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## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ART GUILD NEWSLETTER

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### **MEETING DATE: APRIL 18, 2024**

Happy spring! Our April member meeting will be held in person on April 18 at the Wheeling Township Community Center, 1616 N. Arlington Hts. Road, Arlington Heights. We continue to 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. Every member is welcome to bring a work of art (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. Janet Grochocinski will have a Treasurer's Report available at the meeting.

### **OUR 2023/2024 DEMO SCHEDULE**

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

4/18/24 Michael Latala, pastel – **Please note the artist demo has changed!**

5/16/24 Critique and Silent Auction with Kasia Lynch!! \*

#### **Michael Latala:**

*After receiving an Associate of Arts degree in Advertising/Design from the American Academy of Art, I've had a successful career as a storyboard illustrator working on staff at Draft FCB and Ogilvy & Mather, two of Chicago's largest advertising agencies. Pursuing my love of painting, I studied with Scott Burdick, Dan Gerhartz, Romel De La Torre and Richard Schmid.*

*Based in Chicago, I express the natural beauty I see in the world around me through my handling of materials such as oil paint, pastels and charcoal. My landscapes, still life, figurative, and portrait work offer a fresh and seemingly effortless symphony of color.*

*I strive to achieve the overpowering beauty of the artists I admire such as Nicolai Fechin, John Singer Sargent, Joaquin Sorolla and Anders Zorn. I push myself with every painting to create art that will do the same, inspiring young artists, and individuals, as these masters have done for me.*

<http://www.latalaart.com/biography>

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

*Our May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be the Grand Finale of our 2023-2024 season-- and not to be missed. Back by popular demand, artist and teacher, Kasia Lynch, will be our guest "great eye." Bring in any painting that you would like expert advice on to find just the right touch to help make a better finished image. Kasia's gentle analysis was very much appreciated last May. The 16<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
- April demo

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership notes from Patti Jostes, our Membership Chair:

*Members: At each meeting, place a check mark on the member roster and make yourself a name tag.*

*Guests: Guests are welcome at our meetings. If you invite someone, please tell them in advance that there is a **\$5 guest fee**. Info sheets are available as well as member registration forms.*

*Please note: **Dues are collected in April & May** for the club year that begins the following September. Dues are \$25 for individuals or \$30 for couples. Download the attached membership form.*

## **SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE**

Judging for this year's scholarship awards was done on February 13. At our February meeting, Rita Molepske, our Scholarships Chair, gave a report. Many thanks to Rita and the judges! Rita's summary follows:

*The scholarship committee of 10 members judged the District 214 student art on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. We have a First Place Scholarship winner (\$1,500 award) from Prospect High School, a Second Place Scholarship winner (\$1,000 award) from Rolling Meadows High School, and a Third Place Scholarship winner (\$750) from Elk Grove High School. Awards (including our scholarship certificates) will be presented to the students at the **Arts Unlimited Ceremony on Wednesday, April 3, Forest View, 4-6 pm**. The Scholarship Awards are sent to each winner's school of higher learning after they are officially registered in early summer.*

## **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.

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

1) **Volunteers Coordinator** for A Walk in the Park art fair. Responsibilities include securing and training volunteers for various aspects of the Walk. This includes speaking at our general meetings, circulating clipboards, and sending reminders. Please contact Larry Freson for additional information.

2) **Exhibitions Chair (and possible Co-Chair?)** – The duties for this position include seeking out and organizing exhibition opportunities for AHAG members and attending monthly Board meetings. For additional information, please contact Marion Sherman.

Many thanks to **Lee Ann Kuhn** for volunteering to be our Member Tent Chair!

And, as always, heartfelt thanks to all our current/continuing 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** (847-359-5918). Thank you, Paula!

- **Jim Aguirre** and **Tracey Cologrossi** are exhibiting their artwork in the Dining Room until the first week of May.
- **Patti Jostes** and **Trish Ramsey** 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 30**. 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 The Empty Corner Gallery:

*Our next big event for artists is coming in May -- our 100 under \$100 event. This is our event where artists are invited to an exhibition of 100 artworks for under \$100!*

*Each participating artist can submit 1-2 pieces for the show and they set their own prices under \$100 (All proceeds from the art sales will go back to the artists). This is a great way to connect local artists with the community and allow for the appreciation and purchase of affordable art pieces. We had a great turnout last year with many sales and we are so excited for this year.*

*If you are interested in exhibiting, please email Kasia at the Empty Corner directly. Please include a photo of your work(s) when you email her. Ready to hang **artwork is due by May 16**. The **Opening Reception will take place on Thursday, May 30th from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM***

Contact Kasia: [emptycornergallery@gmail.com](mailto:emptycornergallery@gmail.com)

**The Empty Corner** is a new contemporary art gallery near downtown Arlington Heights. Contact them for upcoming events of interest and other possible exhibition opportunities.

