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# ARIZONA ARTISTS GUILD

# Newsletter

# **April AAG Meeting**



Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 7:30-8:30 PM at the AAG building, David Bradley will do a presentation on sculpting with the potter's wheel. David will demonstrate his process for creating

ceramic sculpture from forms created quickly on the potter's wheel.

David earned his MFA in Ceramics from the University of North Texas in 1982, and is currently full time professor of Art at Paradise Valley Community College.

#### A Quote by Leo Tolstoy

Art is a human activity, consisting in this, that one man (or women) consciously by means of external signs, hands on to others feelings he (she) has worked through, and other people are infected by these feelings and also experience them.

#### A Quote by Paul Cezanne

Everything in nature is formed upon the sphere, the cone and the cylinder. One must learn to paint these simple figures and then one can do all that he (she) may wish.

#### **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

#### **AAG Membership News**

AAG welcomes the following new members:

New Members: Dr. Nancy Bausch Linda Burruss Emmett Graham Ilona Wale

Spring Interns
Alexa Heiser
Jessica Winen
Jennifer Todd

Its time to Renew Your AAG Membership, <u>Dues Remain the Same</u>. Reminder: Please renew your membership for 2015-16 by June 30, 2015. Fiscal year for membership runs from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. You may renew online or by downloading the membership form for 2015-16. Renewal forms will also be available at the AAG building. Thank you.

#### How to become a juried member?

A guild member shall become a 'Juried Member' when the member's artwork has been accepted in three (3) Guild juried membership shows. It is the responsibility of Associates to maintain a complete record of their acceptance in Guild Shows. The form may be downloaded from the back of the by-laws or available at the building. Submit this record to the Membership Chairperson. Title of Artwork, to be considered for 'juried member' status, must be different for each show location. To maintain 'Juried Member' status, dues must be kept current.

# **AAG Workshop**

Jo Toye,

**Experimental Techniques in Watermedia** 

April 18, 2015, 9AM - 4PM. Saturday

Information for this workshop is on the AAG web site or pickup a flyer at the AAG building.

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

Visit us at: 18411 N. 7th Ave. Phoenix, Az 85023 Send mail to: PO Box 41534, Phoenix, AZ 85080 www.ArizonaArtistsGuild.net 602-944-9713

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# **Presidents Message**

April is here and my thoughts are towards summer, which, for me, means a change in activities, change in schedule, and change in focus, not to mention a change of wardrobe due to the intense heat. The AAG board members, thoughts are towards next year's activities and how to create a plan that will continue to engage members and non-members in activities that are relevant and stimulating.

A survey was created by Pat Scheurich and Pat Rospenda to gather information from you about the types of workshops you are most interested in taking. Steps are already being taken to move on the information gathered in that survey. Thank you for participating in the survey and providing your ideas. You are the most important part of Arizona Artists Guild, and without your input, we would all be floundering for a direction.

Speaking of floundering, we are still without a candidate for President. At the April meeting you will be presented with a slate of officers who have stepped forward to fill the needed positions of leadership, but as of this writing, no one has come forward to take on the President's position. This position is important mainly as someone who can act when decisions need to be made based upon the opinions and ideas presented by members, both on and off the board. AAG can function without a president, as has happened three years ago with the board of directors working together to keep things running, but, there was no one person who provided a direction toward which the board members could turn.

I understand how someone might feel hesitant to take on such a role, as I was, but as I have said before, the actual position is made easy by the help and effort of the board of directors, Vice Presidents, committee chairs and other dedicated volunteers. If you have ideas you think would add to Arizona Artists Guild, here is your chance to put them into play.

On Thursday, March 26 at the Shemer Arts Center, a reception for the AAG Scholarship recipients was held. In my opinion, and that of many others attending, this exhibit is amazing! I strongly encourage all of you to visit Shemer to see this exhibit which runs through April 30. You can visit the Shemer Art Center website to see their exhibit schedule and hours for viewing the exhibit here.

