

# AHA GUILD

## ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ART GUILD NEWSLETTER

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### SEPTEMBER 2024

#### **MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**

Our September member meeting will be held in person on September 19 at the Wheeling Township Community Center, 1616 N. Arlington Hts. Road, Arlington Heights. This is our first meeting for this new '24/'25 season. 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 2024/2025 DEMO SCHEDULE**

Many thanks to Eileen Fogell for her efforts in lining up all the wonderful demos for this season!

9/19 Sarah M. Johnson, Gouache/Mixed Media

10/17 Ratindra Das, Watercolor

11/14 Richard Laurant, Oil

1/16 Tammy Haman, Encaustic Mixed Media

2/20 Kwame Boama, Acrylic

3/20 Cynthia Dybsky, Oil

4/17 Thomas Trausch, Watercolor

5/15 Critique

## Sarah M. Johnson

Sarah graduated from Clarke College in Dubuque IA, with a BFA in Art, as well as Harrington College of Design in Chicago IL, with a BFA in Interior Design.

*I am a landscape/tree portrait painter, who reveals the individual personality of trees, florals, and landscapes. My professional art direction is to continue developing a larger body of paintings of trees, florals, and landscapes, mainly through the medium of oil painting, mixed media, and watercolors, with occasional portraits and abstract work.*

<https://www.sarahmjohnsonart.com>

## MEETING AGENDA

- General announcements from our President and Board members
- Artist demo

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership notes from Patti Jostes, our Membership Chair:

*When you arrive for the general meetings, please check your name off the Attendance List and make yourself a nametag. The 2024-2025 Membership Directory will be available to pick up. Please use this directory as a source for contacting other members rather than calling the officers and asking for phone numbers! Keep it handy! I can also send a pdf of the directory.*

Guests are welcome to attend our meetings for a fee of \$5. If you know someone who's interested in more information, direct them to our website <https://arlingtonheightsartguild.com/>

*New members are welcome to join any time of the year.*

## 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) **Auditor** – The duties for this position are to audit the Guild once each year.
- 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.

**Very Important Note!!** This will be Trish Ramsey's last year as Corresponding Secretary. I will continue through May, 2025. At that time, starting next season, **Mickey Mantas** will take over as our new Corresponding Secretary. **A huge thank you goes out to Mickey** for taking on this responsibility!

Heartfelt thanks to all our current/continuing (and new) 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!

- **Audrey Freson** and **Alan Seidl** are exhibiting their artwork in the Dining Room until the first week of November.
- **Eileen Fogell** and **Jan Pawlowski** 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 **September 26**. 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) Mainstreet Gallery is pleased to announce “Not Your Average Joe: *A Fresh Take on Figurative and Portrait Works.*”

*An exhibition of fine art featuring figures and faces in all ways! This is a juried competition with multiple awards. All mediums are welcome. Introduce us to some fascinating people ... real or imagined! Enter by September 14, 2024. The reception will be on October 19, 2024.*

*See the [prospectus](#) to enter.*

Some people bring you joy, some make you think, and some make you wonder what planet they came from! We are looking for all kinds in this exhibit: the dramatic, the timid, the pranksters, the ones with hidden superpowers. Are they moody, silly, eccentric, pompous, fanmogyphal? (Now we’re just making stuff up . . . and so should you)!

Introduce us to some fascinating people - real or imagined. Ramp up your creativity and bring your unique point of view.

All entries must be original. All mediums are welcome. This is a juried show. Entries must be submitted digitally.

Awards for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and two honorable mentions. All 2-D works must be for sale, wired, and framed. All 3D pieces must be easy to display. Please find more information at:

[https://www.mainstreetartcenter.com/figures\\_faces\\_prospectus.htm](https://www.mainstreetartcenter.com/figures_faces_prospectus.htm)

2) Mainstreet Gallery is pleased to announce “Plein Air Only,” featuring plein air paintings from the Midwest.

*If you’ve been out painting en plein air all summer, now is the time to showcase your works for the whole month of September. Plein air painting challenges artists to demonstrate their skill and experience to create compelling works under a time restraint; capturing a scene simply, clearly, and with impact. **The reception will be on September 7, 2024.***

[https://www.mainstreetartcenter.com/plein\\_air\\_only\\_prospectus.htm](https://www.mainstreetartcenter.com/plein_air_only_prospectus.htm)

3) “Art of the Land,” a juried show, is one of The Land Conservancy's biggest fundraisers of the year, and the theme of the event is “Art that reflects or is inspired by the local landscape and all it provides.”

