



Bi-monthly Newsletter of the Aurora Artists Guild Colorado

Palette Patter

January / February 2021

AAG Meeting Monday's

January 11th
Zoom

February 8th
TBA

Garden Plaza
14221 E. Evans Ave
Aurora, CO 80014

Programs

January
Amelia Furman
Mixed Media

February
TBA

Refreshments

Bring your own

AAG Shows

For all take in and pickup info please see the complete list of AAG Shows on page 2 of this newsletter.



A message from the President

Joan Heinen

Dear AAG Members

Looking at the calendar I see it is only eleven days until Christmas and Hanukkah is almost over. I hope everyone's holidays are good ones.

Last night's AAG Zoom meeting turned out well.

Ellen put together a PowerPoint presentation of the artwork for the Critique. The presentation turned out so well Ellen was asked, and she volunteered, to make future PowerPoints of our Zoom "Show and Tell" artwork. Thank you, Ellen.

After the meeting, a member came up with something she thought would be a fun thing to do as the last thing before the end of the meeting. She thought it would be interesting if members had something other than art work to share. Such as a poem they wrote or something else that was creative. Just something for everyone to think about.

For the next few months, the AAG meetings will be on Zoom. Emails with the Zoom links will be sent to all members and members are encouraged to invite their artist friends to join the meeting. Also, be sure to let your artist friends know that they can join AAG for free in 2021.

For any members that would like to have images of their artwork on Facebook or at the website please contact Michael Nicosia, nicosia410@

yahoo.com or
Brian Serff, brian@
brianserff.com.

Happy Holidays
and Happy New
Year to you all

Joan



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Good News!

Inspire your Artist friends
send in your Good News

Do you have "Good News?"

Brian Serff sold ten watercolor portrait paintings of a small dog for someones childrens Christmas gifts.

Jo Ann Nelson sold several paintings out of Roc Gallery which is located in Aspen Grove.

Michael Keyes sold a print from the exhibit at Dava, 1419 Florence St, the exhibit is going until Jan 19,2021.



Demos

By Pegi Taylor

November 9, 2020

On November 9th, an awesome demo was presented by Michael Nicosia. He painted a miniature of two geese from one of his photos. He showed how he first created a drawing the size he wanted the painting to be. He uses hot press watercolor paper since it has a smooth texture and uses a variety of watercolor brands. Two of his favorite colors are red and Thalo purple. His minis are one inch square. He then sprays the painting with UV varnish for protection. He adds a mat bringing the size to one and a half inches square. He adds a frame and uses acid free acetate instead of glass.

You can see more of his work by going to his Facebook page, Fr Michael Spirit Songs. There you will find links to his website, you tube channel, and Instagram.

December 14, 2020

On December 14th, Ellen Westbrook presented a slide show of works by AAG members for a Show and Tell and an informal Critique.





Venues 2021

IF YOU HAVEN'T shown works with us before please send a couple digital images to joannnelson95@gmail.com

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

Sharon Keys, 303-693-67795 keys329@msn.com)

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

Total Art needed: 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 months: 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. To sign up call or email: Patty Cook - 303-726-7042 trim.p@att.net

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

AAG will be able to hang artwork from May 4, to May 28 2021. Joan will keep you informed as more information on this comes available in 2021

Hope United Methodist Church, 5101 S. Dayton St, Greenwood village, CO 80111 303-779-1040

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, Washington Park Headquarters office (Dos Chappell Bathhouse in Denver's Washington Park) 600 S. Marion Pk-way, Denver, CO 303-715-1010, voc@voc.org

All members that joined in 2020 do not have to pay dues in 2021 and we have another offer.

"Recruit your Artist Friends" That is right, any of your artists friends can join AAG, for 2021 and at "no cost". Your artist friends would receive newsletters, periodic communications, invitations to monthly Zoom meetings, and be able to display their art work at our two venues that we currently have. They could also volunteer to help out with future opportunities.

To place the new members on our member list we will need, their name, address, email address and phone number. Please send this info to Trista@trent45.com.

We usually renew membership in January. Dues are \$35 for single and \$50 for dual and can be paid through PayPal or by check. Dues will be collected at the January meeting. Checks can be mailed to Aurora Artist Guild, P O Box 440457, Aurora, CO 80044-0457

Officers and appointed positions

President - Joan Heinen
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trim.p@att.net

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Art Making an Viewing

Art-making and viewing art allows us to process our experiences. Art helps us to express and to understand the world around us.

We are unique in our human drive to create and engage with the arts. Historically, humans have been visually expressive beings. The cave of the hands, Cueva de las Manos, in Argentina is an example of early visual expression. The artwork in the cave carbon-dates to an estimated 7300 BC. These cave walls host a hybrid of hunting scenes and relief handprints, probably made by blowing paint materials through hollowed-out bones, or reeds. This sea of overlapping hands and illustration provides a lens into a past life and builds a present-day connection with our stone-age ancestors.

Ancient humans not only recorded their lives through art, but they also used art to express themselves. We do this today, too—the arts create community by depicting shared events and to express our individual perspectives.

We define our human experience by the cultures we create and participate in. Culture, made up of customs, social interactions, and activities, is fueled by the arts. Be it music, food, or visual arts, culture and the arts are inseparable.

We are seeing an increased turn to the arts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Globally, we have turned to art engagement as a source of comfort and strength. Participating in and viewing art makes us connect to a more universal human experience. Be it art-making at home, public murals, watching and listening to plays and music, or new-found interests in culinary arts, art is an expression of what it means to be human.



Dutchman Arch by: **Brian Serff**

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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