



Bi-monthly Newsletter of the Aurora Artists Guild Colorado

Palette Patter

September / October 2019

AAG Meeting Monday

September 9, 2019

October 14, 2019

Garden Plaza

14221 E. Evans Ave
Aurora, CO 80014

Programs

September

Cliff Austin, Oil & Pastel

October

Vanessa Martin-Botanical
Illustration.

Refreshments

September - Pegi Taylor

October- TBD

AAG Shows

For all take in and pickup
info please see the
complete list of AAG
Shows on page 3
of this newsletter.



A message from the President

Trista Robrahn

Greetings fellow artists:

The 25 th Annual Gateway to the Rockies Art Show is entering its' final stages as I am writing this. We still need donations from the community in order to provide our participating artists with the great prizes we have in the past. Please contact Joan Heinen if you need additional solicitation letters.

I am still looking for a replacement for myself as President. Nina Nadeau, our Vice President has resigned her position as she has other commitments. If anyone can step into her position, the Guild would appreciate your help. I am interested in exploring alternatives to the traditional method of running our organization. Please let me know if you have any suggestions.

As we wind down the summer, I hope you all enjoyed your Labor Day holiday and made the most of these nice days. Gear up for a colorful fall season with lots of new artwork.

Trista



Brian Serff Colorado Landscape

www.auroraartistsguild.com



Venues 2019

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

Arapaho Justice Center (AJC):

7325 S Potomac St, Centennial, CO,
No commission

Sharon Keys.

In charge, questions - call 303-693-6795, keys329@msn.com.
We meet at 3pm in the Jury Room on disincarnated day
Joan has tags for the pictures.

Art needed:

20 places to hang; 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 with Littleton and Parker Art Guilds. All work comes down and new work is put up. Change outs every 2 months: 3pm.

All 1st Tuesdays. 2019

Justice Center II

6984 Lima St. Centennial, CO
No commission

Rotating Show, every 2 months; change out time 11 am (somewhat flexible) Tuesday or Thursday.

Art needed:

14 pieces Make sure you have your own inventory sheet and make your own picture tags

Nina Nadeau

Call Nina Nadeau to sign up - 303-717-4240 or email: ninanadeau@rippingfang.com

Sept-Oct - Sept-Oct-Sharon Keys

Aurora Municipal Center

No commission

AAG will be able to hang artwork again from July 1, to July 30, 2020. Joan will keep you informed as more information on this comes on this..

List of venues that the individual artists can contact on their own to set up time to show with any venue.

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 Pkway, Denver, CO 303-715-1010, voc@voc.org

25th Annual

Gateway to the Rockies Art Show

October 30 through December 6 2019

All the most current information sent to you with regards to the Gateway to the Rockies show this year.

For more information: Joan Heinen, joan@joanheinen.com
www.auroraartistsguild.com

To be held at the:

Community College of Aurora, Fine Arts Building

16000 E. CentreTech Parkway, Aurora, Colorado 80011

Officers and appointed positions

President - Trista Robrahn - 720-238-7668
Trista@trent45.com

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AAG NEW MEMBERS

**Our two newest members are
Chad Henry and Judy Gilman.**

Welcome New AAG Members

!We 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



Demos, August & September

Our **August** demonstration with Renee Jorgensen was full of constructive information on the process of storybook illumination. Renee's charming and sometimes whimsical illustrations use medieval and renaissance style calligraphy and her fine honed technical drawing skills. Experience more of her work and learn about current classes at reneejorgensenartist.com.

Coming in **September**, we look forward to Cliff Austin, an award winning artist whose pastels and oils have graced many national and local shows. As a graduate of Denver Institute of Technology and the Rocky Mountain School of Art, he has been painting and illustrating since 1980. His affiliation with the Pastel Society of Colorado, The Plein Air Artists of Colorado, Oil Painters of American and The American Impressionist Society show the wide range of his artistic talents. Cliff says his work shows the relationship of light on shape, using line, tone, and color as it wraps and flows around the landscape or cityscape. To view his work and learn more about what inspires him go to Arts at Denver Gallery/Cliff Austin and www.cliffaustin.com

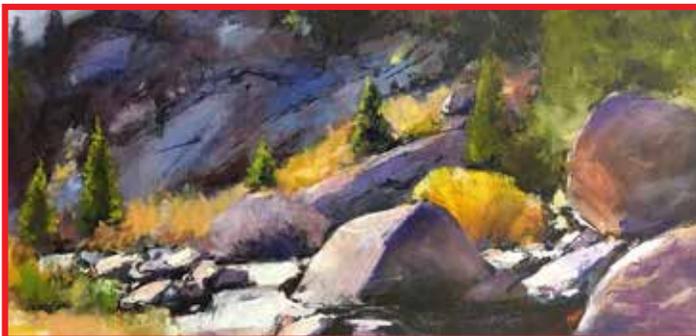
In **October**, botanical illustrator Vanessa Martin will bring her expertise to the Guild. Botanical illustration must be scientifically accurate as it depicts form, color, and details of plant species. As one of the oldest watercolor genres, it unites a love of nature with strong technical skills. Vanessa has both.