*Art of the Land takes place at The Starline Factory in Harvard, IL on Friday, Sept. 27 and Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024. More info can be found at [www.artoftheland.org](http://www.artoftheland.org)*

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) Several members sold cards, paintings, and ceramics at our annual **Walk in the Park** event! Among the members who sold are **Marie Bass, Patti Jostes, Mickey Mantas, Mary Kay McMahon,** and **Rita Molepske.**

2) **Ken Nosalik** won second place in the Prospect Library plein air competition. He encourages us to take a look at all the entries at the library. You can vote for “People’s Choice” to be tallied at the end of the month.

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

4) **Iryna Shkroback** - The Addison Center for the Arts is pleased to announce “Our Wonderful World,” a solo exhibition by Iryna Shkroback. Her show will run from September 4 through October 5 and will include a public artist reception on September 6, 2024, 6-8 p.m.

*Addison Center for the Arts, 213 N. Lombard Rd., Addison, IL 60101, 630-458-4500*

If I’ve missed anyone, I apologize – please note that you need to tell me if you want to be included in this “Getting the Word Out” section. Thanks!

Congratulations to everyone!

## **A WALK IN THE PARK**

Some notes from Larry Freson, our Walk Chair:

*The Fair was well attended with sunny, hot weather. It was great that it didn't rain! There were 84 creative vendors that attended the show (60 returning vendors from last year and 25 new vendors). There were three excellent food vendors in the park and a wonderful guitarist as well. Frank Muci, a ceramicist who specializes in finely glazed plates with various images, won the Peoples Choice Award.*

Larry will have a full report at our upcoming member meeting.

**A Huge thank you goes out to Larry and his amazing group of volunteers! Wonderful event!**

AHAG Newsletter compiled and submitted by Trish Ramsey, Corresponding Secretary

### **ART GUILD 05/16/2024 MEETING MINUTES Wheeling Township Building**

Marion Sherman, **President**: Opened meeting at approximately 7:15 pm by introducing each member that has been volunteering to be a Board Member of the Guild. Cathy LindstromFoley, Recording Secretary (not present), Ann Musolf, Vice President (not present), Janet Grochocinski, Treasurer, Trish Ramsey, Newsletter & Correspondence Chair, Rita Molepske, Scholarship Chair, Eileen Fogel, Program Chair, Larry Freson, Art Fair Chair, Jill Stark, Social Media Chair, and Patti Jostes, Membership Chair. No formal Board Member installation was needed because each Board Member has agreed to continue working in their volunteer position for another year. Marion expressed much gratitude for their continued volunteered service to the Guild. She also stated that without members so willing to volunteer our Guild would cease to exist. One more Board position is desperately needed: Exhibition Chair. This volunteer would be responsible for finding and informing us of venues to show and/or sell our artwork. The position is open to either one volunteer or two volunteers that might enjoy working together as a team. Please speak to Marion if you are interested in volunteering for this position. Marion announced reports.

Janet Grochocinski, **Treasurer**: Janet's financial report was available for all to see on a table in the back of room.

Larry Freson, **Art Fair Chair**: Currently, we have 66 paid vendors. Things are going well for all the art fair volunteers. LeeAnn has a signup sheet we need volunteers for. Larry also had a signup sheet for more volunteers to sign up for the Information Table. Larry asked if there is anyone willing to help him coordinate the Art Fair volunteers; especially for the Information Table?

Patti Jostes, **Membership Chair**: Reminded all members that Guild Membership Dues and Membership forms are due this month. Please remit ASAP.

Trish Ramsey, **Newsletter & Correspondence Secretary**: Spoke of many exhibition opportunities at the Arlington Heights Senior Center in which Guild Member, Paula Rebbeck, is in charge of. Details will be posted in Newsletter. A signup sheet for those who want to display and/or sell their work at the Senior Center was in back of room. TIME CHANGE FOR MAY 30: Bring artwork from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm instead of originally posted times.

Marion Sherman, **President**: Announced an exhibition opportunity happening at St. Simon's Episcopal Church in Arlington Heights. The theme for this exhibit is "Our Creative Spirit". All members are encouraged to exhibit up to three pieces for sale or just for viewing. Kathy Ponce is the person to go to for more details about St. Simon's exhibit. There are information flyers on the back table for any member interested.

Eileen Fogell, **Program & Publicity Chair**: Encouraged all members to bid on their favorite artwork for the Silent Auction. Kasia Lynch, Critique Artist, was introduced. The meeting ended at approximately 9:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary, Cathy Lindstrom-Foley