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NEWSLETTER articles and information are due to Lori Gragnani by the first Wednesday of the month. Typed pieces are preferred. lorsstudio@hotmail.com



The January Hospitality Table will be provided by **THIA MALENCHIK** and **BOB PACKHEISER**. The Hospitality Committee is in need of volunteers. Please see Debra Mielke if you are interested.



TREES 2011

The Trees Show is now hanging in the Elk Grove Public Library in the Large Meeting Room. We have 67 paintings hanging in the show this year. Stop by to view the wonderful paintings, you won't be disappointed.

Join us at our next meeting. . . **March 23, 2011**

At the Elk Grove Public Library, 1001 Wellington Avenue, Elk Grove Village, IL., Large Meeting Room 7:30 P.M.



Our Guest Artist

Steve Johnson - Oil Portrait

I am a native Chicagoan strongly drawn to art at an early age. Influenced by family to artistic expression, I began cartooning and illustration in my early teens. During art school (American Academy of Art 1976), I worked as an animator and illustrator for film and print and also began entering art shows. The director of the Academy, Irv Shapiro, selected one of my portraits to display on Harambee 26, a local television talk show hosted by Bear's great Gale Sayers. I have been a drawing and painting instructor for Leyden Evening School and Triton College and privately for the last thirty years. Right out of art school I was given the opportunity to teach. My art has brought me into the child's educational world as a Waldorf class teacher. My Waldorf curriculum poster is displayed in Waldorf schools across the nation. I am a portrait and plein air painter and have taught workshops in portrait painting in watercolor and I enter national art shows regularly. I am an artist member of The Next Picture Show in Dixon, IL.

"My work is an evolution of a lifetime appreciation, empathy and memory of experience of the human being and the earth. Since I find every person and landscape to be a unique experience, I always try to think and work with my technique and materials to express that one of a kind look. Meeting a challenge this way makes the work spontaneous, inventive, fun and always new."

Over the past years I have tried to challenge myself in different ways. I look to find the rhythms of line and color in making compositions. I find that plein air painting offers a very creative and meditative aspect to painting. I will continue to explore other media -- recently, wood carving and blacksmithing.

A. A. E. G. Schedule of Events:

Spring Wall-2011 (*Members Only*) One piece, no fees or commissions. Set up Saturday, April 16 (9:15-10:15 am). Take down Saturday, May 21 (9:15-10:15 am).

Thank You: to Frankie Johnson for last month's peer critique.



Exhibits & Workshops:

June 4th & 5th 2011, Des Plaines Art Guild, 58th Annual Invitational Art Fair. Prairie Lakes Community Center. Contact Kristine Plum, 847-997-0916.

August 21, 2011, Arlington Heights Art Guild, North School Park, Arlington Heights. Contact Lori Brownstein, 847-870-1878.

June 12, 2011, Art In The Park, Elk Grove Village, On the Village Green. Contact Elk Grove Park District.

Saturday, April 2, 2011, Pastel Workshop with Gary Wick. Contact Annette Leiber 630-250-9407.

Friday, March 18, 2011, Acrylic Painting Workshop with Anne Fines. Call Annette Leiber 630-250-9407.

Illinois Artisans Program, call for artists. Deadline **March 28 and September 12**. For all the information go to meuseumstate.il.us/artisans or call 312-814-1794.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Bill Wallrab, Wheaton, Oil/ Watercolor; **Carole Wargin**, Mt. Prospect, Oil; **Fran Zelinski**, Des Plaines, Oil.

A. F. A. News:

At the March 1st meeting, the delegates from the 15 member artists' associations chose the two scholarship winners. The Artists Association of Elk Grove Village was represented by a digital photography entry by Taylor Bischoff. Taylor is a junior at Elk Grove High School. All student entries may be viewed at the Best of the Best show at Mayslake Peabody Estate from April through May 5th. The closing reception will take place on May 5.

Here is her entry: ***This Is Not A Joy***



These are the two winning entries.

The AAEGV entries into the Alliance of Fine Arts **Best of the Best** show, running at Mayslake Peabody Estate from March 26 through May 5, 2011 are as follows:

Darlene Greaves, *Captured in My Yard*; **Irene Peterson**, *Sealife*; **Ratindra Das**, *Iris*; **Carol M. Weisman**, *Autumn Grasses*; **Annette Perone Leiber**, *The Heart is the Gears of Life*; **Marianne Albers McKoveck**, *FUN*; **Joyce Stalla Bemis**, *Where's Montmartre?* Congratulations!



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Hope to see you all on March 23rd!