Drawing at an early age around the fields of Illinois, she says that living on the plains of Aurora, Colorado inspires her and is where she gets most of her ideas for her impeccable botanical illustrations. Having served as president of the Rocky Mountain Society of Botanical Artists she inspires us to appreciate the beauty of fallen leaves to seed pods with a pinch of contemporary style. She received her certificate from the School of Botanical Art and Illustration at the Denver Botanical Gardens. One of her projects has been on an exhibit of cannabis plants, having sketched hemp at a greenhouse in Longmont. The exhibit covered everything from industrial hemp to medical and recreational plants. Get more information about her current shows at www.vanessamartinsartstudio.com



Workshops/Classes

Brian Serff and myself have discussed the necessity of putting the information of classes being offered by ACAA Programs in future AAG Newsletters. We have decided to offer the information to all AAG members the website information to access any classes you may be interested in. So, from this point forward please go to the website Auroragov.org, and select City Of Aurora/Art Classes and choose any of the activities offered that you would be interested in. If you have any questions please contact Aurora Recreational Guide or call 303-326-8650 for any questions you might have with regards to what classes/workshops are available.





Editors Note

Artful Quotes

"The world today doesn't make sense so why should I paint pictures that do?"

Pablo Picasso

"If you are willing to do something that might not work, you're closer to being an artist."

Seth Godin

"There is nothing more truly artistic than to love people."

Vincent Van Gogh

Dear Artists,

For any questions or concerns with regards to the 25th Gateway to the Rockies Art Show please email me at joan@joanheinen.com

The Aurora Artists Guild has a few events planned during the show. These events are open to everyone.

Also, artists that are entered into the show may bring their bin work to all of these events.

Reception and Award Ceremony, Friday November 22, 5 pm to 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, November 6, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm,

Ellen Westbrook will give a demo and talk about mixed media Mandalas. Community College of Aurora, Fine Arts Building, Forum

Wednesday, November 13, 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm,

Jo Ann Nelson will give a talk about how she taught art in a juvenile detention center.

Community College of Aurora, Fine Arts Building, Forum

Thursday November 21, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm,

The Cabaret is coming back to entertain us! Community College of Aurora, Fine Arts Building, Lobby Area

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

P.O. Box 440457
Aurora, CO 80044

Please read the prospectus very carefully, there are many changes this year.

25th Annual Gateway to the Rockies Art Show & Sale

October 30 – December 6, 2019

Community College of Aurora, Fine Arts Building
16000 E. Centretech Parkway
Aurora, CO 80011

Entry Deadline: September 1, 2019

Requirements: ***This juried art show is open to all artists; artists must be at least 18 years old.***

2-D – maximum 3

Miniatures – maximum 3

Photography – maximum 3

Maximum entries would be a total of nine, three from each category.

Any entrant with more than three in one category will have the entries in that category reduced to the maximum number of three by the Gateway Committee prior to the juror viewing the images.

Entry Fee: \$45.00 for 3 images, for each additional image after the first three the charge is \$5 per image.

AAG members are eligible for a \$10.00 discount coupon; the \$10.00 is subtracted from the \$45.00 entry fee. A code will be emailed to all current AAG members. In order to receive this discount a new member must join Aurora Artists Guild before submitting their Gateway registration. To join or renew your Aurora Artists Guild membership payment for dues may be made at our website; auroraartistsguild.com by using PayPal, or mailed to P.O. Box 440457, Aurora CO 80044. After the payment has been received please contact Joan Heinen at joan@joanheinen.com or Trista Robrahn at trista@trent45.com for the code.

All entry fees are non-refundable; no exceptions.

Key Dates for Artists:

Entry Deadline: Wednesday, September 1, 2019 (no exceptions)

Acceptance Notices Emailed: On or before, September 25, 2019

Take-in Accepted Artwork: Saturday, October 26, 2019, 10 am – Noon

All 2-D and Photography pieces must be hand delivered, no exceptions.

Miniatures can be mailed.

(No special arrangements will be made).

Show Opens: Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Reception and Awards: Friday, November 1, 2019, 5 – 7:30 pm, Awards at 6 pm

Take-in for Bin Work - Friday, November 1, 2019, 3:30 – 4:30 pm prior to the Reception

Please see the section on Bin Work for additional important information.

Exhibit Closes: Friday, December 6, 2019

Pick-up for Art work: Saturday December 7, 2019 Noon – 2 pm

There will be no exceptions on pick-up; art work cannot be stored at the college.

Artist Commitment

By submitting your work for consideration, you agree that the work will be available during the exhibition dates listed on this prospectus, and you will **hand deliver and pick up your work on the dates specified**. Art work that has been accepted by the juror may not be changed in any way, or after take-in.

All invited/not invited letters will be sent by email on or before September 25, if you do not receive this notification of invited or not invited email it is your responsibility to contact joan@joanheinen.com. Artists can also find the invited/not invited information through their CaFE account. By entering you grant the Aurora Artists Guild and or the Community College of Aurora permission to use images of accepted works for public relations, marketing and archival purposes.

