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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ART GUILD NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2024

MEETING DATE: MAY 16, 2024

Our May member meeting will be held in person on May 16 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

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

***From Eileen Fogell: important information about our May meeting:**

*Our May 16th 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 16th 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
- May Silent Auction and Critique

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.*

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.

Heartfelt thanks to all our current/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!

- **Jim Aguirre** and **Jan Pawlowski** are exhibiting their artwork in the Dining Room until the first week of July.
- **Bob Packheiser** and **Irina Shkrobach** are exhibiting their artwork in the Hallway at the Center until the first week of July.
- 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) In preparation for her artist residency at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park Colorado this summer, **Tara Riley** is offering workshops in her Arlington Heights studio beginning in May and June. For details click the links below. Dates not good? Grab some friends and she'll find a date that works for your group of 3 or more.

Silk Scarf Painting- Learn the ancient art of painting on silk and paint your own silk scarf. Previous art experience helpful but not necessary. May 31 / 1-4:30 pm. [Details and Registration](#)

Gel-plate Mono Printing- This is a fun easy printmaking technique teaches creative mark-making tools to make texture, pattern, prints for collage, scrapbooking, gift wrap, notecards and finished art. June 14/ 1-3:30 pm. [Details and Registration](#)
<https://tararileyart.com/events>

2) 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

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

3) The **Transparent Watercolor Society of America** is holding its 48th annual exhibit at the Kenosha Art Museum from May 4 to August 4.

4) **13th Prairie Plein Air Competition and Show** - Submitted works will be exhibited and for sale in the Herb Aigner Gallery inside the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts May 14 - June 23, and will coincide with the 35th annual Prairie Arts Festival, which will be held Memorial Day weekend (Saturday and Sunday May 25-26) on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center. Find all the information here: <https://www.prairiecenter.org/programs/prairie-plein-air>

5) The **Community Art Show** at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is back for a fourth year. 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.

6) 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) **Cathy Lindstrom-Foley** won 2nd place at the Elk Grove Art Association's Tree Exhibit.

2) **Tara Riley** will be Artist in Residence at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado from August 17 through September 5. While in residence Tara will offer workshops, demonstrations and pop-up art shows.

Congratulations to Cathy and Tara!

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 04/18/2024 MEETING MINUTES
Wheeling Township Building

Marion Sherman, **President**: Opened the meeting approximately 7:15 pm. Welcomed all attendees and mentioned free pastel magazines that Marcia had brought in. Members were encouraged to take one (or more). Marion also reminded members that our treasurer's report is on the back table for anyone interested. She then introduced Patti Jostes.

Patti Jostes, **Membership Chair**: Welcomed 7 guests and a new member, Steve Blye, with applause. She also reminded members that she is collecting dues for next year. Our year runs from June 1 – May 31.

Marion introduced Larry Freson next.

Larry Freson, **Art Fair Chair**: All is going well. There are 55 paid vendors to date. He sent around sign-up sheets for volunteers for the fair. Our annual A Walk in the Park art fair is set for August 25th.

Marion thanked Ann Musolf, **Vice President**, who had a slide show of paintings that will be included in the Silent Auction at our May meeting.

Eileen Fogell, **Program & Publicity Chair**: Eileen explained the "preview/slide show" of paintings that will be available for purchase during our upcoming Silent Auction. This supports our Scholarship fund. Eileen then introduced Michael Latala, pastel demo artist for tonight's meeting. The meeting ended at approximately 9:00 pm.