



Bi-monthly Newsletter of the Aurora Artists Guild Colorado

Palette Patter

November / December 2019

AAG Meeting Monday

November 11, 2019

No Meeting in December

Garden Plaza

14221 E. Evans Ave
Aurora, CO 80014

Programs

November

Michael Keyes- Print Making

December

No Meeting in December

Refreshments

November - Melissa Stearns

No Meeting in December

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:

As I write this, we are in the final stages of getting the 25th Gateway show underway. Thank you to all of you who have entered and volunteered to work on the show. I also want to thank all our wonderful volunteers who worked so hard this year to make our Guild a great organization to belong to. Thank you to Michele Autry who assisted Brian Serff in order to make our newsletter so great. We appreciate you and your presence will be missed as you move on to new adventures.

2020 will bring new opportunities and challenges. Please encourage your friends and acquaintances to consider joining us next year so we can continue to grow and open up new opportunities. I have agreed to continue on as interim President until someone steps up or through 2020. I still need a Vice President to assist me when I cannot be at meetings or need additional advice.

During the holiday season remember to take some time to enjoy what you have accomplished this year and think about what you hope to accomplish with your art in 2020.

Have a great holiday season.

Trista *Trista*



Brian Serff High Plains Storm

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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
November/December - TBA

AAG NEW 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

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

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!

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

Vice President/Venue Coordinator
Call Nina Nadeau to sign up - 303-717-4240 or email: ninanadeau@rippingfang.com

Secretary - Pegi Taylor,
303-3586264 pegit1@comcast.net

Treasurer - Melissa Stearns, 303-400-0385,
melissa_stearns@hotmail.com

Gateway Show - Joan Heinen - 303-699-6335- joan@joanheinen.com

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Brian Serff - 303-913-2406
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melissa_stearns@hotmail.com

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swhite5801@aol.com

Historian/Refreshment Coordinator
Lynn Kirch - 303-751-5082
lynnkirch@comcast.net



Demos, November/No Meeting in December

AAG member **Michael Keyes** has shown us his many talents in oils, acrylics, and printing. At our November meeting he will be demonstrating his wood block print techniques.

With an MBA in printmaking from Ohio State University, Michael hailed from an impoverished Appalachian area of the state with beautiful woodlands and rural landscapes that inspires his work. Early on printmaking was a side interest taking second fiddle to his job with HVAC serving low-income families and teaching weatherization skills at a trade school for 25 years. Along with his wife Betsy, also an AAG member, the Keyes worked craft fairs; she is selling baskets and wreaths and he selling his prints. Upon retirement, with family of utmost importance, Colorado beckoned them to be with their son and grandchildren.

This enabled Michael to get into art full time, establishing himself into the art community. He's a member of Red Delicious Press, a printmaking co-op in Aurora, the Park Hill Art Club, the Art Student League of Denver, and shares his love of art with youngsters at DAVA (Downtown Aurora Visual Arts), with their afterschool and summer art programs. Along with art shows and exhibits, his work graces the walls of many homes and area businesses.

September/October Demos

The September demo was presented by **Cliff Austin**, emphasizing light and contrast.

Cliff Austin is a graduate of Denver Institute of Technology and Rocky Mountain School of Art. He has been painting and illustrating since 1980.

He is a member of the Pastel Society of Colorado, Plein Aire Artists Colorado, Oil Painters of America, and American Impressionists Society.

For more information, go to cliffaustin.com.

The October demo was presented by **Vanessa Martin**, botanical artist.

She demonstrated various types of printmaking. Intaglio is a type of printmaking where the image is incised into a surface and the incised line holds the ink. To print, ink is applied to the surface by wiping the plate to push the ink into the grooves, such as woodcuts.

Printmaking with Solarplates is an eco-friendly alternative to traditional etching and relief printing which uses toxic chemicals. Solarplate is a light sensitive polymer surface with a steel backing that uses the sun to develop the prints.

Chin colle' is a technique in which paper of a different color or texture is adhered to the overall piece. The colle' paper is layered first on top of the inked plate and the support paper is added before going through the press.

For more information, go to 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

"When I say artist, I mean the one who is building things... some with a brush...some with a shovel...some choose a pen."

Jackson Pollock

"The whole culture is telling you to hurry, while the art tells you to take your time. Always listen to the art."

Junot Diaz

"To draw, you must close your eyes and sing"

Pablo Picasso

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.

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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