Personally I am proud to be part of AAG, in large part because of the scholarship program. As a graduate of a university Fine Arts program myself, I know the sacrifices made by a student to make it through both the undergraduate and graduate Fine Arts programs. Family, work, social obligations all take a back seat when you are in these programs. In order to earn the MFA you have to give every bit

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#### **AAG LEADERSHIP TEAM 2014**

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#### Presidents Message (continued)

of yourself, or you won't make it through because in the real world, full time artists don't make it if they aren't giving their best effort all the time.

The scholarships provided by AAG are significant and vital to these students. It allows them to continue their efforts towards fulfilling their artistic goals. At the May AAG meeting they will each introduce themselves and present their work. I know you will be impressed by them individually and that you will take a minute to greet them and congratulate them on their work.

Sincerely, David L. Bradley, AAG President

AAG's greatest resource is its members!

Please help AAG grow by being an AAG

volunteer.

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#### **AAG Sculptors' Group**



The AAG Sculptors Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 from 7-9 PM, at the AAG building. The speaker will be Denise Yaghmourian.

Denise's sculptural forms are rooted in a hybrid of past art

movements and styles, yet they resonate with current artistic concerns of today.

Yaghmourian, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in painting at ASU in 1991. She developed her signature forms in 2003 when she was given the opportunity to create a new body of work for a solo exhibition at the Chandler Center for the Arts.

All AAG MEMBERS are welcome at Sculptors' Group meetings!

#### **Artist of the Month**

AAG members are invited to bring their artwork to the monthly meeting to enter Artist of the Month.

#### Art Supplies needed

The AAG art supply store can always use your extra art supplies. The sale of the art supplies helps to support the Guild. Contact: Alice Pelchat at 602-992-4146 or Alicia Plogman at 602-788-4016 if you have donations. You can drop items off at the AAG building or call Alice or Alicia to schedule a pick-up.

#### **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 memebrs are invited to attend.

#### **AAA News**

AZ Art Alliance is located in Tempe at 2717 W. Southern Ave. Suite 6, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

There is a new procedure to become juried in the Alliance. This new jury system is posted on the website, www.azartalliance.com/juried.html.

AAA Representative: Kathy Rose

#### **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

April & May
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 April & May

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

# **AAG General Meetings Streamlined**

The AAG Board has decided to improve the way the General meetings are conducted by streamlining the schedule. Below is the new schedule that will be implemented at our meeting.

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 and the evening's presenter 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. Members will see and hear about the latest AAG exhibitions and activities all within a 20 minute timeframe. The featured artists/ 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 Mothers Love Aileen Garvey



2nd Place Lost in Time Joyce Bladwin



2nd Place Firestorm Pat Respenda

# **AAG Calendar Highlights**

Mondays: Open Studio

Tuesdays & Thursdays: Life Drawing

# Associates Body of Work Exhibition 2015:

Deliver artwork to AAG April 3, 2015 from 9 AM - 12 Noon. Pick-up artwork not accepted April 3 from 3 - 5 PM or Saturday, April 4, 9 AM - 12 Noon.

Sculptors Group Meeting: April 7, 2015, 7 - 9 PM

AAG Monthly Meeting: April 21, 2015

Jo Toye Experimental Technique in Water Media Workshop: April 18, 10 AM - 4 PM

**Associates Body of Work Exhibit Reception:** Sunday, April 19, 1 - 4 PM

AAG Veteran's Program: April 25, 2015. 10 AM - 2 PM

Associates Body of Work Exhibition 2015
Artwork pick-up Saturday, May 2, 9 AM - 12 Noon.

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 on-going fine art exhibitions for residents and guests. AAG juried members show at The Beatitudes, located at 1610 W. Glendale Ave, Phoenix every three months, while The City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation exhibit in their Devonshire Gallery at 2802 E. Devonshire Ave., Phoenix every two months. The Current Exhibits include:

Beatitudes – March 4, through June 3, 2015



Lupe Cavanaugh
Superstition Mountain in Bloom



Gerry Carroll Prickly Pear

**Devonshire** February 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015



The Flutist by Ruth Ann LeFebvre

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# + AAG Artist Highlight Feature +

