

# AHA GUILD

## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ART GUILD NEWSLETTER

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### **MARCH, 2024**

#### **MEETING DATE: MARCH 21, 2024**

Our March member meeting will be held in person on March 21 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!

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| 3/21/24 | Sandy Sheagren, oil       |
| 4/18/24 | Julie Skoda, pastel       |
| 5/16/24 | Critique with Kasia Lynch |

#### **Sandy Sheagren**

Sandy is a visual artist and poet who has been drawing, painting, and writing since childhood. She uses a variety of media including pencil, watercolor, and oil paint, and often combines watercolor with pencil. Since 1998 she has studied watercolor with Leslie Hirshfield at the Noyes Cultural Center in Evanston, IL, portraiture and the figure with Gay Riseborough at Studio 1123, Evanston, IL, and oil painting under the guidance of Ann Ponce in her studio in Chicago, IL. For more information:

<https://sandysheagren.com/about-sandy-sheagren/>

## **MEETING AGENDA**

- General announcements from our President and Board members
- March 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 nametag.*

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

*Dues are collected in April & May for the club year that begins the following September. Dues are \$25 for individuals or \$30 for couples. After Feb.1 dues are reduced to \$15 or \$20.*

## **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) **Member Tent Chair** for A Walk in the Park art fair. Responsibilities include overseeing the member tent at the Walk in the Park fair, contacting members who wish to exhibit, organizing the cash box, and securing members to man the tent. Please contact Larry Freson for additional information.

2) **Exhibitions 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.

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 **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) Trees Exhibit, 2024 – Elk Grove Village Public Library. Cash prizes will be awarded. Registration deadline: Saturday, **March 16**, Elk Grove Pavilion, front desk. Reception to take place at the library on April 7, 1:30-3:30pm. AAEGV member fee = \$15; non-member fee = \$20.00.

Contact Tammy Haman, [AAEGVexhibits@gmail.com](mailto:AAEGVexhibits@gmail.com) with any questions.

2) 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.

3) 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!

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) **Tobi Abrams** had a one-woman show at the Prospect Heights Public Library where she sold several paintings. She was also invited to be a guest artist with the Dandelion Art Gallery in Waukegan. Additionally, three of her paintings were accepted into a juried show at the Bower Center for the Arts in Virginia. This show runs from February through March, 2024.

2) **Audrey Freson, Mary Kay McMahon, Tom Rybarczyk, and Tom Warnke** were among the artists chosen for the recent Best of the Best show, sponsored by the DuPage Art Association. This show featured the works of more than 50 award-winning artists from 12 suburban art organizations. The exhibit allows artists and art lovers an opportunity to view the work of artists who have been recognized by their peers. Judges awarded ribbons and cash prizes to the best pieces.

This year's participating organizations were: Addison Art Guild, Artists' Association of Elk Grove Village, Aurora Art League, Downers Grove Art League, DuPage Art League, Elmhurst Artists' Guild, La Grange Art Guild, Lemont Artists Guild, Midwest Collage Society, Naperville Art League, Oak Brook Art League, and Yellow House Artists.

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.

## **EXCITING CONTEST!**

Stay tuned for information about our exciting **Banner Design Contest for the Walk in the Park** member tent! You'll receive more information at our March member meeting

**ART GUILD 02/15/2024 MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wheeling Township Building**

**Marion Sherman, President:** Opened the meeting at 7:15 pm by introducing herself as our new Guild president. The first order of business was to vote on the revised By-Laws. Marion explained that the revisions of the By-Laws were made in order to enable a more current and efficient art guild. Marion called for the vote and it was seconded. All members were asked to raise their hands if in favor of the revised By-Laws and asked if there were any nays. The revised By-Laws were unanimously accepted. The second order of business was that there will be a competition within the members of the Guild to design a large banner for the Guild Tent at our Walk in the Park art fair. We will have judging, prizes and it will be publicized. Design criteria will be available at the next Guild meeting as well as a form for members wishing to be a part of this competition.

**Janet Grochocinski, Treasurer:** Several art fair vendor fees have been received. Also we have had some minimal expenses. Currently we have \$8536 in the Guild checking account, \$1556 in the Guild savings account and \$5592 in the Guild's two CD's. This gives us a grand total of \$15,685.08.

**Rita Molepske, Scholarship Chair:** Last Tuesday was the judging of our annual School District 214 Scholarship competition. Ten members of the Guild volunteered to judge various mediums including digital and animated works of art. All judges stood and were applauded. Discussions will take place on how better to judge animation and digital alongside the traditional mediums the students are using. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was from Mt. Prospect High School, and will receive \$1500. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner was from Rolling Meadows High School, and will receive \$1000. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner was from Elk Grove High School, and will receive \$750. Affirming that our annual scholarship competition is beneficial was an Elk Grove High School art teacher introducing himself as one of our 2016 scholarship winners. In the Daily Herald is an article about an Arts Unlimited Art and Writing Contest sponsored by High School District 214. The deadline to enter is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Trish will be sending details to all guild members.

**Larry Freson, Art Fair Chair:** Our annual A Walk in the Park art fair is set for August 25<sup>th</sup>. 23 vendors have already sent in applications and paid their fees. We will have the same musician as last year's fair as well as the same food vendors. Larry's team members that will be coordinating our art fair are Kathy Ponce, who is our liason for the Arlington Heights Village, Kathy Stenger, who is in charge of all fair volunteers, Mary Kay McMahon who is in charge of all electronic communications to websites, and Janet Grochocinski who is handling all financial needs. **Larry is asking for member(s) to volunteer their assistance as the Guild Tent Coordinator. Larry's contact information can be found in the Guild Directory. Larry will answer questions and provide detailed information about being Guild Tent Coordinator.** Last year, art work, displayed in the Guild Art Tent made approximately \$1,200 in sales. A spreadsheet with artist's names and all items and the amounts must be recorded. It is mandatory that all those displaying their art for sale in the tent must agree to work (two at a time) in the tent for a minimum of one hour. It is the Coordinator's job to create a list containing firm commitments of exact times and names of those who must volunteer one hour to work the tent. Tom R. has volunteered to bring the Guild tent that morning, but will need help setting it up as well as taking it down in the evening. Kathy Stenger suggested we ask the high school students to assist at the art fair. Marion will find out what is legally necessary to have persons under the age of 18 work as a volunteer.

**Patti Jostes, Membership Chair:** Sue Ciccone was welcomed back, as well as four guests.

**Eileen Fogell, Program & Publicity Chair:** Introduced demo artist, Peter Jablokow, an award winning transparent watercolor artist. Meeting ended at approximately 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary, Cathy Lindstrom-Foley