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EAG Spring Members Show Contemporary Art in Our Midst

The Elmhurst Artists' Guild ("EAG") will host the **Spring Members Show**, featuring a variety of its members' original artwork, in the EAG Gallery at the Elmhurst Art Museum (EAM), 150 S. Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst, from April 7 through May 10, 2019. The public is invited to the free opening reception on Friday, April 12, 2019 from 7:00 to 9:00pm.

Featured artworks include two and three-dimensional works, ranging from small to tall, in a variety of styles, methods and media.

"Winter Amaryllis," an oil painting by Jean Janssen from south suburban Herscher, IL, is 50" tall, but only 8" wide, providing an outsized reminder that this delicate seasonal flower is indeed, tall and skinny. Janssen explained that her elongated amaryllis with abstract patterning on the vertical sides of the canvas is part of a series of works exploring synergized flowers and plants. "The view is from my sun room, looking out on a cold and snowy February day," she stated.

Elmhurst artist, James Dahle, will exhibit "Mom," a delicate, sentimental acrylic depiction of two adult hands clasping the hand of their mother, with the inscription, "We miss you, Mom." This lovingly executed painting rekindles memories of those warm hand clasps among all who have lost a parent or grandparent.

Charlotte Cziperle's ethereal landscape, "Daysbreak," rendered in oil and cold wax, is small, just 12" by 9" but packs the depth of a mural. Cziperle, a resident of Burr Ridge who earned a Painting Certificate from the School of the Art Institute, teaches oil and cold wax painting classes in Chicago and around the Midwest.

Adding even more diversity to the artworks, Downers Grove artist, Paul Callahan, provides welcome humor with his mixed media cartoon, "Why Chameleons Shouldn't Play Cards." Created with watercolor marker and a deck of cards, the image is laugh out loud creative art.

EAG President, Charlene Lee-Freislinger, observed, "A visit to the Spring Members Show, coupled with a visit to the Elmhurst Art Museum, offers the best of both worlds – unique museum exhibits of contemporary art, along with the opportunity to see and acquire affordable original artwork by local artists."

The exhibition can be viewed during regular museum hours, Tuesday through Sunday from 11am to 5pm. Museum admission is \$12 adults / \$10 seniors / free for students and children under 18, EAG and EAM members; free for all on the first Friday of each month. There is no charge to visit only the EAG Gallery. More information is available at elmhurstartistsguild.org and elmhurstartmuseum.org.

The EAG gallery is not-for-profit, operated by the Elmhurst Artists' Guild. It features contemporary artworks in a variety of styles and media. In addition to four member shows each year, the guild hosts exhibitions of individual member's artwork and invitational shows for significant local artists.

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Attached images:

Paul Callahan, *Why Chameleons Shouldn't Play Cards*

Charlotte Cziperle, *Daysbreak*

James Dahle, *Mom*

Jean Janssen, *Winter Amaryllis*