

Below: Pictures from Susan Ploughe’s April Gouache Demo.



[VII. 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.

[VIII. Newsletter Deadline](#)

Items for the June, 2026 newsletter **must** be sent by Friday, May 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

May			
Thu	5/07	9:15 -- 10:30 am & 5:00 – 6:00 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 – 4:00 pm	Trees Exhibit Reception @ the Elk Grove Public Library
Wed	5/27	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Carol Zack – Painting with Oil Pastels @ Pavilion Art Centre
June			
Sat	6/06	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick-Up for Trees Exhibit /Drop-Off for “Fences” @ the EG Public Library
July			
Sat	7/11	9:15 – 10:00 am	Pick-Up for “Fences”/Drop-Off for Unexpected Directions” @ the Elk Grove Public Library
August			
Wed	8/26	7:00 – 9:00 pm	John Fleck – Charcoal Landscape @ Pavilion Art Centre
September			
Wed	9/23	7:00 – 9:00 pm	Brian Sauerland – Pastel Landscape @ Pavilion Art Centre

Arting Shots:

- *“There is nothing more truly artistic than to love people.” - Vincent Van Gogh*
- *“Learn the rules like a pro, so you can break them like an artist.” - Pablo Picasso*
- *“Every portrait that is painted with feeling is a portrait of the artist, not the sitter.” - Oscar Wilde*
- *“It would be possible to describe everything scientifically, but it would make no sense; it would be without meaning, as if you described Beethoven’s symphony as a variation of wave pressure.” - Albert Einstein*
- *“Art is the proper task of life.” Friedrich Nietzsche*
- *“The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance things, but their inner significance.” - Aristotle*
- *“An artist’s only concern is to shoot for some kind of perfection, and on his own terms, not anyone else’s.” - J. D. Salinger*
- *“The noblest pleasure is the joy of understanding.” - Leonardo da Vinci*
- *“Imagination governs the world.” - Napoleon Bonaparte*

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