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### ARIZONA ARTISTS GUILD

## Newsletter

### **December AAG Meeting**



# Happy Holiday's

There is **no** December AAG meeting but we will have an exciting meeting planned for you in January.

All of the AAG board members wish you a Happy Holiday season! We will see you all again in 2016!

#### ART SUPPLY EXCHANGE SALE

Ceramic Glazes, Frames, Paint, Paper and more!
Art Supply is open 9 am to noon Mondays and
5 pm to 9 pm AAG Meeting nights

### **Art Supplies needed**

Art Supply Exchange is one of AAG's most popular programs. Donated gently used art supplies are available at very reasonable prices. This fosters recycling and opportunities for artistic growth and exploration in new media that may otherwise be out of reach. If you are interested in donating or purchasing supplies email: ArtSupply@ArizonaArtistsGuild.net or call 602-944-9713.

Hours: Monday 9am to 12pm, AAG meetings 5-9pm, or by appointment

### **AAG Membership News**

AAG welcomes the following new members:

#### **New Members:**

Doreen Benner Anne Falvey Christy Giles
Dan Prendergast Jose Rodriguez
Matthew Schwab Kimber Scott
Anthony Siegle Amy Smillie
Ellen Van Pelt

### **New Juried Members**

David Knorr Ronda Miller

#### **Golden Members**

Ina May Moore Ellsy Bird

### **Spring Interns**

Alexa Heiser Jessica Winen Jennifer Todd

**Membership cards** for 2015-16 will be available for pick-up at Monthly AAG meetings.

The AAG Directory is only available to paid members as a PDF. Request your updated AAG 2015-2016 Directory by email

To receive the latest AAG directory via email, be sure to write Membership Directory in the subject line and include your name in the email: membership@arizonaartistsguild. net

Members who have paid \$55 will be receiving one copy of the Directory by mail in October.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2015-16, you can join online. Click on membership and the rest is easy.

### Golden AAG Memberships

If you are 90+ years old and have been a member of AAG for at least 5 years, you will become a Golden Member of AAG. As a Golden Member benefit your annual dues are waived. Please contact the membership chair, Laura Cohen-Hogan, if you qualify.

AAG is open meeting nights at 5 PM for members and friends to socialize.

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### AAG Presidents Message

As I write this its Thanksgiving day, the turkey is roasting, family has gathered and spending a quiet afternoon bringing each other up on recent events, sharing stories, reconnecting. When you read this it will be close to Christmas and the beginning of the New Year. At this time, I am taking stock of the past year and think it worthwhile to remind myself of all that has transpired for AAG, so I can assess and evaluate the quality and scope of our efforts to be a high quality arts organization.

We started last year in January with the presentation at the general meeting by Elliot Everson, who gave a fascinating demonstration of colored pencil drawing on stone. The Sculptor's Group visited the Sunny Slope area studio of stone sculptor Mark Breithaupt.

Local gallery owner, art marketing expert Jason Horejs spoke to the February General meeting about how to professionally present one's artwork to galleries and in art shows. Patricia Sannit spoke about her ceramic sculptures to the Sculptor's Group.

At the March meeting Jo Toye gave a stimulating demo of creative techniques with water media. Mixed media artist/musician Joe Willie Smith gave a rousing presentation of his musical instruments made from found objects to the Sculptor's Group meeting.

Jason Horejs gave a one day workshop in March on strategies for approaching art galleries that provided the 20 attendees with reams of information.

Also, in March AAG held its annual Open Statewide Juried Exhibition which had 227 entries by over 100 individuals, many saying it was the best AAG exhibit they had ever seen.

I gave a demonstration of my sculpting process using forms made in clay on the potter's wheel to the April General Meeting, while Denise Yagmourian gave a stimulating presentation of her sculpture work made from found objects to the Sculptor's Group meeting. Jo Toye gave a one day workshop in April on her experimental techniques with water media to an appreciative group of participants.

The May general meeting presentation was by the five recipients of the 2014-2015 AAG Scholarships. \$7000 in scholarships were awarded to students working in ceramics, painting/drawing, sculpture and fibers.

In addition, the AAG Veteran's Art Program met each month on the 4th Saturday to increasing numbers of Veterans. The popularity of this program is due in large part to the quality of the art instruction provided by AAG member volunteers, but also to the supportive atmosphere instilled into each session.

