



Bi-monthly Newsletter of the Aurora Artists Guild Colorado

Palette Patter

August / September

AAG Meeting
The 2nd Monday
of each month

Garden Plaza,
14221 E. Evans Ave.,
Aurora CO

1:00 PM

Programs
August
Esme Patino
Mixed Media Art

September
Mary Joy Stone
Eleven Visual Approaches
to Painting

Refreshments
August
Lynn Kirch

September
Laurie Allen



Brian Serff
Photography "Looking for pollen"

A message from the President



Wanda Patronella

Dear AAG Members

An artist is a person that is able to put their point of view and what they are seeing and feeling on a canvas or paper. An artist is a dreamer, a poet, a speaker, a dancer. They are provided with the sensibility to sufficiently help us see things through their eyes. Let's all take time to create and help others to see and create. It's so good for the inner soul.

Are you an artist?



"June flowers" Photography By **Brian Serff**

www.auroraartistsguild.com



Past Demo in June

By Kathy Hall • Photos By Michael Nicosia

Cliff Austin, Pastels and Advise

When painting or working with pastels, Cliff looks for the shapes and works in a painterly style. He wants to see things happen quickly and believes art is a life long endeavor. It is also neurological and that means you should paint everyday. A painting must appeal to the audience and color is a way of attaining that interest and can be an emotional trigger. Art work must take into consideration: composition, center of interest, and other supporting actors. Fundamentals of painting are: shape, value, edges, contrast, proportions and color. He said color is last because color doesn't exist in nature.

He recommends thumb-nail sketches before painting because it gives you the sense of rehearsal. The bottom right corner of a painting is important because it bounces you back into the composition. Cliff recommends sometimes painting with your non-dominant hand because it stimulates both hemispheres of the brain. This provides relaxation and stress relief while also allowing you to explore your inner self without judgment. If you do something over and over, you are not advancing. Get out of your comfort zone. Cliff likes soft pastels, but also uses pastel paint. Textured sandpaper creates unexpected results. Also, try playing with pastels using alcohol or water. For this demo, Mr. Austin created a colorful fall landscape. Thank you for your wonderful advise and demonstration.



Photography By • Michael Nicosia

Picnic, July 13

By Jill Quillian

Brian and Jill organized for the AAG picnic. The outside was ready and the inside was picture perfect. Thank you to everyone who brought a wonderful assortment of dishes.

It was a very hot day, so we decided to close up the house to stay inside to enjoy the air conditioning. We all dug into the many, delightful foods and desserts and we were very pleased with each other with nonstop chatting. We had some sharing time, and everyone went home with a smile. Perfect inside picnic except no photos were taken, which just shows how much we loved getting to know each other all the more.

Gateway News

The 2024 Gateway Show will happen. Jurors are Peggy Dietz for photography and Victoria Shelly Grogan for 2D. Donation Letters have been passed out. Entry deadline is September 2.

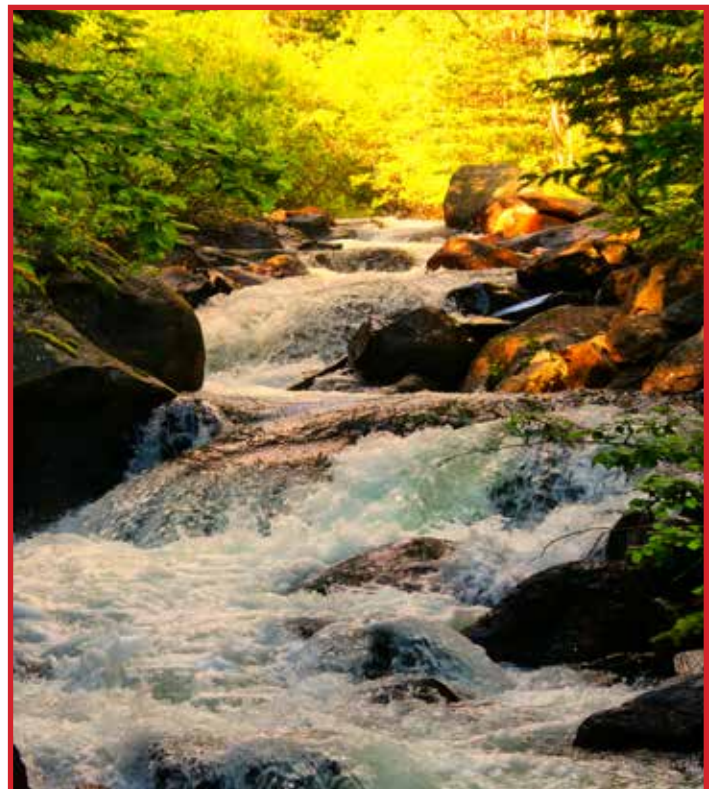
Acceptance Letters sent by September 30,
Take in Saturday, October 30.

