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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ART GUILD NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY, 2024

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 18, 2024

Happy New Year, everyone! Our January member meeting will be held in person on January 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!

Important!! The Arlington Heights Art Guild By-Laws have been updated. You will receive them via email in early January - or - if you don't receive email, they will be available for viewing at the January membership meeting. We will be voting on their acceptance at the February 15 meeting. Also, our new President (Marion Sherman) will be "officially installed" at the January 2024, membership meeting.

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!

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| 1/18/24 | Lindsey Lee Miska, acrylic |
| 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 |

Lindsey Lee Miska –

...I am an artist and art educator, located just outside of Chicago, Illinois, USA. I am passionate about capturing the essence of life, love and beauty through my paintings. At the core of my artistic process is a series of transparent layers built upon a delicate wash. This method allows me to gradually add depth and complexity to each piece. Through the interplay of vibrant hues and intricate textures, my work seeks to connect with the viewer, evoking feelings of joy, warmth, and inspiration. If you are looking to add a touch of beauty and emotion to your soul or space, you have come to the right place. Enjoy! ...

...As an artist and teacher, I firmly believe that art has the power to transcend boundaries and connect people. It is a language that speaks to the soul, evoking emotions and sparking imagination. I find great joy in witnessing my students' growth and seeing them embrace their unique artistic voices.

<https://www.lindseyleemiska.com/>

MEETING AGENDA

- **Official installation of our new President, Marion Sherman**
- General announcements from Board members
- Copies of newly revised by-laws will be available
- January 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 January AHAG meeting, Rita Molepske will be asking for volunteers to help judge.

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 volunteer(s) to fill the following position:

1) Corresponding Secretary – Be in the know! This person gathers information and sends out our monthly Newsletter, September through May (excluding December). This is a fun and easy way to help out with the Guild. For additional information, please contact Trish Ramsey (Patricia Prakope Ramsey in our Directory).

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

1) AHAG President: Heartfelt thanks to our new President, Marion Sherman!

Formal installation of our new President will take place at the January 18 meeting!

2) A Walk in the Park Committee:

Please welcome another member of the new art fair team, Mary Kay McMahon!

Heartfelt thanks to these new (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 **January 25**. 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.

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) **Anne Musolf** sold a piece during her recent exhibition at the Mount Prospect Library.

Congratulations, Anne!

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 11/09/2023 MEETING MINUTES Wheeling Township Building

Rita Molepske, Scholarship Chair & Interim President: Rita read the Guild By-Laws, Article 6, Section 2 concerning the election of Guild Officers. The Presidency of our Guild has remained vacant for a year and a half. Marion Sherman, who has graciously agreed to be our new President was unanimously nominated by the Board. At the January 2024 Guild Meeting we will be having an official election for Guild President. Any Guild member who has been considering being President is asked to inform the Board and your name will be included in the voting process. Rita had Marion introduce herself to the members: *Marion was extremely interested in art as a child and won scholarships to the Art Institute of Chicago at the age of 12. She was encouraged to study something "more practical" when going to college and excelled in the field of medicine. Marion worked in clinical hospital labs as well as in research development for Abbott Labs. Wanting to catch up on new artistic techniques, and to form a connection with the creative world again, Marion returned to her love of art by joining the Art Guild in 2019. She is looking forward to adding her time, energy and ideas to our Guild, and looks forward to working with and getting to know all members.* In addition to Marion's nomination as President, three other members have volunteered to take Linda Campuzano's place as Art Fair Coordinator; Sandy Howard, Kathy Ponce and Kathy Stenger. Linda is encouraging one other member to join the Art Fair team. The AH Senior Center is now exhibiting Guild member's work in Program Room #1 till November 30th. Members who are currently displaying are asked to pick up their work(s) on November 30th from noon till 1:30 pm. Members who want to display their art may bring no more than two pieces to the Senior Center from noon till 1:30 pm. FYI: Several works of art from our Guild have sold through the Senior Center Exhibits. Annalee Strasburg is displaying her art at the Prairie Art Center through November. Scholarship update: One of our Guild's primary goals is to promote the value of art and monetarily assist higher learning in art. With this goal in mind, we put on the annual art fair and the proceeds go toward scholarships for High School Students of District 214. Rita is asking for volunteers to judge at the annual art competition on Tuesday, February 13th at the Elk Grove High School Art Rooms from 3:00 to 4:45 pm. Volunteer forms and information about the judging criteria are in the back of the room. Trish Ramsey is actively looking for one or two members who will take over her position as Corresponding Secretary beginning in May. The position entails keeping all Guild members informed with our monthly Newsletter. Trish will train.

Janet Grochocinski, Treasurer: After one disbursement of \$200 and one deposit of \$95 we have \$8,252.36 in the Guild checking account, \$1,556.22 in the savings account, and \$5,548.49 in two CD's. The Guild has a grand total of \$15,357.07.

Patti Jostes, Membership Chair: Two guests were welcomed. The program "Imaginary Journey" is being presented at the AH Senior Center November 20th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Art Historian, Denise Laurin will be speaking on Monet's art. It is mandatory to register for this program in person. The cost is \$2.00 per person.

Eileen Fogell, Program & Publicity Chair: Demo Artist, Cecile Derel, was introduced and demonstrated her glass engraving.

Meeting ended at approximately 9:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Recording Secretary Cathy Lindstrom-Foley