Open Studio is also a growing part of AAG, thanks to Alicia Plogman who makes sure that everyone has what they need on Monday mornings.

A new Open Studio session was begun last spring on Thursday nights thanks to new AAG director Fabien Padilla, and Jennifer Todd.

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### (Presidents Message continued)

Community Outreach programs overseen by Ruth Ann Lefebvre at the Devonshire and Beatitudes Senior Campuses provided showcases for AAG Juried members to exhibit their artwork for 3-4 month periods.

The Art Supply Exchange, operated by Alicia Plogman and Alice Pelchat was a benefit for AAG both in providing an outlet for unused or donated art supplies to find a new home, but also a source of income for AAG through sales with over \$3000 in income generated over the past year.

None of this would have been possible without the efforts of many people, including the President's Team, Directors, Vice Presidents, Committee Chairs and Committee Members. Its been a very positive year with positive growth in all areas, but much more is possible. AAG has great potential to be a real positive force for transformation in our community. The number one resource is the knowledge and energy of our members who volunteer their time, effort and money to make AAG a great arts organization. The number two resource is our building. Few organizations can boast of owning their own building, designed by one of its members, who happens to be Rick Lussier.

I would like to see more events happening at the AAG building that can provide many benefits to everyone. I believe we could attract new members by hosting events on a Friday or Saturday night to the general public for a nominal fee to participate in an art activity, led by an AAG member, much like the "drink and draw" type events now held in various locations in Scottsdale and Chandler.

We could also extend our community outreach programs to other groups in the community, much as we have done for Veterans, that could provide art programs to adults in such programs as battered women's shelters, or to adult immigrants in a partnership with area school districts that could provide funding to AAG. These types of community outreach programs that partner AAG with local non profit entities who provide services for those in need, are perfect for the many grants offered each year through Arizona Commission on the Arts and others.

The obstacle to these ideas is human capital. We need volunteers to take on programs and projects like these. We, your board, are stretched thin. If you think such programs are of value to AAG for bringing in new members, new sources of income, and providing positive change in our community, then I hope you will come forward to help make them possible.

Sincerely, David

A Quote by Georgia O"Keeffe

Interest is the most important thing in life; Happiness is temporary, but interest is continuous.

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### AAG LEADERSHIP TEAM 2015-2016

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### **AAG Sculptors' Group**

The AAG Sculpture Group will not have a meeting in December. Do not miss the Sculptors' Group's first meeting in the new year on Monday, January 4th. The guest speaker will be John Randall Nelson. Ther will also be a Peer Critique. This meeting will be held at the AAG building form 7-9.

### **AAG Calendar**

Check out the AAG calendar on the AAG web site for all upcoming events.

The AAG calendar Web URL is:

http://arizonaartistsguild.net/calendar/month.

### **New Evening Open Studio**

The AAG Interns are managing a new evening Open Studio at the AAG building the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:30 - 9 PM. All AAG members are invited to attend.

### **AAG - LIFE DRAWING**

OPEN SESSIONS: MEMBERS & NON MEMBERS \$10.00 DRAWING FEE - NO INSTRUCTION

MODEL RELEASE FORMS AVAILABLE FOR PHOTOGRAPHS -(at model's discretion)

Easels, tables provided or you may bring your own.

Bring supplies and coffee is provided

December and January ALL TUESDAYS - 9:30 AM - 12:30 LONG POSE

ALL THURSDAYS - 9:30 AM - 12:30 SHORT TO LONG POSES

(except holidays)
Email Josie if you have any questions at
a joyfulsunrise@yahoo.com

AAG - OPEN STUDIO
AAG OPEN STUDIO: MEMBERS FREE
NON MEMBERS \$10.00 DRAWING FEE
December and January

Mondays 9 AM - 12 Email Alicia Plogman if you have questions at aplogman@cox.net

### **AAG General Meetings Schedule**

5:00 – 5:30 Building open for Members to socialize.

5:30 - 6:30 Pre-meeting Critique sessions for Members only, the public is invited to watch.

6:30 - 7:00 Members socialize, eat snacks, and vote for Artist of the Month

7:00 - 7:20 Business meeting

7:30 – 8:30 **Meeting Program** starts featuring Artists/ Presenters.