Show Opening, October 30

Reception, November 2, 2pm to 5 pm

Pick up, December 14, 2024.

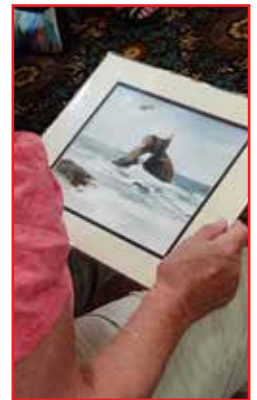
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Brian Serff Photography "Morning light"



June Show and Tell





Upcoming Demo in August

By Pegi Taylor

Esmeralda (Esme) The Crafty Artist

Esmeralda (Esme) Patino is a mixed media artist. Esme has been working in the art world for eight years. She is from Denver, Colorado. She is a proud mom of two amazing children. She likes to say that “if it wasn’t for them, I wouldn’t be the person I am.” Esme is blessed with a husband who supports her in all her endeavors. Esmeralda is the daughter of Mexican immigrants who came to Denver in the 1960. She is the youngest of five children. Esmeralda was raised to be proud of her heritage, and to enjoy the beauty in the world. She has always loved art and grew up admiring local artists. Her educational background is in Early Childhood Education..

Esme artistic background is based in the craft world. Her mom taught her how to crochet at the age of 16 and she has been doing it ever since. She started with crochet, making dolls, hats, and scarves; this evolved into



paper craft and other forms of crafting. She likes to mix those elements together to make beautiful works of art. She considers herself a



craft artist because she uses typical craft supplies to make art.

Esmeralda is always on a journey of learning and teaching. And believes that she can learn from every experience and every new person she meets.



Upcoming Demo, September

By Pegi Taylor

Mary Joy Stone Eleven Visual Approaches to Painting

Mary studied with Quang Ho, Gallery 6, for many, many classes at the ASLD, Art Students League in Denver. She studied further with Devin Weckvach, Quang’s best student, for over three years. There, she started with pastels and exhibited her pastels throughout Denver at a dozen galleries. Later she studied oils and again has exhibited her works in the area.

She will share with AAG the 11 Visual Approaches to Painting which her teachers recommended. She will have examples of the 11 elements for us.

Also, Mary was a nurse for many years, and has helped other budding artists with their art.





Park Hill Plein Air Schedule

By Lynn Kirch

August - September 2024

WHEN: Every Thursday during the Summer

WHERE: Different location each week

TIME: Meet at 9:00 AM until noon or (later when it turns cold and earlier when hot)

WHO: All painters and friends. Feel free to copy.

BRING: Art supplies, water, sun block, chair, umbrella, lunch, sunscreen.

QUESTIONS? Call Lynn Kirch (303.751.5082)

Thursday, August 8

17 Mile House, Farm and park. 8181 S. Parker Rd. Farm house and old buildings with a couple of windmills. Close to Cherry Creek. From Denver going south, take Parker Rd past Arapahoe Rd South. You will pass Bronco Pkwy and Tagawa's exit. There is another road, then a quick exit from the right lane. There is a large parking lot and outhouse but no water.

Thursday, August 15

Audubon Center at Chatfield State Park, 9308 S. Wadsworth Blvd (Note: it is not the one in Chatfield Park (it is further south). The Audubon Center at Chatfield is located on the southwest end of Chatfield State Park. From I-25 take C-470 west to Wadsworth Blvd about 4.4 miles, Past the main park entrance. Continue to Waterton Road and turn left and continue left to parking lot at the Audubon Center sign. Views of reservoir, mountains. Outhouse, no water.

Thursday August 22

Cherry Creek Reservoir Entrance off Parker Road past Hampden exit Probably meet on Lake loop Road East or near the Rocky Mt, Rowing Club area . State park pass fee. Rest rooms/water in some areas.

Thursday August 29

Belmar Park Near alameda and Wadsworth. Great view of the mountains, Old buildings and farm equipmet, Lake. About 3 blocks South of Alameda on Wadsworth, head south to Ohio. Turn Right on Ohio (west.) It will say Heritage Center. Turn left into parking area.

Thursday, September 5

Jewel Wetlands, 13005 E. Jewel Ave. In Aurora one block on West side of 225 and south of Mississippie Ave to Potomac St. past the hospital. Potomac will curve to the right (West) turning into Jewel with parking on the right. Toilets, but no water.

