

AHA GUILD

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ART GUILD NEWSLETTER

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MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2024

Our October member meeting will be held in person on October 17 at the Wheeling Township Community Center, 1616 N. Arlington Hts. Road, Arlington Heights. 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 in our 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!

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

"There is no better reason to paint than just for the love of it. I enjoy, I struggle and I exult. Sometimes I will not follow the norms and rules of watercolor. Those who write prose will go by the rules, poets will not. Painting is a visual poem"

--- Ratindra Das, AWS (DF), NWS

Biography

Ratindra Das is a Dolphin Fellow and a signature member of the American Watercolor Society. He is also a signature member of the National Watercolor Society and six other watercolor societies and has been recognized as Distinguished Master in the Transparent Watercolor Society of America. He is recipient of numerous awards including eight in the American Watercolor Society. He attended the American Academy of Art in Chicago and studied with many nationally known artists.

Ratindra has just published his second book, [Watercolor-with an Eye for Design](#). The first book, [Watercolor Beyond Obvious Reality - A Workshop in a Book](#) is still available through his website www.RatindraDas.net.

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) **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.

!! A Wonderful Note !! First time new member, **Laura Butolph**, volunteered to be our Auditor immediately after the position was announced at our first meeting in September! **Many thanks to Laura!**

An 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 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!

- **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 **November 24**. 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! The reception will be on October 19, 2024.

2) **For those of you who have taken an art class** at the **AH Senior Center**:

Hello AHPD Artists, Makers and Creatives! As a participant of an Art, Craft, or Woodshop program since Fall 2023 you are invited to participate in the third annual AHPD Senior Center Art Show! This is a favorite event Arlington Heights Park District has at the Senior Center and we would love for you to show your work!

What is it?

The Art Show is an evening event featuring work created by Park District Senior Center participants. Artists and makers are welcome to set a price for pieces if they want to sell them, or pieces can be displayed as NFS (not for sale). This free event welcomes the community to the Senior Center to take in an evening of art, light refreshments, and enjoyment! All are invited to attend.

What are the important dates?

- COMPLETED SUBMISSIONS DUE: Monday, October 7

Drop off in the AHPD Senior Center Office with Art Label form. Art must be framed with hanging capabilities. Maximum of 2 submissions per person.

• ART SHOW SET UP: Monday, October 14 & Tuesday, October 15 - Want to help? Email avombrack@ahpd.org or add your name to the Volunteer List in the Art Room.

• ART SHOW: Wednesday, October 16 at 3-7PM - Free admission and light snacks. Come and go at your leisure. Flyers forthcoming. Art unsold at the show will remain displayed at the Senior Center until Friday, November 8.

Note: Workshops, set up, and show take place at the Senior Center.

Who Can Participate?

Anyone who has been involved in an art, crochet, quilting, woodcarving, or lathe class any time since Fall 2023 may participate.

I'm In; Now What?

All you have to do is finalize your submission(s) and bring them into the AHPD Senior Center office by October 7. We'll make sure you have the proper Art Label form. Then, just join us for the Art Show on October 16!

If you have any questions, please call 847-797-5341.

Abby Vombrack (she/her), Senior Center Supervisor, 847-797-5341

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3) 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) **Tobi Abrams** received an award for a large painting called "The Rock." It will be on display at the College of Lake Country until November 1st. She hopes you can all attend the opening on Friday, October 4th. Please contact Tobi for more information.

2) **Rita Molepske** will have 2 paintings in the AAEGV Annual Juried Art Show. Reception is on Friday, Oct. 18, 6-8PM, 1000 Wellington Ave, Elk Grove Village, IL. (If there are others exhibiting, I apologize for not including your name(s). If you do not contact me, I do not know. Thanks.)

3) **Jill Stark** is teaching a workshop: ACRYLIC PAINTING IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE, AGES 16+. This is a one-day, in-person workshop, Saturday, November 2, from 10-12pm.

Class ID# 9023

<https://www.evanstonartcenter.org/school/9023-beginning-acrylic-painting-american-sign-language-ages-16>

Congratulations to all!

A Tribute to Our Friend, Tom Warnke

I was asked to write something about our dear friend, Tom.

Tom had a gift with people (among his many, many other gifts). He was kind and funny, well-read, well-traveled – the kind of person who could do anything, really. And he was the kind of person who would call you his friend -- right away.

During his accomplished life, Tom was an architect as well as an amazing artist. He was also a writer. He owned a bed-and-breakfast for a number of years in Chicago. And he designed a lovely home in Harvard, surrounded by picturesque landscaping that attracted the birds and other wildlife that he loved so much.

While I was lucky to call him my friend, the Guild was lucky to have him as a member, as the Corresponding Secretary, and then as the President. He was President from 2019-2022.

He will be forever missed.

Tom Warnke, August 10, 1954 – September 10, 2024

Trish Ramsey, Corresponding Secretary

ART GUILD 09-19-2024 MEETING MINUTES
Wheeling Township Building

Ann Musolf, Vice President: Opened meeting at 7:15 pm welcoming members to the first Guild meeting of the 2024-25 season. Mary Kay McMahon was asked to read a tribute (written by Trish Ramsey) honoring the passing of our past president, Tom Warnke. Two of Tom's paintings and his photograph were displayed in memoriam.

Board member reports followed:

Patti Jostes, Membership: Currently our Guild has 78 paid members. In addition, 3 new members and some guests were introduced. Patti encouraged all members to assist and volunteer as needed. The new membership directory has been completed and is available to all members at the membership table. A Tom Lynch print, on display was made available for sale.

Larry Freson, Art Fair Coordinator and Hospitality: Thanked all those who volunteered and assisted in organizing and for working the fair with him. Attendance was about the same as last year's fair. 60 artists from past years returned as vendors. 25 new artists joined as vendors this year. Proceeds will go for our future District 214 scholarship winners. There were 3 food vendors. The Guild Member Tent made approximately \$350 in sales. A written treasurer's report (available to all members at the Membership Table) has detailed monetary information.

Janet Grochocinski: (not present) made available to all members, a written treasurer's report at the membership table.

Jill Stark, Social Media, Photography/Web Page: Was applauded for her ongoing dedication to the Guild and the many photos put on our website; most especially recent photos honoring Tom Warnke.

Laura Butolph, Auditor: A first-time new member, volunteered to audit for the Guild immediately after Ann announced that we are looking for someone to audit. Thank you Laura!

Eileen Fogell, Programs/Publicity: Introduced the demo artist, Sarah M. Johnson. Sarah represented nature using gouache and mixed media. Meeting ended at approximately 9:00 pm.