Please help us keep to the schedule so that our featured Artists/Presenters will have time to share their work and knowledge in a more relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. Those members wanting to participate in the Critique need to bring artwork for artistic input. AAG President David Bradley, Art Smitth and the evening's presenter if they wish will critique the art in a timely fashion. At 6:30 the Critique ends and snacks will be available in the small studio. The business meeting starts at 7:00 with all information on a PowerPoint presentation. Members will see and hear about the latest AAG exhibitions and activities all within a 20 minute timeframe. The featured artist/presenter will start sharply at 7:30 and run till 8:30 and beyond if there are lots of questions.

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### **Artist of the Month**



1st Place Shell #1 Doug Herbert



2nd Place Riparian Oasis Joyce Baldwin

### **AAG Calendar Highlights**

Mondays: Open Studio

Tuesdays & Thursdays: Life Drawing

### Sculpture Group Meeting:

The First meeting of the new year will be January 4, 2016.

### AAG's Winter Exhibit at AAG:

November 7th, 2015 - January 8th, 2016.

**AAG Monthly Meeting:**No meeting in December. The first meeting will be January 19, 2016.

**AAG Veteran's Program:** No meeting in December. First meeting will be January 23, 2016.

For details please see the AAG Calendar at (click): http://arizonaartistsguild.net/calendar/month.php?date=20140201

### **AAG Community Outreach Fine Art Exhibitions**

The Arizona Artists Guild in partnership with the Beatitudes Foundation and the City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation present ongoing fine art exhibitions for their residents and guests. AAG juried members show for three months at each venue: The Beatitudes, located at 1610 W. Glendale Ave, Phoenix and The City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation's Devonshire Gallery at 2802 E. Devonshire Ave., Phoenix. The Current Exhibits include:

Beatitudes: December 2, 2015 – March 2, 2016



**Shirley Cunningham** 



**Tess Mosko Scherer** 

Devonshire: October 1 to December 31,2015



Lupe Cavanaugh

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### + AAG Artist Highlight Feature +



From left: David Bradley, Art Smith, Dave Knorr, Alicia Plogman, Melanie Harmon, and Anne Howe Falvey

AAG Winter Exhibit winners:

AH Smith - 1st Place, *Of Wonder and Sorrow*; Dave Knorr - 2nd place, *Totem Beginnings*; and Daniel Prendergast- 3rd place, *Cactus*.

Non- money honorable mentions: Lynda Burruss - Farmland Frolic; Alicia Plogman -The Trek; and Melanie Harman- Fair Girl

### **AAG's Veteran Art Program**

The AAG Veteran's Art program hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for the Veteran's who come to our art program. The Veteran's who attended greatly appreciated the dinner and even got a package of take home food. It was great to see all the food the AAG members supplied for this dinner and shows how AAG members work together to make this program a huge success. This was a nice way to show all the Veteran's how much we appreciate their service.





Harold Rapp gave an excellent demo on his poured paint process. His love of the poured paint process is infectious and the Veteran's really took to this technique. The Veteran's had a lot of fun and produced some very interesting artwork.

If any AAG member would like to do a short demo of their artwork process with the Veteran's they would love to learn your technique. You won't find a better more appreciative audience anywhere.

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### AAG's Veteran Art Program and what it means to our Veteran's

As a disabled Veteran, this program has helped with therapy. Getting out and being with other Veteran's has helped in being more sociable. I have surprised myself in the skills I have been missing. The staff are very knowledgeable and helpful (very, very kind).

This program helps me take my mind off chronic pain. I have learned so many techniques and aspects of art and look forward to expanding my knowledge. The class and staff are outstanding.

I come from not knowing about art to understanding that I have a lot to learn about art. The staff is supporting in gently teaching you the techniques used and are very patient. My time is well spent and I'm learning along with my fellow Veteran's.

This class is great! It has helped me to draw and paint better and is a lot of fun working and talking to other Veteran's.

I enjoy coming every month for the art, but more importantly, I enjoy the camaraderie. I come here and visit with other Vets. It's like we keep each other looking forward to seeing and catching up with each other. If something is happening with someone, good or bad we all share. I enjoy this gathering of Vets.

