

AHA GUILD

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ART GUILD NEWSLETTER

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MEETING DATE: October 19, 2023

Our October member meeting will be held in person on October 19 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. There will be no refreshments. You are welcome to bring your own. 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!

10/19/23	Anita Maher, oil
11/9/23	Cecile Derel, glass etching
1/18/24	Lindsey Lee Miska, acrylic
2/15/24	Peter Jablokow, watercolor
3/21/24	Sandy Sheagren, oil
4/18/24	Maggie Capettini, oil/pallet knife
5/16/24	Critique with Kasia Lynch

Anita Maher, oil:

I have been a Barrington, Illinois resident for over 40 years, mother of two now adult children who live in Montana, and a local yoga instructor for over twenty years. Started painting at Harper College taking a watercolor class with Veronica Potter way back in the 80's. Then started at Main St. Art Center in Lake Zurich in the 90's with Frankie Johnson.

Over the years I have also done several workshops and retreats with so many lovely artists as well as a few retreats in France.

For the past ten to fifteen years I have focused primarily on painting from life, either working from models, still lives or outside in Plein Air.

I paint because it helps me see beauty everywhere and in everyone. It trains a person's eyes and brain to see all that is lovely and good in the world. An excellent practice for everyone!!

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MEETING AGENDA

General announcements from Board members and others

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.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT THE GUILD – [On-going opportunities to get involved](#)

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) President – The duties for this position: Preside over Member and Board meetings, set agendas for both and contact all Board members for in-person or online meetings. Sign the rental agreement with Wheeling Township for the monthly meeting space, and also keep copies of Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports. For additional information, please contact Tom Warnke.

2) Art Fair Committee Chair – The duties for this position:

Organizes our fabulous Walk in the Park art fair in Arlington Heights every year on the last Sunday in August. For information, please contact Linda Campuzano.

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!

- **Mary Hess** and **Jim Aquirre** are exhibiting their artwork in the Dining Room until the first week of November.
- **Trish Ramsey** and **Paula Reebeck** are exhibiting their artwork in the Hallway at the Center until the first week of November.
- Various artists are displaying their works in Program Room 1 until **November 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 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, which are invited or juried in as space becomes available.

2) **Water Works Exhibition at the Mainstreet Gallery** – celebrating paintings that capture the expression of summer and family fun centered around water. Show runs from October 4 – October 29. Reception and awards ceremony Saturday, October 14, 4:00 – 7:00pm.

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.

Please always contact me, Patricia Prakope Ramsey (Trish Ramsey), via my email address if you'd like to be mentioned in this Newsletter.

ART GUILD 09/22/2023 MEETING MINUTES
Wheeling Township Building

Trish Ramsey, Newsletter/Correspondence and 09/2023 Interim President: Meeting opened approximately 7:15 pm. Members are welcomed to the 2023-24 AHAG season. Each meeting will be led by a different Board Member since the President's Position continues to be vacant. Each meeting will begin at 6:45pm for social time and opportunities to share and enjoy artwork brought in by our members. Linda Campuzano is resigning from her position as coordinator for our annual art fair, "A Walk in the Park". We are thanking her tonight for her amazing dedication to the fair. Members are reminded that our AH Art Guild is **completely** run by volunteers. We continue to need volunteers to fill other Board positions. Patti Jostes presented Linda with a letter from the Arlington Heights Park District informing her that the guild has purchased a memorial brick honoring her dedication in chairing "A Walk in the Park" for the last several years. The brick will be put in place next spring.

Linda Campuzano, "A Walk in the Park": Thanked our Guild for honoring her in such a thoughtful way. Members are asked to volunteer to replace her position as coordinator of our annual art fair. The 2023 fair this August was the 53rd Art Fair, and the most successful yet. There is a clipboard asking for volunteers in the back of the room. **At least two volunteers are needed to replace Linda's position by a deadline of December 2023 or there can be no fair this coming August.** Sandy Howard has already volunteered, but will not coordinate the Art Fair alone. Linda is hoping that someone will step up and join Sandy.

Questions from members for Linda:

Q: How does the Art Fair benefit us; the Art Guild?

A: Every year, three college bound high school students from School District 214 (during an annual art contest/exhibition) are awarded scholarship money that is sent to their choice of higher learning.

-Every month at our Guild Meetings we must pay an artist to come and give us a Demonstration.

-We pay rent to this Wheeling Township building to use this room for monthly meetings.

-We pay rent to the Arlington Heights Park District to use the park for "A Walk in the Park"

-We pay for advertising in newspapers

-We pay for guitarist and various other things to encourage people to enjoy and come back to the fair the following year

Q: Is there a date set for an art fair in 2024?

A: The art fair is always the last Sunday of August. If at least 2 members volunteer to coordinate "A Walk in the Park" the art fair date will be August 25th, 2024.

Patti Jostes, Membership: The Guild currently has 12 new members. Six of them were present and were welcomed by all. 3 guests were also present.

Larry Freson, Art Guild Tent: This year's fair Art Guild tent made the most sales ever; \$1,110.00. Also, Lou Foutris, who won the People's Choice Award of \$50 donated his award to the scholarship fund and an additional \$19.00 to the Guild Treasury.

Janet Grochocinski, Treasurer: The Art Fair brought in \$8,780.00 from vendors registration fees. Subtracted from that was approximately \$1000 rental for the park itself, the musician, and approximately \$1000 for 3 newspaper ads. After these expenses were paid our Guild netted a profit of \$5,441.76. A few more small invoices need to be paid, but this is the largest net profit the Guild Art Fair has ever made. Last May, our checking account had \$6,898. Currently, with "A Walk in the Park" profit, membership dues, and various donations, we have a total balance of \$15,615.85. We do still have one scholarship expenditure that will not be remitted to last year's 3rd place winner until she chooses a college after finishing at Harper College which will not accept our scholarship money.

Eileen Fogell, Programs/Publicity: Introduced our Demo Artist, Cheryl Cook, who will be using watercolor and pastels. Cheryl was first in her class at the Art School of Ft. Lauderdale, then worked in advertising and currently does courtroom drawings for the Chicago Tribune and CBS television. Meeting ended at approximately 9:00 pm

Minutes taken by Recording Secretary Cathy Lindstrom-Foley