#### AAG 2015-2016 Leadership Roster

**Board of Directors** (We will be voting on these positions)

Past President David Bradley, Alicia Plogman, Janet Wandrey, Ann Osgood, Ruth Ann LeFebvre, Alice Pelchat and Fabien Badilla

**PRESIDENT'S TEAM** (We will be voting on these positions)

President OPEN, Secretary Isolde Davidson, and Treasurer Tess Scherer, Communications David Bradley, Membership Laura Cohen-Hogan, Facilities Jim Kinne, Meeting Logistics Mark Woehrle, 1st VP Art OPEN, 2nd Vice President Exhibitions- Anne Howey Falvey

We'd like to recognize the following outstanding volunteers and members who dedicate their time and energy to make AAG what it has become today. We are extremely thankful for all you do.

Meeting Programs: Linda Fritz Wilson, Guild School of Art: Pat Scheurich, Workshop Co-Chairs: Patricia Rospenda, Scholarships: Co-Chair Open, Scholarship Co-Chair Tess Scherer, Committee Member: Ann Osgood, Committee Member: Gayla Bonnell, Committee Member: Anne Howey Falvey, Committee Member: Janet Wandrey, Life Drawing Co-Chairs: Josie Taglienti and Barry Farmer, Sculptors' Group: Open, Open Studio: Alicia Plogman, Co-Chair: Jim Kinne. Artist of the Month: Arlene Meyer, and Dyanne Fiorucci. Community Outreach Programs: Veterans Outreach Program: David Bradley, and Art Smith, Beatitudes & Devonshire Liaison: Ruth Ann LeFebvre, Exhibitions: 2nd Vice President- Anne Howey Falvey, ExhibitionTeam: Susan Alden, Harold Baldwin, Joyce Baldwin, Don Bierman, Pam Bleakney, Mary Boehm, Richard Borso, Harvey Bream, Lupe Cavanaugh, Ava Ciliberti, Mark Cohen, Ginger Cornell, Barbara Crisp, Shirley Cunninghham, Mardelle Driscoll, Charlene Engel, Elliott Everson, Dyanne Fiorucci, Sharon Geels, Regina Graybill, Jean Harney, Melanie Harman, Kimberly Harris, Douglas Herbert, Wayne Holden, Rosemary Holusha, Ilona Houy, Brenda Johnson, Beverly Kauffman, Irene Klar, Roger Lateiner, Etienne LeGros, Marcelline Lowery, Joan McGue, Arlene Meyer, Arlene Miller, Joan Milman, Robert Moscarello, Elizabeth Mullen, Ellen Nemetz, Marnell North, Zofia Nowicki, Chris O'Conner, Nicole O'Kelly, William Otto, Harold Raap, Pat Paxson, Joseph Podlesnik, Darlene Ritter, Diane Scholar, Monique Spinabella, Linda Strock, Linda Thiel, Suzanne Tyson, Kim Walker, Janet Wandrey, Tricia Wang, Cheryl Wasar, Karen Weingartner, Ronald Wimmer, Susan Zipser

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

The AAG Veteran's program is going strong. This past Saturday we had 17 Veteran's attending. They worked on new artwork and matted finished artwork for the upcoming Veteran's artwork exhibit at AAG.

Here is what the Veteran's have to say about the AAG Veteran's program:

I am learning to understand my creative process. This program has allowed me to explore in a supportive environment. I am learning to trust myself with my art.

The class today was great, showing ideas for mix media and a lot of help on matting and framing.

The class was very cathartic especially considering how stressful my day was today. I do appreciate all of the patience and calm that is brought to art in various areas/media, training us to be more creative artistically.

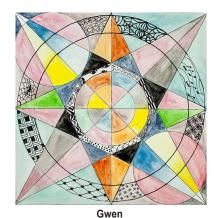


Today was very interesting once I decided what I was to do. It really is fun to do things that are new. It keeps a person interested. I do appreciate the class every time I come out here. Thanks to all.

The artwork the Veteran's are producing is really fascinating. Check out these examples or their artwork.







Please Help Support The AAG's Veteran Art Program! The Veteran's appreciate what we do for them.

