



ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ART GUILD NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year to all Arlington Heights Art Guild members! We hope you've had a wonderful holiday season – and we're looking forward to a fabulous 2023.

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 19, 2023

Our January member meeting will be held in person on **January 19** at the Wheeling Township Community Center, 1616 N. Arlington Hts. Road, Arlington Heights. We follow Covid protocols at each individual's discretion. Hope to see you all there!

MEETING FORMAT and THE USUAL REMINDERS

The social part of the meeting **starts at 6:45 pm**. This earlier time gives us more time to socialize! Also, **every member is welcome to bring a painting** (finished or not, framed or not). These paintings will be on display at the back of the room for all to enjoy prior to the start of the meeting.

The business part of the evening begins at 7:15pm. Hot water will be available, along with instant coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. There will be no other refreshments. You are welcome to bring your own. Marcia Kozak will have a Treasurer's Report available at the meeting for members.

OUR 2022/2023 DEMO SCHEDULE

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

1/19/23 James Swanson – oil

2/16/23 Dotty Carringi – pastel

3/16/23 Anastasia Mak – acrylic

4/20/23 Marilyn Weisberg – oil

5/18/23 Critique

1/19/23 – James Swanson, oil:

Signature Member of
American Impressionists Society
Oil Painters of America
National Oil & Acrylic Society

I'm originally from Beloit, Wisconsin and went to college to be a forest ranger, but found I was better at painting trees than identifying them. So, I transferred to The Columbus College of Art and Design, where my brother taught, and found what I identified with in illustration. My time at CCAD was a whirlwind of new ideas and design...

In Chicago I worked as an Art Director for Ad Agencies for a few years and found my way into the illustration world, where I created and illustrated posters, ads, books, magazine covers and animations. I did work for – Budweiser and Bud Light, ESPN (where I did the first ESPY Awards Poster), US Tennis Open, The USA Olympic Volleyball Team, The Belmont Stakes, McDonalds, Kraft, and Soap Box Derby. Illustrating is

interesting and a lot of fun but comes with a ton of stress. To relieve my stress, I started Plein Air painting with friends. That's when I found my new passion. I still do some illustration but have made the transition to the Fine Art side and have found representation in galleries around the United States.

I am also an educator and hold oil painting classes and workshops. With the Covid pandemic I've stretched my oil painting classes internationally online through Zoom. I kind of feel like Bob Ross up there, but without the hair. <https://www.jamesswansonpainting.com/about>

MEETING AGENDA

- General announcements from Board members
- January demo

MEMBERSHIP

Directories for 2022-2023 will be available at our January meeting **Or** – you may request a PDF of the Directory it that's more convenient. Patti Jostes can email it to you. If you know of other potential members, direct them to our website, www.arlingtonheightsartguild.com. Membership forms can be downloaded from the website.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT THE GUILD – OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED!

The Arlington Heights Art Guild is looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:

1) President – The duties for this position: Preside over Member and Board meetings, set agendas for both and contact all Board members for in-person or online meetings. Sign the rental agreement with Wheeling Township for the monthly meeting space, and also keep copies of Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports. For additional information, please contact Tom Warnke.

2) Exhibitions Chair – The duties for this position: Seek out and organize exhibition opportunities for AHAG members. Attend monthly Board meetings. For additional information, please contact Sue Ciccone.

3) Corresponding Secretary - The duties for this position: Attend monthly Board meetings. Compile and distribute monthly Newsletter, September through May. Send other correspondence to AHAG members as necessary. For additional information, please contact Trish Ramsey.

4) Membership Chair – The duties for this position: Greet members and take attendance at general meetings. Attend monthly Board meetings. Compile annual membership directory. Check AHAG Post Office box. For additional information, please contact Patti Jostes.

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** is open for exhibits from our members. 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. It's a wonderful opportunity to show many of your works on individual wall spaces. Anyone interested needs to **contact Paula Rebbeck** (847-359-5918). Thank you, Paula!

- **Trish Ramsey** and **Estee Weiss** are exhibiting their artwork in the Dining Room at the Center until the first week in March.
- **Bob Packheiser** is exhibiting his artwork in the Hallway at the Center beginning the second week in January until the first week in March.

