



Bi-monthly Newsletter of the Aurora Artists Guild Colorado

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February / March 2023

AAG Meeting
The 2nd Monday
of each month
Garden Plaza,
14221 E. Evans Ave.,
Aurora CO

Programs

Feb 9th
Susan Fidelman
Yupo Demonstration

March 13th
Dan Oakleaf
Techniques for painting birds

Refreshments

February
Ellen Westbrook

March
Pegi Taylor



A message from the President

Wanda Patronella

Dear AAG Members

2023 IS HERE!! Unbelievable!

When I was a kid, I thought that life ended with the 1960's. Geez! I was so wrong! Thank goodness.

New beginnings for all of us. Family. Friends. Food. Nature. (And of course, ART and creating.) Thank goodness we have each other for all of these parts of life. What are we all going to do to further express ourselves? I'm going to attempt to tidy up my studio on a regular basis so that I can at least see my table. Yep, I'm the messiest artist you'll ever meet.

We're going to have the best year ever! Good health to all of us!

The 49th Parkview Fine Arts Festival is scheduled for February 23rd, 24th, and 25th.

Please pass the word along to fellow artists. The Parkview Fine Arts Committee will be accepting artist submissions for the festival through January 6, 2023. New artists must submit three photos of their work for committee consideration to munin@comcast.net or via mail to the following address:

Parkview Congregational Church
Attn: Eric Crow
12444 E Parkview Dr. Aurora, CO 80011

Wanda Patronella - Aurora Artists Guild President 2022



Brian Serff

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Upcoming Demo in February?

By Marilyn Kaub

February, 9 - 2023

Susan Fidelman

“Enthusiastic” is the word that comes to mind when talking with Susan about almost anything artistic, but especially when it comes to painting with watercolor. Having a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Loretto Heights College in Denver and various Associate Degrees in Sculpture, Photography and Commercial Art armed her with a strong foundation for her work-a-day life pursuits. She was an illustrator for Denver Public Schools, courtroom artist for Channel 9, and a graphic artist for Denver International Airport among other accomplishments. But all the while-over 25 years she kept working with watercolor, enjoying the unique freedom that only watercolor can offer. To hear Susan tell it, “There’s so much world out there, right in front of me. I like to tell a story, with a brush and paint.” And then it happened: Retirement. Never had that word been more appealing to Susan. It opened up so many opportunities for her, that she jumped into it with a fist full of brushes, a big smile and determination. She happily spends a big portion of her time painting and teaching painting, as she says, “There’s a gift inside of me, a passion for teaching and I love it.” By her own admission, she steers away from “how-to-paint-it” books because to her way of thinking, they solved all the problems. She prefers to see the subject matter and work it out in her own way, through trial and error and success, on paper. She basically identifies her learning curve by the familiar slogan, “Just do it!” Susan loves to pass that attitude along to her students and enjoys watching how each one learns all the techniques she proficiently demonstrates. Learning by confronting each step and then doing it yourself can become habit forming and it stays with each student. Looking at Susan’s work one can’t help sense the spontaneity of brushwork and the brilliance of color. They define the subject matter in a clear interpretation of what she as the artist sees. She’s worked it out herself and engaged her innate ability to transfer what she sees through her mind’s eye and has transferred it to paper. It’s right there in front of the viewer, she sees it, she does it and so do we. Enjoy



Upcoming Demo in March?

Monday, October 10 –

Dan Oakleaf

Dan mainly works in oil, watercolor and pencil. Dan’s varied styles and exploration of painting techniques make each work a new discovery. With a lifetime foundation in drawing Dan’s main instruction in painting came from several years intensive study with various teachers at the Art Student’s League of Denver, then a mentorship under Denver painter Kevin Weckbach.



Highlights of the past few years include; an artist in residency for the San Juan National forest. A two man show with Kevin Weckbach. A three person show with Kevin Weckbach and Sascha Ripps as well as a collection of mountain landscape paintings for a one man show: Colorado 14ers and Beyond, an Artist’s Alpine Journey to celebrate completion of his climbing all of Colorado’s fourteen thousand foot peaks.

He is an associate member of Oil Painters of America; Dan is represented by Arts at Denver gallery.

“I am an explorer in art as well as life, I like to approach each painting differently, trying new things and working out problems with the mindset of an eager student” Dan Oakleaf is a nationally known award winning artist and painting teacher from Colorado.



Brian Serff



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Past Demo in November

Dr. S. L. Yang gave an enjoyable demo in charcoal. Dr. S. L. Yang is an avid explorer in the sciences and arts being both an engineer and artist. Dr. Yang holds a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Southern California.. Her artwork covers a wide variety of concepts and themes ranging from still life to abstract impressionism . She is currently showing at Legends Coffee Shop. Her website is Peacefulrains@gmail.com and can be contacted at Peacefulrains@gmail.com



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

Contact Reagan White if you have any questions and to let her know you are coming. reagan-dylan@hotmail.com

We meet at 3pm in the Jury Room on the designated day and Reagan has tags for the paintings.

Total Art needed: We have 20 places to hang. Individuals bring an inventory sheet and 3 to 4 pieces; 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.

Change outs happen every 2 month at 3pm.

All 1st Tuesdays of the month:

Feb 4th; April 7th, June 2nd, Aug 4th, Oct 6th, Dec 1st

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Justice Center II No commission

6984 Lima St. Centennial, CO

Rotating Show, every 2 months; change out time 11 am (somewhat flexible) Tuesday or Thursday. No Commission; Art needed: 14 pieces. Make sure you have your own inventory sheet and make your own ID tags.

Each artists will now be coordinating the take-ins and take-outs with the next person who has signed up. So please exchange your contact information.

Aurora Municipal Center No commission

Aurora Municipal Center venue to be rescheduled.





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Show and Tell





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Renew membership now Dues are \$35 for single and \$50 for dual and can be paid through PayPal or check. Checks can be mailed to Aurora Artist Guild, P.O. Box 440457, Aurora, CO 80044-0457

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Good News!

Inspire your Artist friends send in your Good News
Do you have "Good News?"

Good news! AAG has been accepted to hang an exhibit at the St. Andrew United Methodist Church from September 8 until October 25, 2023.

The Chair of the art show is Wanda Patronella, and her Co-chair is Kathy Hall. (Thank you to Wanda and Kathy for volunteering.

The Gateway to the Rockies Art Show and the Parkhill Art Show were successful.

Congratulations to the winners of the Gateway to the Rockies Show. Twelve members from AAG totaling \$770.

The total profit from the Gateway to the Rockies show was \$1026.02 after expenses.

Several members were in the Windsor Garden Art show and made some sales. Also some members sold art and crafts at the Windsor Garden Craft Show.

Kathy had an open house on Dec. 18 and sold about \$300 in art and her daughter sold about \$500 in Tie Dye clothing.

Wanda and Kathy sold art at Grandview High School Craft Fair.

Jill quillian sold several scarves at the Depot Holiday fair.

Brian Serff had several Christmas commissions.

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

_____ Show Take-down

_____ Coordinate Refreshments
for Shows

_____ Hanging Shows

_____ Show Take-in

_____ Show Coordinator



Annual Membership dues are \$35.

Please submit form and payment to:

Aurora Artists Guild

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