**-AmazonSmile.** This is a relatively new concept created by Amazon. It works exactly like Amazon. If you already purchase through Amazon, please log in through AmazonSmile. Be sure to select Arizona Artists Guild as your charity. A percentage of each purchase will go to AAG. This is a passive way of contributing to the guild. Spread the word, tell your friends.



#### **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.php



#### ARTISTS INFORMATION



# **AAG Artists Exhibiting**

The following AAG members were juried into the Herberger exhibit, *Eyes of the Beholder*, **Don Bierman**, **Ruth Ann LeFebvre**, **Chris OConnor**, **Pam Root**, **& Mark Woehrle**. The exhibit runs from March 6 – April 19, 2015, and can be viewed at The University Club, 39 E. Monte Vista, Phoenix, AZ. The reception is on March 6, 5:30-7 PM.

AAG members: Kevin Caron, Glenda Folk, Kimberly Harris, Brenda Johnson, Ruth Ann LeFebvre, Martina Lomas, Pamela Root, Pat Scheurich and Fred Tieken have been accepted in the Herberger Theater March Juried Exhibit, Action, Excitement and Entertainment Exhibit. The Herberger Theater Center Art Gallery Exhibit runs from March 27-April 27, 2015. The opening reception is March 27 from 5:30pm-7pm and is free and open to the public.

**Dyanne Fiorucci** painting entitled "*Giovanni*" was accepted into an exhibit presented by the Udinotti Museum of Figurative Art. The exhibit runs from March 15 thru August 15th at the Udinotti Museum in Paradise Valley.

Juror Awards for Celebration of Artists 2015, at Peoria City Hall Gallery, from 3/23-5/14/15.

Painting, Honorable Mention, Alice Pelchat for The Dance

Drawing, Honorable Mention, **Elliott Everson** for *Time and Place* 

Mixed Media, 2nd Place, **Tess Mosko Scherer** for *Inner Chatter Between Light and Shadow* 

3rd Place Shirley Cunningham for Forest Primeval

Honorable Mention, Joyce Hergert for Sea Horsey

#### AAG Scholarship Award Recipients, 2015

The guest curator for this year's 2015 exhibition is Colleen Donohoe. Donohoe is currently curating the New Art in Arizona exhibition at the Shemer Art Center, which will be up March 26th-April 30th 2015.

Shemer Art Center:

5005 E. Camelback Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85018

Tuesdays – Saturdays: 10 AM – 3 PM and Thursday evenings 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

This years scholarship award recipients are...

- Arizona Artist Guild Award Jonah Amadeus Skurky-Thomas, MFA ASU Ceramics \$2,500
- Marigold Linton Award **Travis Rice**, MFA ASU Painting/Drawing \$1,500
- Erin O'Dell Award **Zachary Valent**, MFA ASU Sculpture- \$1,000
- Ruth S Magadini Award Courtney Richter, MFA ASU Fibers \$1,000
- Diane Maxey Award **Danielle Godreau**, MFA ASU Painting/Drawing- \$1,000

# The Scholarship Program and Fund:

September Raffle Winners:

Melane – Arizona Art Supply \$25.00 gift certificate.

Linda Thiel - Jo Toye Book.

Wayne Holden (shown in photo) - Basket of Eggs by Jan Giordano and 1 Year

Membership to AAG.

Janet Wandrey - Basket of Eggs by Jan Giordano.

Carmen Timm - Entry Pass to Celebration of Fine Art.

JoAnn Almich - Entry Pass to Celebration of Fine Art .

Roger Leitner - \$15. Cash.

Gayla Bonnell - Sketchbook by Tess Mosko Scherer.



Please note that money raised through the AAG raffles goes toward the Scholarship fund. Make sure to take advantage of the AAG raffles at the next AAG meeting. Great prizes like a one year free membership and other items will be offered!

Please Support The AAG Scholarship Fund!

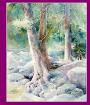
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# Julie Gilbert Pollard

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#### **THANK YOU**

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 Charles Burchfield

As an artist grows older, he (she) has to fight disillusionment and learn to establish the same relationship to nature as an adult as he/she had when a child.

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



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