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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ART GUILD NEWSLETTER

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MARCH 2025

MEETING DATE: MARCH 20, 2025

Our next member meeting of this year will be held in person on **March 20** at the Wheeling Township Community Center, 1616 N. Arlington Hts. Road, Arlington Heights. Hope to see you all there!

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.

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!

3/20 Cynthia Dybsky, Oil

4/17 Thomas Trausch, Watercolor

5/15 Critique

Artist Statement – Cynthia Dybsky – Oil

I am an artist who works predominantly in oil but also in pastel and watercolor. I have always had a desire to be creative, to recreate something that made an impression or inspired me. I enjoy looking at things with a discerning artists eye, studying the shapes, colors, values, how they relate to one another and then rendering these perceptions on canvas. ... My painting allows me to discover the world, learn more about myself and helps me to cope with personal and life challenges.

<https://www.cynthiadybskyfineart.com/about>

MEETING AGENDA

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

MEMBERSHIP

Membership notes from Patti Jostes, our Membership Chair:

When you arrive for the general meetings, please check your name off the Attendance List and make yourself a nametag. Guests are welcome to attend our meetings for a fee of \$5.

There will be a list at the membership table of all the members who joined the Guild after the Directory was printed in September. Please take a picture of the list to add to your Directory.

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

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.

An Important Note: This will be Trish Ramsey's last year as Corresponding Secretary. I will continue through May, 2025. At that time, starting next season, **Mickey Mantas** will take over as our new Corresponding Secretary. **A huge thank you goes out to Mickey** for taking on this responsibility!

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!

- **Eileen Fogell** and **Jan Pawlowski** are exhibiting their artwork in the Dining Room until the first week of May.
- **Mary Hess** and **Tracey Colagrossi** are exhibiting their artwork in the Hallway at the Center until the first week of May.
- Various artists are displaying their works in Program Room 1 until **March 27**. 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. Set-up day will be May 28, with the opening reception on either May 29th or 30th. Details to come. Contact **Eileen Fogell** with questions. **Thanks, Eileen!**

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 requested: Paintings on canvas, ceramics, easels required

Artists should submit images of their artwork via email with photo and description by **March 31** to info@philosophersstoneapothecary.com with subject line: DTA Walking Art Gallery Submission.

Notification of acceptance will come via email by mid-April.

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) The **Suburban Sketchers of Long Grove** are *"a vibrant collective of local artists who are deeply committed to honing our craft, inspiring one another, and sharing our diverse techniques... We meet every Monday morning at 10am at The Long Grove Coffee Company in downtown historic Long Grove."*

The Suburban Sketchers are showcasing their dynamic works in their exhibition **"Drawn Together!"** Experience the energy of sketching in all its forms—raw, expressive, and full of life.

Sketching Activities All Month Long!

Grab your sketchbook and join us for interactive sessions, live demos, and community sketch events throughout March. Whether you're an avid sketcher or just curious, there's something for everyone! Stay tuned for details, and get ready to **see the world through an artist's eyes!**

The **opening reception** will be Thursday, **March 6, 2025, 7-9 pm** at **The Empty Corner**, 214 E. Grove Street, Arlington Heights.

4) **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."

5) 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

6) **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

7) District 214 is calling for submissions to the annual **Daily Herald and District 214 Arts Unlimited Art and Writing Contest**. Submissions will be accepted through **March 3**. Judges will review artwork, poetry and prose — any genre, style or theme — from entrants residing in Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Mount Prospect, Prospect Heights, Rolling Meadows and Wheeling. Winners will be published in the Daily Herald and honored at the Arts Unlimited Reception in April. All entries must be submitted electronically via email to herald.contest@d214.org. Winners will be contacted by email by March 17.

www.d214.org

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

9) 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE

Judging for this year's scholarship awards was done on February 11 at 4:30 pm at Elk Grove High School. Rita Molepske, Scholarship Chair, thanks all the members who judged artwork submitted by District 214 art students. Winners were chosen but the names will not be announced at this time. A reception will be held at **Forestview Educational Center on April 3 at 4pm** - in conjunction with the Daily Herald Arts Unlimited Contest. The reception is **open to the public**.

Many thanks to Rita!

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) The **AAEGV** is having their annual **Trees Exhibition**, March 1 - 29. Stop by the Elk Grove Library and take a look! I don't know which of our members are in the exhibition, but I'm sure that several are.

2) **Rita Molepske** has a 6 x 8 watercolor painting on display at the "6x8 for \$78" exhibit at the Main Street Art Gallery, 16 W. Main Street, Lake Zurich, IL 60047 (Wednesday 1-5pm, Saturday 11-3pm).

Congratulations to all!

IN MEMORIAM

A leaf has been added to the Memorial Tree at the Arlington Hts. Senior Center for long-time Art Guild member, **Jim Aquirre**. Many thanks to Tracey Colagrossi and Paula Rebbeck. For questions and/or to donate, please contact Tracey or Paula.

SAVE THE DATE!

Ann Musolf is hosting an all-member celebration of (upcoming) spring, scheduled for Sunday, **March 9** at 1-4pm at Ann Musolf's house. Non-alcoholic beverages will be supplied. Members should bring a dish to share at this casual event to mingle. See you all then!

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 Ulfing, 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.

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Arlington Hts. Art Guild General Meeting

February 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ann Musolf at 7:15. She pointed out that sign up sheets for various committees are placed on the back table.

Scholarship Chair Rita Molepske thanked the members who judged artwork submitted by Dist. 214 art students on February 11. Winners were chosen but the names will not be announced at this time. A reception will be held at Forestview Educational Center on April 3 - in conjunction with the Daily Herald Arts Unlimited Contest. The reception is open to the public.

Membership Chair Patti Jostes introduced two new members Michael Fettis and Jenni Kuehm. Updates of membership information is available on the membership table in the back of the room. Also, please note a new phone number for Paula Rebbeck. A sign up sheet for members wishing to exhibit their artwork in the Senior Center will be circulated and given to Paula Rebbeck & Mary Hess.

Treasurer Janet Grochocinski has placed the monthly treasurer's report on a back table.

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Ann Musolf announced that she will be hosting a "Spring Forward" gathering at her house on Sunday, March 9. Members would bring a dish to share at this casual event to mingle!

Program Chair Eileen Fogell introduced acrylic Artist Kwame Boama Mensa-Aborampa for tonight's demonstration.

The business meeting ended at approximately 7:50.

Notes taken by Patti Jostes