

# AHA GUILD

## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ART GUILD NEWSLETTER

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**APRIL 2025**

### **MEETING DATE: APRIL 17, 2025**

Happy spring to the Guild! Our next member meeting of this year will be held in person on **April 17** 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. **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!

4/17 Thomas Trausch, Watercolor

**Artist Statement** – Thomas Trausch, Watercolor

*"Having been a career artist for the last 45 years has given me the opportunity to paint (en plein air), travel and visit great museums in the United States and in several European countries. My work is driven by the use of both light and color ... driving forces that add energy to the work. I believe that this light can impart a spiritual quality that resonates with the viewer. The design, shapes and the underlying abstract quality behind the painting are of great interest to me. These elements are what ultimately determine if the painting will succeed."*

5/15 Critique and Silent Auction with Cynthia Dybsky \*

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

*Our May 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**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](http://aaegv.org) for information.
- **Des Plaines Art Guild/Park Ridge Art League** – Visit [dpag.org](http://dpag.org) for information.
- **Colored Pencil Society of America** – Visit [cpsadc103.org](http://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 **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 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](mailto: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) **Prince of Peace Church** in Palatine is hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Art Show (and Juried Competition) this spring. Submission deadline is **April 30**. Find details and registration info at <http://pop.church/artshow>. This year's theme is "Building Bigger Tables." 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 **14<sup>th</sup> 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 36<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com)  
[www.prairiecenter.org](http://www.prairiecenter.org)

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](http://www.Saintsimons.org/art)

6) **Oil painting workshop in Italy**, **September 10-16**. For information, contact Liz Hawari at [www.vistaandhue@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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, 4-6 pm** - 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) **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).

2) **Rita Molepske** also has two paintings on display at the "Land, Sky, and Waterscapes" exhibition at the Antioch Art Center from April 2 – April 27. <https://antiochfinearts.org/land-sky-waterscape/>

3) **Alan Seidl** sold his "Tree" painting at the AAEGV exhibition at Elk Grove Library in March.

Congratulations to all!

**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 03-20-2025 MEETING MINUTES**

### **Wheeling Township Building**

Marion Sherman, President: Opened meeting 7:15 pm. Welcomed all members and encouraged all new members to greet her after the meeting. She had missed several meetings due to illness. Welcome back, Marion! Marion thanked Larry Freson, Hospitality Chair, for providing coffee. Also thanked were those members who provided goodies to share.

Rita Molepske, Scholarships: The School District 214 Scholarship Winners are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Maya Nowakowski from Buffalo Grove High School \$1500

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Viktoriya Kerch from Buffalo Grove High School \$1000

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Alexia Binda from Wheeling High School \$750

Each scholarship winner was notified that scholarship money will be sent directly (after they have registered) to the school they will be attending after graduating from high school. Their winning art pieces can be viewed at a reception held at Forest View High School on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 pm. This reception is hosted by Arts Unlimited. Numerous pieces of art created by high school students will be on display. All are welcome!

Patti Jostes, Membership: Guests were asked to stand and be welcomed. Membership dues will be collected in April and May as usual. Members were reminded that our fiscal year ends May 31<sup>st</sup> and that Guild meetings will not start up again until September. During summer, a new Membership Directory will be prepared for distribution in September. When paying dues, each member will be asked to fill out Membership Registration Forms. Dues can be paid in cash or by check. Individual dues: \$25 Couples dues \$30

Mickey Mantas, (Replacing Trish Ramsey as Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter Chair after May 31<sup>st</sup>):

Asks that any member planning on participating in the Art Fair with their own tent to please get on the Guild website and download an Art Fair Application and mail it in with payment. As for members who want to display/sell their art in the Guild Tent, a sign-up form was made available and passed around. Guild Tent information: be aware that space in the Guild Tent for each artist will be approximately 36x60. All members exhibiting will be asked to volunteer to work in the tent to answer questions, etc. There will be one designated person in the tent accepting payment for sold artwork. Mickey also shared about another opportunity for Guild artists to exhibit their work: An "Art Gallery Walk" is scheduled to take place in Arlington Heights places of business. A form for members who want to participate was passed around. March 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for submissions. Artists whose works are accepted will be notified by mid-April. More specific information about "Art Gallery Walk" will be found in our monthly Guild Newsletter which is emailed to each Guild member.

Paula Rebbeck, Exhibit Chair for AH Senior Center: Tracey Colagrossi, Senior Center contact person, and Mary Hess, reported for Paula Rebbeck: Various AH Guild artists are displaying/selling their work throughout the year. Currently, art pieces are displayed/selling in Program Room 1 until March 27<sup>th</sup>. On that day, current exhibitors are to pick up their pieces (that haven't been sold) between noon and 1:30 pm. ALSO on that day, AH Art Guild members are invited to bring 2 pieces of their artwork for display. This "exchange" of Guild art work simultaneously takes place between noon and 1:30 pm. Please contact Paula Rebbeck (or Tracey) for questions or further information. In addition to the year-round opportunity to show/sell Guild creations, the Senior Center will be hosting an exclusive Arlington Heights Art Guild Art Fair (with a reception) in the lobby of their Center from May 27<sup>th</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup>. Each artist is invited to submit up to 3 works. All art must be submitted during the last week in May. Specific date/time will be in the Guild Newsletter. (Every month all Guild members receive current display opportunities via the emailed Guild Newsletter.)

Janet Grochocinski, Treasurer: A current Guild treasury report was provided in the back of the meeting room.

Eileen Fogell, Programs & Publicity: Introduced demo artist, Cynthia Dybsky, who demonstrated working with oils. Meeting ended at approximately 7:40 pm.

Minutes Recorded by Cathy Lindstrom-Foley