[www.theemptycornergallery.com](http://www.theemptycornergallery.com)

2) Apply now for the **13<sup>th</sup> Prairie Plein Air Competition and Show**, sponsored by the Village of Schaumburg in conjunction with Blick Art Materials. Find all the information here:

<https://www.prairiecenter.org/programs/prairie-plein-air>

3) The Community Art Show at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is back for a fourth year. Learn more and register here: <http://pop.church/artshow>

VIDEO: <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1664484537412894>

Registration deadline is **April 17**. Art Walk / Award Night is **May 3**. They'll have hors d'oeuvres and live music, juror feedback and great cash prizes again this year. This year's theme: Livin' On A Prayer: Meditate & Create.

4) 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.*

**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.

1) **Eileen Fogell** will be exhibiting her photography with the Arlington Camera Club at the Prospect Hts. Library during the month of April.

2) **Trees Exhibit**, 2024 (Artists Association of Elk Grove Village) – Elk Grove Village Public Library. Many of our **AHAG members** are also AAEGV members, and their work will be displayed. Reception will take place at the library on **April 7**, 1:30-3:30pm.

3) Several of our AHAG members exhibited with the AAEGV at the **Empty Corner** during the month of March. "Our Natural World" was a collection of recent works by over 30 members of The Artists Association of Elk Grove Village. Each artist exhibited 2 to 3 pieces that demonstrated their individual perspective on what the natural world means to them.

It was a lovely show! Here are the names that I have: **Marie Bass, Audrey Freson, Larry Freson, Mary Kay McMahon, Rita Molepske, Tara Riley, Tom Rybarczyk, Irina Shkrobach, and Tom Warnke**. Please forgive me if I've missed your name, and please remember that you need to notify me about your good news.

Congratulations to all!

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR AHAG MEMBERS!**

Beginning next season (September, 2024), the Arlington Heights Art Guild will no longer be offering mailed Newsletters. We will only be sending Newsletters via email. Please update your Directory information with your email address. Thank you!

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Circle those calendars! Our fabulous annual art fair, **A Walk in the Park**, will be held on **Sunday, August 25, 2024**.

## **NEXT SEASON -- EXCITING CONTEST!**

This contest will begin in September of the '24/'25 season and the winning design will be displayed at the 2025 Walk in the Park event. Stay tuned for information about this exciting **Banner Design Contest for the Walk in the Park** member tent! More information to come!

AHAG Newsletter compiled and submitted by Trish Ramsey, Corresponding Secretary

### **ART GUILD 03/21/2024 MEETING MINUTES Wheeling Township Building**

Marion Sherman, President: Opened the meeting approximately 7:15 pm. Welcomed all attendees and discussed the need for one or possibly two volunteers to take charge of finding and securing galleries and public places to display and/or sell guild member's art work. Interested volunteers are encouraged to speak with Marion or any Board member about the Exhibition Chairperson position. The Banner Contest (for the Art Guild Tent at our August art fair) will be open to all Guild members except those who volunteer to be judges. Contest details will be forthcoming at the April Guild meeting and it's Newsletter. Currently, we know that all colors and designs for a banner displaying the words "Arlington Heights Art Guild" will be considered, and that the member's banner design that is chosen will be rewarded.

Janet Grochocinski, Treasurer: Our checking account balance last month was \$8,536.36. Incoming was \$3,015.00. Expenditures were \$1,577.41. Our current checking account balance is \$9,973.95. In our savings account we have \$1,556.73. In our CD's we have \$5,609.36. This leaves us with a grand total of \$17,140.04.

Patti Jostes, Membership Chair: Welcomed 5 guests and a new member, April Antonson, with applause.

Rita Molepske, Scholarship Chair: Showed us photos of the three District 214 High School scholarship winner's art work. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner (\$1500) attends Mount Prospect High School, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner (\$1000) attends Rolling Meadows High School and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner (\$750) attends Elk Grove High School. Winners will be awarded Certificates of Achievement by our Guild at the "Arts Unlimited Gallery" in Arlington Heights on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Larry Freson, Art Fair Chair: Our annual A Walk in the Park art fair is set for August 25<sup>th</sup>. 47 paid vendors have already sent in applications. We have 3 food vendors. Larry introduced the Guild member, Lee Ann Kuhn, who volunteered to be our Coordinator of the Art Guild Tent. Two clipboards were sent around to all meeting attendees: one clipboard for any member wanting to display/sell their art in the Guild Tent, and one clipboard for members who will volunteer one hour of their time helping in the Guild Tent. Thank you Lee Ann.

Larry stated that he needs one more Guild member to take over the position of Volunteer Coordinator for the Walk in the Park. Kathy Stenger had the position and had to step down.

Eileen Fogell, Program & Publicity Chair: Introduced Sandra Sheagren, oil painting demo artist for tonight's meeting. Sandra is a member of the Glenview Art League as well as the Portrait Society of America. The meeting ended at approximately 8:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary, Cathy Lindstrom-Foley