

AHA GUILD

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ART GUILD NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2025

MEETING DATE: MAY 15, 2025

Happy May to the Guild! Our last member meeting for this season will be held on **May 15** at the Wheeling Township Community Center, 1616 N. Arlington Hts. Road, Arlington Heights. Hope to see you all there!

This is also **my last official Newsletter – and the last Newsletter for this '24/'25 season**. It's been a true pleasure to report to our Guild over the years! I'm handing over the responsibility to **Mickey Mantas** now. We do not send out Newsletters in June, July, or August. Mickey's first Newsletter to members will be for September '25. Look for a new format and lots of exciting changes and ideas. Have a fabulous summer everyone! Trish Ramsey (Patricia Prakope Ramsey)

MEETING FORMAT and THE USUAL REMINDERS

The social part of the meeting starts at 6:45 pm. Every member is welcome to bring a work of art (finished or not, framed or not). These paintings will be on display in our room for all to enjoy prior to the start of the meeting. **Please include your name and medium!**

The business part of the evening begins at 7:15pm. Janet Grochocinski will have a Treasurer's Report available at the meeting.

OUR 2024/2025 DEMO SCHEDULE

Many thanks to Eileen Fogell for her efforts in lining up all the wonderful demos for this season!

5/15 Critique and Silent Auction with Cynthia Dybsky *

***Many thanks to Eileen Fogell for this important information about our May meeting:**

Our May 15th meeting will be the Grand Finale of our 2024-2025 season-- and not to be missed. Artist and teacher, Cynthia Dybsky, will be our guest "great eye." Her mediums are oil, watercolor, and pastel. You may remember, she was our demo artist at our March member meeting. Bring in any painting that you would like expert advice on to find just the right touch to help make a better finished image. The 15th will also be our **Silent Auction**. Artwork donated by our visiting demo artists will be available for purchase, so bring your wallets and checkbooks because this event benefits our scholarship fund. See all of you there!

MEETING AGENDA

- General announcements from our President and Board members
- Artist demo

MEMBERSHIP

Membership notes from Patti Jostes, our Membership Chair:

The fiscal year for the Guild is June 1 to May 31. I collect annual dues in April & May. No meetings in June, July or August. By collecting dues in the spring I can prepare a Directory to be handed out when we meet again in September.

Dues are \$25 per individual or \$30 per couple. Payment: checks payable to AHAG, cash or Zelle to Art Guild ahartguild@gmail.com.

You must fill out a registration form each year. These will be available at the April & May meetings and are available on our website.

If you know someone who's interested in more information, direct them to our website.

<https://arlingtonheightsartguild.com/>

New members are welcome to join any time of the year.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT THE GUILD – We have many exciting opportunities!!

The Arlington Heights Art Guild is always looking for volunteers to fill positions and help out. We are a volunteer organization, and we cannot operate without all of us.

Sign-up sheets will be available at each member meeting. Current volunteers will be in attendance; if you are interested in learning more about any position, these members are more than happy to discuss the various opportunities available and how you can help.

Heartfelt thanks to all our current/continuing (and new) volunteers!

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- **Artists' Association of Elk Grove Village** - Visit aaegv.org for information.
- **Des Plaines Art Guild/Park Ridge Art League** – Visit dpag.org for information.
- **Colored Pencil Society of America** – Visit cpsadc103.org for information.

EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITIES

1) The **Arlington Heights Senior Center** offers wonderful opportunities for our members to exhibit their work. The Dining Room, Hallway and our usual room at the end of the building (Room 1) are available. Several of our members have sold paintings while exhibiting at this location. Anyone interested needs to **contact Paula Rebbeck**. Thank you, Paula!

- **Patti Jostes** and **Jun Hyuk Son** are exhibiting their artwork in the Dining Room until the first week of July.
- **Moon Park** and **Iryna Shkrobach** are exhibiting their artwork in the Hallway at the Center until the first week of July.

- Various artists are displaying their works in Program Room 1 until **May 22**. On that day, current exhibitors need to pick up their pieces between noon and 1:30pm. Also on the exchange day, all Art Guild members are invited to bring 2 pieces of their artwork for display. Please come to Room 1 between noon and 1:30pm. **Contact Paula Rebbeck for questions or confirmation.**

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

We can only include local items of interest in this newsletter. However, for information about other events around the country, please visit <https://festivalnet.com/>

1) **Arlington Hts. Art Guild** will have an art fair/exhibition at the **Arlington Hts. Senior Center** during the month of June. Drop off/set-up day will be **May 28**, with the **opening reception on May 30** from 4:30 – 6pm. Artwork will be on display from May 29 to June 24. Submission sheet and further information was sent to you via separate email. Contact **Tracey Cologrossi or Eileen Fogell** with questions. Many thanks to Eileen and Tracey!

2) **Philosopher's Stone Apothecary & Chakra Healing Center** will be hosting an exhibition opportunity in downtown Arlington Hts (DTA) early in June. This will be a 2-day event. Details are below. This is being coordinated by Virginia Gullo-Ciaccio of Philosopher's Stone Apothecary & Chakra Healing Center. Those interested may contact **Mary Kay McMahon or Mickey Mantas**.

Event: DTA Walking Art Gallery (no official name yet)

Dates: **June 6 and 7** Friday and Saturday (Times TBD)

Location: 12 businesses in DTA are interested (Names TBD)

Artwork will be available for sale during the event, either via QR code or directly to artist who will stay with their piece during the event (preferred).