- Program Room 1 has been closed due to new flooring being installed at the Center. It is **now open for exhibiting again**. On January 26 all members are invited to bring 2 pieces of their artwork for display. Please arrive between 10:00 and 11:30 am. **Contact Paula Rebbeck for questions or confirmation.**

2) Other exhibition opportunities:

- **Palatine Public Library**, May 2023 (dates to be determined)
- **Prospect Heights Public Library**, October 2023 (dates to be determined)

A sign up sheet for the exhibiting opportunities will be available at our January meeting.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

1) Inspiration Corporation is a not for profit that helps homeless people, training them in food service and catering jobs, providing housing and technology skills. Their annual art auction “One Inspired Evening” is a juried exhibit in a downtown event venue, catered by the trainees -- yummy food, music, dancing and lots of good art. The Art Auction provides an opportunity for you to give back by donating your art, while getting exposure to an art buying crowd. Accepted artists receive a ticket to attend the gala.

Use the link below for submissions.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=YLj2Y0YM-0uJlpMvI2iH7fe0RzUTkX1DqHvz5cIldUZUQjINRIJLVzdTUIdNU0s0N1ITOEtTOVdLUC4u>

2) 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 new 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

2) **The Empty Corner** is a new contemporary art gallery near downtown Arlington Heights. Contact them for upcoming events of interest and possible exhibition opportunities (www.theemptycorner.com).

SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE

Judging for this year’s scholarship awards will be done on March 14 at 3:45pm. At our January AHAG meeting, Rita Molepske will be asking for volunteers to help judge.

SAVE THE DATE!

Circle those calendars! Our fabulous annual art fair, **A Walk in the Park**, will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2023.

IMPORTANT DATES

Member meeting dates:

January 19, 2023

February 16, 2023

March 16, 2023

April 20, 2023

May 18, 2023

Exhibition dates:

1) Senior Center Hallway and Dining Room – Take down current exhibitions 1st week January; put up new exhibitions second week January (until first week March).

2) Senior Center Room 1 – January 26, between 10:00 and 11:30 am.

AHAG Newsletter compiled and submitted by Trish Ramsey, Corresponding Secretary

ART GUILD 11/10/22 MEETING MINUTES
Wheeling Township Building

Trish Ramsey, tonight's Interim President and Correspondence Secretary (Newsletter): Meeting opened at 7:14 pm with Trish welcoming all Guild Members to the last guild meeting of 2022. Looking forward to the next meeting in January, Trish wished everyone happy holidays! The "Good News" section of the Guild Newsletter was empty this month. Members are encouraged to send Trish anything of interest having to do with art. Patricia.prakope@gmail.com Guild meetings will now begin at 6:45 pm (not 7:00 pm) to devote more time for socializing. Members are asked to peruse art works that have been created by fellow Guild members displayed on tables in the back of the room. All Guild members are encouraged to display their art at our monthly meetings. Share your works in progress and finished works; framed or unframed. This is simply another way for us to get to know one another. The following Chair and Board positions are in need of being filled: President, Exhibition Chair, Correspondence Secretary (Newsletter) Chair, Treasurer and the Membership Chair. Marcia Kozak, has been serving us as Treasurer for 20 years (her choice) and has been reluctant to give it up! This is a wonderful opportunity to develop new friendships and make a difference in your Art Guild. All are asked to consider taking over one of these positions or perhaps volunteer to assist in one of the positions. Before introducing other Chair and Board members to speak, Trish reminded members to please silence cell phones and to put private conversations on hold until the demo artist's conclusion.

Tom Warnke, past President: Hot water and instant coffee and teas are the back of the room. Members may help themselves at any time during the meeting. The Artists Association of Elk Grove is giving a demo by Nancy King Mertz next week. The demo will be held in the Garden Terrace Room of the Pavilion.

Linda Campuzano, A Walk in the Park (art fair): Linda asked if any member(s) might be interested in assisting her (in any capacity) preparing for the August 27th art fair, "A Walk in the Park". Any help would be greatly appreciated. Contact Linda carlin55@att.net

Patti Jostes, Membership: Introduced our newest member, Mitra Precht. Welcome applause followed. At the membership table, a printed out sheet of new members, and their contact information, is available to include in your 2022/23 Art Guild Directory.

AnnMusolf, Vice President: presented a little thank you gift to the member that introduced Mitra Precht to our Guild.

Marcia Kozak, Treasurer: The Guild currently has a grand total of \$11,651.51. Marcia surprised us all by announcing that her position as Treasurer has been filled by Janet Grochocinski. THANK YOU JANET!

Eileen Fogell, Programs & Publicity: Eileen introduced demo artist, Kittie Yohe. Kittie works with watercolors, acrylics and acrylic airbrush paints. She has been painting for 50 years and has taught art for 35 years.

The meeting ended at approximately 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Lindstrom-Foley