

AHA GUILD

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ART GUILD NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 2025

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 16, 2025

Our first member meeting of this new year will be held in person on **January 16** 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!

1/16 Tammy Haman, Encaustic Mixed Media

2/20 Kwame Boama, Acrylic

3/20 Cynthia Dybsky, Oil

4/17 Thomas Trausch, Watercolor

5/15 Critique

Artist Statement – Tammy Haman

My process is the driving force behind my inspiration to create nature inspired mixed media pieces. I make expressionist art using fluid materials like encaustics (wax), pastels, and inks that evoke a connection to the world around us. My materials have a tactile feeling through the use of texture encouraging the viewer to reach out and touch my paintings.

Expressionist art conveys emotion and meaning rather than reality. The subjects are often distorted or exaggerated with vivid, bold colors. When I combine my love for the outdoors like hiking, camping, and kayaking, the mostly floral images that I paint come alive layer by layer and bring a whimsical emotion to those who come in contact with my work.

I am in the sandwich generation: caring for my aging parents, babysitting my grandchildren, and sending my last child off to college. You feel pulled in so many directions that as a self-taught artist, immersing myself with my materials, using a torch, scraping, adding more and more this becomes my sanctuary. A place I am happy to share with you!

[Website](#)

Instagram @tammy.haman.art

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. The 2024-2025 Membership Directory will be available to pick up. Please use this directory as a source for contacting other members rather than calling the officers and asking for phone numbers! Keep it handy! I can also send a pdf of the directory.

Guests are welcome to attend our meetings for a fee of \$5. 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** (847-359-5918). Thank you, Paula!

- **Irnya Shkrobach** and **Kathy Stenger** are exhibiting their artwork in the Dining Room until the first week of January. (Next artists are TBD – please contact Paula Rebbeck if interested.)
- **Marie Bass** and **Trish Ramsey** are exhibiting their artwork in the Hallway at the Center until the first week of January. (Next artists are TBD – please contact Paula if interested.)
- Various artists are displaying their works in Program Room 1 until **January 23**. 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) 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 will be done on **February 11 at 4:30 pm** at Elk Grove High School. At our meetings, Rita Molepske will be asking for volunteers to help judge.

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** illustrated her first children's book entitled *She Heard Her Footsteps* – October 21, 2024, by Brenda Schmidt (Author), illustrated by Jill E. Stark

Check it out at:

[#lilysfootsteps](#) @lilys_footsteps

<https://a.co/d/jfb8yXp>

Congratulations, Jill!

SAVE THE DATE!

An all-member celebration of (upcoming) spring! **March 9**, Ann Musolph's house. Watch for further details!

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ART GUILD 11/14/2024 MEETING MINUTES Wheeling Township Building

Ann Musolf, Vice President: Opened meeting at 7:15 pm with results of the sign-up forms presented at the October Guild meeting. Ann thanked each member that signed a volunteer form. Chairpersons of each Board position were named and each position was briefly described. Board members who gave reports (see below) introduce themselves and gave brief descriptions of their duties performed. Ann encouraged all Guild members to, once again, review the volunteer forms in the back of the room and consider signing up to learn about and be ready and able to assist chairpersons if needed.

Patti Jostes, Membership: Announced that some picture frames and art supplies, no longer needed, are being given away, tonight only. Since the 2024-25 Guild phone and email contact list was created and given out to all members in September, several new members need to be added. A list of those new members and their contact information is available on the back table. All are encouraged to take a photo of the list with their phones and add those new members to their 2024-25 membership booklet.

Trish Ramsey, Correspondence Secretary/Newsletter: Announced that Mickey Mantas will be taking over Trish's position when Trish steps down in May.

Janet Grochocinski, Treasurer: Janet encouraged all members to view the currently written treasurer's report on the table in the back of the room.

Larry Freson, Hospitality: Passed around a volunteer form for members willing to bring treats for Guild meetings. *As the **PAST** Art Fair Chairperson, Larry announced that our annual fair "A Walk in the Park" is set to take place on August 24th 2025. The Art Fair is what makes our Scholarship Program possible. Larry reported the urgent need for some one or two members to take over in coordinating the Art Fair. He is available to answer questions regarding this position. A Volunteer Coordinator is also needed - someone to coordinate all those who volunteer on the day of the Art Fair. Volunteers are also needed to assist in creating name tags, booth signs for vendors and information packets.*

Rita Molepske, Scholarship Chair: Is asking for more volunteers to judge student's art at the annual scholarship competition for School District 214. Judging will take place on, February 11th at Elk Grove High School at 4:30 pm. To simplify, on the day of judging, each judge will receive a form with specific criteria to look for and judge. There will be a 1st prize winner awarding \$1500, a 2nd prize winner awarded \$1000 and a 3rd prize winner awarded \$750. Scholarship monies go directly to the student's choice of higher education.

All scholarship awards are made possible by the Art Fair proceeds.

Eileen Fogell, Programs/Publicity: Introduced our demo artist Richard Laurent. Meeting ended approximately 7:30pm

Minutes Recorded by Cathy Lindstrom-Foley