Event marketing will be managed by DTA participating venues, but artists can also promote. DTA will announce the family-friendly event tickets to the general population via Facebook, Instagram and participating venues' websites.

3) **Prince of Peace Church** in Palatine is hosting the 5th Annual Community Art Show (and Juried Competition) this spring. Art Walk/Award Night begins at 6:30PM on **Friday, May 16, 2025** in the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church gym. Artwork will be displayed in a virtual gallery and will be viewable in person in the Prince of Peace Lutheran gym on Saturday, May 17 from 1PM-6PM, Sunday, May 18 from 8AM-noon, or by appointment.

4) 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

5) **St. Simon's Episcopal Church** is hosting its second annual art exhibition, "Our Creative Spirit" May 9 – 11. Opening reception **May 9**.

www.Saintsimons.org/art

6) **Oil painting workshop in Italy**, **September 10-16**. For information, contact Liz Hawari at www.vistaandhue@gmail.com

7) From Kari Johnson, Business Manager, **Mainstreet Art Center** and Mainstreet Gallery:

Display your artwork at Mainstreet Gallery

Mainstreet Gallery in Lake Zurich's Main Street District is a Fine Art Gallery exhibiting work from local and regional artists. The gallery represents artists in many different media and is always looking for new work to keep the gallery fresh. If you're interested in filling out an application to jury into the gallery please contact Kari Johnson, at kari@mainstreetartcenter.com

In our Showcase Gallery, we can host 4 artists each month. Some of these artists reserve this space for several months at a time. The walls are rented monthly which gives the artists an opportunity to show 6 to 15 paintings, depending on their size. The larger gallery known as the Artistic Impressions Gallery provides space for many artists who are either invited or juried in as space becomes available.

GETTING THE WORD OUT

Art-related News from and about our Members – All Arlington Heights Art Guild members are encouraged to share their exciting news about exhibits, contests, and other happenings for inclusion in this Newsletter. *Please contact me, Patricia Prakope Ramsey (Trish Ramsey), via my email address in the Directory if you'd like to be mentioned in this Newsletter.*

1) **Jill Stark's** painting "Orange is Orange" will be on exhibition at Evanston Art Center from May 4th to 18th, 2025.

2) **Jill Stark** is also a wonderful painting instructor! Here's a video of her 2-hour acrylic painting class at Evanston Art Center:

<https://youtu.be/uBjLUEWkv5I>

Congratulations, Jill!

A WALK IN THE PARK

Our annual Walk in the Park will be held **Sunday, August 24, 2025**. Coordinator Laura Butolph announced that many vendors have reserved spots in the art fair and things are running smoothly. Bea Ulfig, Volunteer Coordinator of the Fair, said that clipboards with sign up sheets are available with various volunteer opportunities - please commit to help for the success of this event.

AHAG Newsletter compiled and submitted by Trish Ramsey, Corresponding Secretary

ART GUILD 04-24-2025 MEETING MINUTES

Marion Sherman, President: Opened the meeting at 7:15 pm. Marion spoke about the necessity for members to volunteer for Chair/Board positions. Currently, there are several positions that are open: Exhibition Chair, President, Scholarships and Recording Secretary. Members who are interested were assured that they would be mentored by current Board members. Members were also encouraged to nominate anyone they know would be interested in a Chair/Board position. There will be an opportunity at the May Guild meeting for nominations and voting. Mickey Mantas has already volunteered to take over the Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter Board position for Trish Ramsey. Mitra Precht has agreed to be a co-chair for the Exhibition position IF another member will Chair with her. Marion asked that all artwork brought to monthly meetings for display please include a tag or card with your name and the medium used so members know who to compliment when looking at art pieces. At the May meeting all members are asked to bring one or two finished or unfinished pieces of art for the "Critique" part of the meeting. Cynthia Dybsky, one of our demo artists, agreed to critique for us. Marion explained that to "critique" is not the same as to judge. "Critique" is to offer positive suggestions, compliments and give the artist an opportunity to ask questions of the one doing the

critique. Also at the May meeting, many art pieces donated to us by our monthly demo/professional artists, will be available for purchase by way of a Silent Auction.

Janet Grochocinski, Treasurer: A written report is available on the back table for all to review.

Mickey Mantas, "Walk in the Park" Team Member & Corresponding Secretary: Explained two ways for members to exhibit/sell their artwork at our August art fair: Either fill out an application form (available at the back table), and set up your own tent. Don't have your own tent? Join other members by exhibiting/selling your work in the Guild Tent. All members displaying art in the Guild Tent will be expected to assist in the tent for two hours that day.

Annalee Strasburg, Guild Member: A flyer is available at the back table for anyone interested in detailed information about her Art Exhibition in Mount Prospect from June 9th till July.

Patti Jostes, Membership: Membership applications for the coming Guild year are now available and will also be available at the May meeting. Cash, checks or Zelle will be accepted. Doing so will insure that your name will be included in the (new) 2025-26 Guild Membership Directory which will be completed and available at our first Guild meeting in September.

Tracey Cologrossi, Senior Center Representative: Announced the Arlington Heights Senior Center will host an exclusive AHAG Art Fair in the Senior Center's lobby from May 29 through June 24. A reception will be held on May 30th from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Applications for exhibiting/selling at the Center are available in the back of the room. Up to 3 pieces will be accepted.

Eileen Fogell, Programs & Publicity: Introduced tonight's demo artist, Thomas Trausch. He is working with watercolor this evening.

Meeting ended approximately 9:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Cathy Lindstrom-Foley, Recording Secretary