Thursday, September 12

Star K Ranch, Part of Sand Creek Green Way in Aurora. Take I-70 East to Chambers. Go South on Chambers to Smith Road. Go East on Smith Road to Laredo. Turn right and follow curve about 1block. The Morrison Nature Center (Star K Ranch) will be on the left. Ranger station, Water, indoor restrooms, trails, trees, deer, and small creek.

Thursday, September 19

Utah Park located between S. Peora St, East Mexico Ave and E Jewel Ave. Enter from the N/E side into the parking lot. Small lakes, nice view. Restrooms (this park is one block west from Jewel wetlands)The address of the rec. center on the west end is 1800 S. Peoria St. Aurora 80012, but enter on the NE side into the parking lot.

Thursday, September 26

South Valley Park near E-470 and Wadsworth. Near Lockheed. Good view of front range. Take C-470 to W. Ken Carl Ave exit. Head south about 3/10 mile to So. Valley Rd. Entrance will be on the left. Shelters and rest rooms.



Photography By Kathy Hall



Venues 2023

Notification will be sent by email to members when we will change the venue out.

Arapaho Justice Center (AJC):

7325 S Potomac St, Centennial, CO,
No commission

We meet at **2pm** in the big Jury Room on the

FIRST TUESDAY,
every other month.

We have 20 places to hang. Please bring an inventory sheet and 3 to 4 pieces. Labels will be available at take in. Our spot to hang rotates from Jury Room to Hallway to Cafeteria as we are sharing the space with Littleton and Parker Art Guilds.

All work comes down and new work is put up in the new location.

In 2024 change-outs happen every other month at **2 pm.**
Next first Tuesday: OCT 1, AND DEC 3.

Contact Trista Robrahn at
tri45678@hotmail.com
OR

720-238-7668 for any questions.

Justice Center II No commission
6984 Lima St. Centennial, CO

Rotating Show, every two months, change out is up to the persons coordinating the change out. We may change out on Tuesday or Thursday. Art needed: 14 pieces. Make sure to bring your own inventory sheet and make your own tags. Each artist will now be coordinating the take-in and take outs with the next person who has signed up. So please exchange your contact information. Mary Joy is exhibiting now, will change out with Kathy next.

Brian Serff
Photography "Welch Ditch"



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Note Card cost estimate

Guild members keep asking me about my note cards, cost and how do I make them.

This is the printer that I use and below is his cost for cards and envelopes.

I am available to help you set and design your cards. I hope that this helps you.

Call Brian Serff if you need help at:
303-913-2406

25.....	Foldover Card.....	30.24
50.....	Foldover Card.....	48.39
100.....	Foldover Card.....	86.02
25.....	Blank A7 Envelope.....	2.99
50.....	Blank A7 Envelope.....	6.00
100.....	Blank A7 Envelope.....	12.16



Call for Entries

Park Hill Art Festival,
Date: August 17 & 18 in Denver's historic Park Hill neighborhood.
Apply: on line at ColoradoArtShows.com or on ZAPP

Cheesman Park Fall Arts Invitational
One of the 8 Show Special.

- Go to **ColoradoArtShows.com** To receive information for:
- Park Hill Art Festival.
 - Cheesman Park Fall Arts Invitational.
 - Highlands Art Festival.
 - Evergreen Mountain Art Celebration.
 - Evergreen Elk & Art Fest.
 - Broadmoor Traditions Fine Art Fest.
 - Lake Dillon Arts Festival.
 - Fall Fest in Dillon.
 - Avon Arts Celebration.

Heritage Fine Arts Guild has moved meetings and workshops
To Ascension Lutheran Church.
1701 W. Casey Ave, Littleton, 80120, Room 106.



Officers and appointed positions

- President - Wanda Patronella
Vice President - Reagan White
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Programs - Pegi Taylor
Historian/Refreshment Coordinator - Lynn Kirch

Good News!

Jill Quillian and Jo Ann Nelson are still doing well with sales at the Rox Arts Gallery. Brian Serff sold a print out of Justis Center I this month. He also sold a painting at the Framed Image



Brian Serff, Acrylic "Valley Of the Gods"

AAG MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Memberships are due in January of each year

Name
Address
City
State Zip
Phone () E-Mail
New Member Renewal



Please indicate your preference for participating in one of the Guild Committees. Your involvement is a great opportunity to receive the most from your membership:

- Board Member
Coordinate Refreshments for Shows
Show Take-in
Show Take-down
Hanging Shows
Show Coordinator

Annual Membership dues are \$35.

Please submit form and payment to:

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