

AHA GUILD

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ART GUILD NEWSLETTER

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MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Our February member meeting will be held in person on February 15 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!

Important!! We will be voting on the acceptance of our newly revised By-Laws at the February 15 meeting. Copies of the By-Laws will be available on the back table to take a quick read during our social time before the meeting and the vote.

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!

2/15/24	Peter Jablokow, watercolor
3/21/24	Sandy Sheagren, oil
4/18/24	Julie Skoda, pastel
5/16/24	Critique with Kasia Lynch

Peter Jablokow –

...As the son of an artist growing up in Lagrange Park, Illinois, drawing and painting has always been part of Peter's life. Frank Lloyd Wright's houses close to his in nearby Oak Park, IL, influenced his decision to pursue a degree in architecture at Iowa State University.

A trained architect, Peter started migrating towards art by becoming an architectural illustrator, working with Rael Slutsky Associates, and later Manuel Avila associates. Peter loves the technical aspects of drawing perspective images and is drawn to its exactness of detail.

Peter's full transition to artist came while taking classes with Peggy Macnamara at North Shore Art League in Winnetka, IL. Peggy activated his love for loose, fresh watercolor, igniting his current series of work, which overlays a looser, more colorful painting style on top of a tight drawing style.

<http://peterillustrator.com/about-1>

MEETING AGENDA

- General announcements from our President and Board members
- Vote on newly revised By-Laws (copies of By-Laws will be available)
- February demo

MEMBERSHIP

Reminders from Patti Jostes, our Membership Chair:

*When you arrive for the general meetings, please check your name on the membership list and make yourself a nametag. Guest fee for non-members is \$5. Guests sign a separate sheet & make a nametag. Directories for the 2023-2024 season will be available to pick up - check your name off as received. **Or** I can send you a pdf of the directory. If you know someone who's interested in joining, direct them to the website:*

www.arlingtonheightsartguild.com New members are welcome any time of the year.

SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE

Judging for this year's scholarship awards will be done on **February 13 at 3:45pm**. At our February meeting, Rita Molepske will have a report.

POSITION 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 a volunteer to fill the following position:

1) **Member Tent Chair** for A Walk in the Park art fair. Please contact Larry Freson for information about the responsibilities for this position.

[Help us celebrate our newest volunteer \(see below\)!!](#)

Larry Freson has graciously offered to take over as Chair of our Walk in the Park art fair.

Heartfelt thanks to Larry and all continuing 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!

- **Marie Bass** and **Tracey Cologrossi** are exhibiting their artwork in the Dining Room until the first week of March.
- **Irene Shkroback** and **Bob Packheiser** are exhibiting their artwork in the Hallway at the Center until the first week of March.
- Various artists are displaying their works in Program Room 1 until **March 28**. 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) 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.

2) Inspiration Corporation is looking for artists to donate to their annual Art Auction fundraiser. They use the funds raised to help homeless people in the Uptown neighborhood to learn job skills, find work and housing. This is a juried event for charity. All art is donated by the artists; selected artists receive an invitation to the Gala on March 15. It is a fun evening and several in our group have participated in past years.

Use the link to submit: [One Inspired Evening](#)

If accepted and you are not able to get your work to the Chicago delivery location, reach out to Tara Riley & she will arrange with you to deliver accepted works to the Inspiration Corp in the city, before delivery deadline. Thank you!

3) 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.

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) **Linda Campuzano** sold three paintings while exhibiting at the Arlington Hts Senior Center. Congratulations, Linda!

2) **Jill E. Stark** has her watercolor paintings on display at the Evanston Art Center Faculty Exhibition from January 13 – February 4, 2024. Jill has taught one-day painting workshops there since 2019 (watercolors and acrylic). She is also one of the docents at the Art Institute of Chicago this year, using American Sign Language. Congratulations, Jill!

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.

AHAG Newsletter compiled and submitted by Trish Ramsey, Corresponding Secretary

ART GUILD 01/18/2024 MEETING MINUTES Wheeling Township Building

Ann Musolf, Vice President: Opened meeting at 7:15 pm nominating Marion Sherman for President of our Guild. Rita Molepske seconded the nomination. All members were asked if there were any other nominations. No other nominations. All members were asked to vote yes for Marion by a show of raised hands. A full quorum of members voted in agreement that Marion Sherman be President of AHAG.

Marion Sherman, President: Thanked all members for their support and confidence in her leadership as President. She spoke of doing her best and, in exchange, requested that each member do their best in volunteering when needed. Board members present at meeting were introduced by Marion: Rita Molepske, Scholarship Chair, Janet Grochocinski, Treasurer, Patti Jostes, Membership Chair, Kathy Stenger, Art Fair Team, Ann Musolf, Vice President, Larry Freson, Art Fair Chair, and Eileen Fogell, Programs & Publicity Chair. Marion also announced that the AHAG BY-LAWS (first created in 1971) have been revised and updated by the entire Board to reflect our Guild as it is currently in 2024. The updated BY-LAWS have been printed and are available in the back of the room for each member to take home and read. At the February meeting all members will be asked to vote on the acceptance of the updated BY-LAWS.

Rita Molepske, Scholarship Chair: Is asking for 2 or 3 more volunteers to judge the annual scholarship art competition for School District 214. Judging will take place on Tuesday, February 13th at Elk Grove High School at 3:45 pm. Rita passed out a clipboard during the meeting for members to sign up as judges, and successfully obtained more volunteers. The clipboard information included the address of Elk Grove High School and the criteria for judging.

Janet Grochocinski, Treasurer: Currently AHAG has \$7912.36 in our checking account, \$1556.00 in savings and \$5573.73 in CD's. This comes to a total of \$15,042.57. Janet asked if anyone has an expense coming from the Christmas party, please give her those receipts for reimbursement.

Larry Freson, Art Fair Chair: Announced that he has volunteered to be chairperson for the Guild's annual art fair, "A Walk In The Park". At the February Guild meeting Larry plans to introduce his team of 5 or 6 volunteers who have each volunteered their time to follow through on specific art fair responsibilities. One of the team was present this evening, and Larry introduced Kathy Stenger. Larry is asking each member to consider volunteering to take over his past position as the GUILD TENT CHAIR at the art fair since he cannot handle both chair positions at the same time.

Marion Sherman, President: Thanked Larry for his willingness to step up as Art Fair Chairperson. Larry was also thanked for taking on the Hospitality Chair as well as providing the hot coffee on such a cold night. All members applauded Larry.

Eileen Fogell, Program & Publicity Chair: Demo artist, Lindsey Lee Miska, a middle school art teacher who is working with acrylics this evening.

Meeting ended at approximately 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary, Cathy Lindstrom-Foley