The program has been a life saver. I have been able to explore my creative side in a supportive environment. The instructors and volunteers are excellent. I have been able to take what is learned in class home and continue to work. I didn't consider myself to be a creative person. The art program has helped me find and enjoy my creative self.

It (AAG's Veteran Art Program) helps give me peace of mind! I'm very thankful I can come here. The people are great. It gets me out of the house doing something positive.

### **AAA News**

Good news! The deadline for the "Interpretations" exhibit to take place in March of 2016 at the WHAM West gallery has been extended to December 20th, 2015. To enter, go to www.azartalliance.com/call-to-artists. Anyone who is a member of AAG in good standing is eligible and you don't need to be juried in to AZ Art Alliance to participate.

As you know, the AZ Art Alliance has been heavily involved in introducing the "Healing for Veterans" program to Phoenix veterans. Currently, a raffle is being offered in terms of a VISA gift card of \$2,000 to the winner. See Kathy Rose at the next monthly meetings if you wish to purchase a \$10.00 ticket. Proceeds will benefit our Veterans Outreach Program.

Please Support The AAG Scholarship Fund!

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### ARTISTS INFORMATION



### AAG Programs, Workshops, Exhibitions and the AAG Scuptors Group

### **Programs:**

January 19, 2016: David L. Bradley, A Slice of The Dragon: Chinese Fine Art Overview 2015. February 16, 2016: Jossy Lownes, Integrating Figures into Landscape. March 15, 2016: Jo Toye, Exploration in Abstract Designs. April 19, 2016: Larisa Aukon: Floral Art in Oil

### Workshops:

Allen Garns: Right Color, Right Shape, Right Value, Saturday, 2/20/2016 \$60 Member or \$70 Non-member Jossy Lownes: Figures in paintings, Wednesday, 3/9/2016 \$60 Member or \$70 Non-member Jo Toye: Abstract Design Class, Saturday, 4/9/2016 \$60 Member or \$70 Non-member

### 2015-2016 AAG Exhibition Calendar

Winter Exhibition, Arizona Artists Guild Building, Nov 9th, 2015 – Jan 8th, 2016.
Statewide Exhibition, Gallery Glendale's new gallery space 9380 W Westgate BLVD, Suite D-102, March 4th- March 26th, 2016.
Associates Body of Work, Arizona Artists Guild Building, April 11th- May 5th, 2016

### **Sculptors Group**

Jan 4th Guest Speaker John Randall Nelson and Peer Critique; and on Monday, Feb 1st: Studio Visit With Jeff Reich and Farraday Newsome.

### Last month's AAG Raffle WINNERS!!!

Scholarship Raffle: Ed Kocner

#### **General Meeting Raffle:**

Pat Scheurich – art book
Tina Atherton – 2 cups by David L. Bradley and a bottle of wine
Joyce Baldwin – subscription to Southwest Art Magazine
Wayne Holden - Az Art Supplies

### AAG's Winter Exhibition

This exhibition was open to all current AAG members in good standing. **Artwork Pickup Saturday, January 9th 2-4pm** 

### AAG Statewide Exhibition

This exhibit is open to all residents of Arizona. Membership in AAG is not required for this exhibition.

Jan1-Feb 3, 2016 applications accepted via entrythingy.com
Notification of acceptance by email Monday, Feb 15th
Deliver accepted artwork to Gallery Glendale Tues, March 1st 10am-1pm
Jurying between Wednesday, March 2nd and Friday, March 4th.
Reception Saturday, March 5th 6-9pm
Gallery hours: Fridays and Saturdays 6-9pm (volunteers needed to sit the gallery)
Except: Good Friday March 25 and Easter March 27
Artwork Pickup Monday, March 28th 2-5pm

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### Julie Gilbert Pollard

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Thank you Arizona Art Supply for your donations to AAG. I'd like to encourage our members to support the people who support AAG. Think about Arizona Art Supply when you need art supplies

### Scheduling the AAG Building

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A quote by Ron Gang, Israeli artist

Art is a language that can transcend words. It can convey some of the nonverbal consciousness of the artist to the viewer.

What is AAG's Greatest Resource...... YOU ARE! Please help AAG grow, become an AAG Volunteer.



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