Juror for 2-D and Miniatures : Bonnie Stolzmann
Photography: Tom Heywood

Award Certificates will be given for each category plus Best of Show, The Kate Tauer Award, CCA Award and an AAG Award. The number of entries and sponsor contributions will determine monetary awards and gifts.

Rules of Entry:

All artwork will be judged according to fine art and photography principles and presentation. **The decision of the juror is final.** The Aurora Artists Guild reserves the right to reject any work deemed unsuitable at any time.

Eligibility:

All artwork must have been completed within the last five (5) years. Works shown in any previous Gateway Art Show will not be accepted. Artwork must be original and not copied from any copyrighted material or photographs, except those taken by the artist. Accepted artwork must be in the categories of Two-Dimensional, Photography, or Miniatures.

Submitting Entries:

All entries must be made through the CaFE™ website, www.callforentry.org. There is no cost to the artist to enter through CaFE™. The only cost to the artist is for the Entry Fees for the Gateway Art Show. Payment is by credit card or PayPal.

Criteria for submitting files:

File Format – JPEG only

File Dimensions – no smaller than 1200 pixels on the longest side

File Resolution – 72 ppi/dpi (standard web resolution)

File Size – Under 5 MB

Each image must be of the image only; no frames or mats can show in the image.

Any image that contains a frame or mat will not be viewed by the juror.

Categories:

Artists may submit artwork in three different categories; 2-D, Miniatures, and Photography. Be sure to choose the correct category for your artwork. Three images maximum may be entered in any single category for a total of nine images.

Two-Dimensional Artwork:

Only original artwork in any two-dimensional fine art media will be accepted. Artwork that is not allowed: work completed in a classroom, computer graphics, crafts (including stained glass, mosaics, beads, sewing or fiber art, etc.) 3-D work, or sculpture. (3-D is defined in terms of its height, width and

depth, it is not flat like 2-D). The frame must be around the perimeter of the art work, gallery wrapped pieces with no staples are also acceptable. (No other configurations will be accepted.)

Minimum image size: 8" x 10".

Maximum outside dimension including frame size: 36" any side.

Three (3) images, maximum, may be entered.

2-D art work must be hand delivered.

Photography:

Only original traditional, digital, or computer-enhanced photography accepted.

Minimum image size: 8" x 10".

Maximum outside dimension including frame size: 36" any side

Canvas and aluminum prints are acceptable without a frame.

Three (3) images, maximum, may be entered.

Photographs must be hand delivered

Miniatures:

Two-dimensional rules apply Traditional miniature rules do not apply.

Maximum image size: 36 square inches.

Maximum image plus frame size: 100 square inches.

Three (3) images, maximum, may be entered.

Minis can be mailed to P.O. Box 440457, Aurora, CO 80044, or hand delivered. Minis that are mailed need to include return postage and return address.

Other Specifications:

Artwork must be suitably framed and wired with flat clips. The ends of the wire must be wrapped with no sharp ends protruding. No saw tooth hangers, unframed glass or clipped-in hangers. Gallery wrapped canvas must have finished edges. Artwork with smudges or poorly cut mats, and artwork with marred mats, glass, or frames will not be accepted. The artwork must match what was submitted for entry, i.e. title of art, and price. No price or title changes are allowed after entry.

(No exceptions.)

Artwork must have an identification label attached to the lower back of each entry with Artist name, email, phone, title, medium and price.

A commission of 20% of sold work will go to the Aurora Artists Guild. 5% of the 20% will be donated to the Community College of Aurora scholarship fund.

All sales will be handled by a representative of the Aurora Artists Guild.

All art work sold will be released to the buyer on December 7, 2019, with the exception of Bin Work. Bin Work may be released at the time of purchase.

Bin Work:

Bin work will be available for purchase on the night of the reception only. All artists who enter the 2019 Gateway show are eligible to submit bin work. There may be other opportunities to bring in Bin Work at special events; you will be notified of this by email.

Bin Work Criteria

Size is no smaller than 8" x 10" and no larger than 16" x 20" outside dimensions. Bin work is only unframed pieces.

Bin work must be labeled with the artists name and price on the upper right hand corner of the piece. Labels must be on the artwork when it is brought in. Be sure to protect your artwork with clear sleeves or other protection.

Bring a typed inventory sheet listing Artist's name, phone, and email as well as title, medium, and price of each artwork. Only 15 pieces are allowed to be in the bin.

Artists may bring 10 individual Fine Art Cards and place them in their bins in addition to their unframed pieces. Cards should come with an envelope and be in clear plastic sleeves. The size should be no larger than 5 x 7.

Bring a black canvas sling-type floor bin. AAG has a limited amount of bins available for members to share.

Artists Statement:

Artist statement and or bios are encouraged. Statements that are received will be available for College visitors or students to learn more about the artist. Artist statements may also be placed in with your bin work.

Other information:

The Aurora Artists Guild and the Community College of Aurora is not responsible for any damaged or stolen art work. Please have your art work insured if this is a concern for you.

Presented by:

The Aurora Artists Guild

www.auroraartistsguild.com

The Community College of Aurora

www.CCAurora.edu

For questions or general information contact: Joan Heinen, joan@joanheinen.com