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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Happy New Year everyone!! I trust everyone made it through the holidays and is looking forward to another exciting year of activities with GEAG. As I'm writing this, I am recovering from my family's visit and have taken a few, many, naps. I haven't done much painting but I did manage to do some beautiful art work with my talented 3 yr. old granddaughter. We paint and stamp and do any messy thing we can find! It is a very freeing experience, watching a child create. I was told no markers by her Mother and I kept to that promise, but we made up for it with watercolors. Did you know that if you combine red, blue, purple, yellow, green and any other color Grandma puts on the pallet, you can make the most beautiful blacks. That seems to be the thing to do. I've been using them for my own painting, too.

I subscribe to several art sites that share information that I find very interesting....

The Purkinje Effect: Have you ever noticed when you are plein air painting how colors and objects look radically different just before dawn or sunset? A red rose is bright against the green leaves in daylight, but at dusk or dawn the contrast reverses so that the red flower pedals appear dark red or dark warm gray and the leaves appear relatively bright. This difference in contrast is called the Purkinje effect. During early

morning walks, anatomist Jan Evangelista Purkyne discovered that the human eye is most sensitive towards shifting to the blue end of the spectrum, especially at low light levels. The retina can't distinguish colors very well in low light, mainly only see green-blue colors. We become nearly colorblind in low level illumination. So a plein air painter who wants to capture the beauty they see in these particular times of low light must use the imagination to add more color than what is seen with the eye.

From an article by John Hulse and Ann Trusty I want to congratulate all the Christmas Show winners and the Christmas card contest. We are so proud of the quality of the work you do. The rest of us have a great deal to live up to! Congratulations to Ron Vivod for winning the Artist of the Year. You earned that honor.

Congratulations to Lisa Truttmann for winning the MMR Christmas card contest. Also well deserved. She won \$500 for herself and for GEAG. Her card went out to 3,000 customers of this law firm. So start thinking about this NOW!!

Next meeting is Jan. 4, 2017

6:00 pm at PSOP in Belleville

Bring snacks and bring art for the art contest.

One last thing... I would like to thank all the board members who've made my job so much easier this year. Their dedication and hard work is what keep us going. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who help out at the meetings and the various shows and exhibits we do throughout the year. I am your number 1 fan!! And a final Thank You to the people at PSOP and SWIC for allowing us to use their beautiful facility we call home. We are very grateful.

Karen Romani  
President GEAG

## 2018 Life Experienced: *A Senior Art Competition*

**SUBMIT  
YOUR  
ARTWORK!**



Artists 60 and older who reside in the SWIC district or are members of the Gateway East Artists Guild are invited to showcase their artistic abilities and have a chance to win prize money.

Selected entries will be displayed at a special exhibition.

**Applications are due by Jan. 26 by 4 p.m.**

For details or to apply:  
[swic.edu/psop](http://swic.edu/psop) or [co.st-clair.il.us](http://co.st-clair.il.us)  
 618-234-4410, ext. 7044

Sponsored by:

*Exhibition:*  
**MARCH 2-5, 2018**  
 Schmidt Art Center • SWIC Belleville Campus  
 Opening reception: March 1

**MEETING MINUTES** GEAG Minutes – General Membership Meeting – December 6, 2017

President Karen Romani opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. She greeted members and their guests

**President**  
**Karen Romani**  
 (618) 334-2737

to the GEAG Annual Christmas Party. Instructions were provided for members to display their Christmas card entries and their Art Show entries. She introduced the GEAG Board Members and asked for a volunteer to fill the Publicity Chair position. She also introduced Sarah Abbott, the Judge for our 2017 Art Show.

Anne Mongiovi is our representative to the Senior Art Contest. It is sponsored by the Illinois Office on Aging. You must be at least 60 years young to enter artworks. Entry is due by Jan 26, 2018. Letters of acceptance will be mailed out Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. Drop off is Feb 22-23. Reception is March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. Prospectus will be on our website and copies will be at the front desk.

One of our members, Lisa Truttmann, won the MMR Holiday Card contest. She received \$500.00 and the Guild also received \$500.00 as her sponsor. Congratulations Lisa and thank you for helping out the Guild.

Dinner was served at 6:35 p.m. We were entertained by four members of the O'Fallon High School Madrigal Choir. Their beautiful a cappella rendition of old English carols was wonderful. We sincerely thank them for their wonderful performance.

After dinner members were requested to vote for their favorite Christmas card.

Art Contest winners: Best of Show – Karen Miller; Awards of Excellence – Nancy Beard, Peggy Derhake, Kim Depigian, Kim Ferguson, Susan Kunz, Joyce Neutzling, Susan Rogers, Tatyana Robberts, Ana Sumner, Ron Vivod.

Christmas Card contest winners: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Peggy Derhake; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Susan Kunz; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Susan Przada

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Artist of the Year for 2017 – Ron Vivod

The Christmas Gift Exchange was done to the laughter of participants as gifts were passed right or left depending upon which word was said in the Christmas Story read by President Romani. With the last “left” or was it “right” you opened the gift you were left with.

Next were announcements for upcoming Art Shows. The Edwardsville Art Center Show is in January. The deadline for entries is Dec 22. Membership dues for 2018 must be paid by Dec 22. An artist may enter up to three pieces at a cost of \$5.00 per entry.

Anne Mongiovi brought brochures for the Senior Art Show which were located on the front desk. Artists must be 60 years or older and the applications deadline is Jan 26, 2018 by 4 p.m. The show will be March 2-5, 2018. Entrants must be from the SWIC district or a member of the GEAG. The Senior Show needs board members and selection committee members. Please let Anne know if you can help and she will pass the information on.

Linda Rawson is conducting a Watercolor Batik workshop February 17-18, 2018. Forms are on the front desk.

Ana Sumner and Murella Bosse have an art show at Governor French Academy from Dec 4, 2017 to Jan 27, 2018. Please go by, hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday on school days.

We need volunteers for GEAG Artist of the Month. Members are encouraged to sign up at the front desk. This is an opportunity to showcase your art in the entry way at the PSOP facility.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Kim M. Ferguson, Secretary

## Upcoming Events



### January 3 Monthly Meeting Ana Sumner - Mixed Media Fiber Demo

Join us for our January 3rd meeting at PSOP and see Ana Sumner demonstrate her incredibly unique fiber work.

[Find out more »](#)



### The Best of GEAG at EAC

Opening Reception  
January 6, 2018  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Join our wonderfully talented artists as we are represented at the Edwardsville Arts Center on the Edwardsville High School campus. The exhibit runs from January 5 through February 2, 2018.

RICHESON75  
*Small Works*

### R75 Small Works 2018

Entry deadline:  
January 8, 2018

This competition is a great opportunity to showcase your artwork as well as a great chance to win cash and art materials awards! The work for this competition may be any subject matter but must be under 144 square inches in size.

[Find out more »](#)





## February 7 Monthly Meeting

### Julie Snidle - Encaustic Demo

Join us for our February 7th meeting at PSOP and see Julie Snidle demonstrate her beautiful abstract encaustic work.

[Find out more »](#)

## Foundry Art Center Call for entry

Entries due Feb. 5, 2018

This all-media exhibition addresses the surface quality of artworks. A fundamental element of artwork, texture can be expressed physically or visually.

[Find out more »](#)



## Watercolor Batik with Linda Rawson

2/17/18 - 2/18/18

Use watercolor and wax on rice paper to create 2 – 3 highly textured paintings. Held at Rock Springs Nature Center in O'Fallon, IL.

[Find out more »](#)



Join us for our next meeting!

We meet at 6pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Find more information on our website.



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