



## ARIZONA ARTISTS GUILD Newsletter

### A WORD FROM AAG PRESIDENT, IVAN HALVORSON.....



A lot has changed in the last 30 days and change of this magnitude presents both risk and opportunity. If you can manage the risk you will have plenty time to focus on what really matters to you. Many distractions are eliminated allowing you focus on your art. Personally I am trying to take my miniature paintings to another level. I study the great landscape painters focusing on their mastery of composition, values, focal point, colors, atmosphere, mood etc. Also their painting techniques are well worth studying. If I were to write a book about this shelter-in-place time I would call it "Zen and the Art of Painting". I hope you will find joy in your art.

The AAG is at a standstill through the end of May. With that in mind, we have mailed this newsletter to every member so you are informed. There will not be another newsletter until September, so check the website, follow AAG on FaceBook and be sure to sign up for eblasts if you haven't yet. The Sculptors Group and the AAG Figurative Group have facebook pages for sharing and connecting. Be sure to join/like/follow to stay connected with your fellow artists. If you would like to establish a private facebook group or Zoom meeting and need assistance, email [admin@arizonaartistsguild.net](mailto:admin@arizonaartistsguild.net). The Wednesday night critique group has established a virtual meeting and it has been quite productive and keeps the group engaged with each other and their art. Although it is not the same as meeting in person, it is one way to stay connected.

Be sure you have the current directory so you can email one another to keep moving forward together. Take photos of your art and email them to your friends. Plus there are thousands of educational videos on Youtube. Here are some I like. The oil painting videos of Liam Rainsfords and Yasser Fayad. The watercolor videos of Gary Tucker and Peter Sheeler. Also the drawing masters at the Fine Art Academy and Poko will amaze and challenge you. And all these videos are free – that's right free. Sometimes I watch them on my cell phone in bed at night. But must admit that I do fall asleep on occasion.

Since we won't be meeting until September, we have set up an on-line ballot to vote for Artist of the Year. See page 3 for details. Be sure to vote!!

It is good to remember that the Arizona Artists Guild has been running for 92 years and it has survived many hard times. It will certainly survive this little setback. In fact when we get back together we will be better artists and have a greater appreciation for fellowship the AAG offers. These new found blessing will bring a crisp new vitality to the organization. Do keep well until then.

Best Regards  
Ivan Halvorson

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### Virtual Voting for Artist of the Year!

Artist of the Month competition takes place during each monthly meeting. Members vote for one piece of art entered that night. In addition to a ribbon, a cash prize of \$25, each monthly winner has the opportunity to compete for Artist of the Year. Winning works return for the May meeting, where members vote for artist of the year. This year, we will be voting virtually for The Artist of the Year. The recipient wins a cash prize of \$100.

Cast your vote online:

[arizonaartistsguild.net/vote-for-2020-artist-of-the-year](http://arizonaartistsguild.net/vote-for-2020-artist-of-the-year)

or email [Info@arizonaartistsguild.net](mailto:Info@arizonaartistsguild.net) with the name of the artist of your choice.



September  
Jody Miles | Good Friends



November  
Deena Hunkler Sanks  
Moby Dick



January  
Ivan Halvorson  
Miniature Landscapes



October  
Roger Lundskow | Fish



February  
Britt Steinmann | Cool Dude

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If you shop on Amazon, consider choosing AmazonSmile, which works exactly like Amazon, with a percentage of each purchase contributed to the charity of your choice. Be sure to select Arizona Artists Guild as your charity. At no additional cost to you, this is a great way to support the Outreach, Scholarships and programming at Arizona Artists Guild.



## 2019-2020 Exhibition Update

It was a difficult decision to cancel the Outreach Program and Statewide Exhibitions, however in light of current events it was a prudent decision. Please be sure to enter next year's statewide exhibition, and to support the participating artists in the outreach program through donation of time and resources. For more information about how you can contribute to the Outreach Program email [admin@arizonaartistsguild.net](mailto:admin@arizonaartistsguild.net)

### Body of Work Award:

Congratulations to all the exhibiting artists in the Body of Work Exhibit. It was a fantastic show. A shout-out to the artists recognized by the jurors for their outstanding work.

Best it Show: Kris Kollasch (pictured at right)

Award of Excellence: Jackie Cohen

Award of Distinction: Vivian Newing Anderson

Award of Merit: Jodie Miles

Honorable Mention: Scott Cerasano

People's Choice: Scott Cerasano



### AAG at First Studio

631 N 1st Ave, Phoenix, Arizona 85003

February 1 - March 28, 2020

Has been extended through the end of May.

Participating artists will be notified via email with new dates to pick up work.

## 2019-2020 Guild School of Art Workshop Schedule

Workshops through May have been postponed. Please check the website or eblasts for rescheduled dates. If you have already registered for Arthur Norby, Bill Lindquist or Trevor Swanson, you will receive updates via email from workshop Director, Carmen Timm. Email her with questions or concerns: [ctimm0128@gmail.com](mailto:ctimm0128@gmail.com).

### New Dates will be announced for the following:

Arthur Norby | Sculpture

Bill Lundquist | The Portrait

Trevor Swanson | Wildlife Painting

### Upcoming Scheduled Workshops:

Tess Mosko Scherer

Monthly Digital Media Lab to resume June 12

John Erwin

Painting Medieval Cities, Florals and Birds

June 26 | 9 - 3 pm



### Sculptors Group

The meetings are set to resume in September, 2020

To stay connected, AAG has launched a facebook group for our members interested in sculpture. Please follow or like the page, share posts, comments, post pictures of work you are making. Let's stay connected even though we are separated through distance.

[www.facebook.com/groups/AAGSculptorsGroup](https://www.facebook.com/groups/AAGSculptorsGroup)



## AAG's Community Outreach Art Programs are cancelled through May.

Please be sure to check the website for up to date information.



*Since its inception in 1928, Arizona Artists Guild has promoted the arts through education, exhibition and outreach.*

Community outreach is the cornerstone of the Arizona Artists Guild's activities and is the main focus of our organization. We recognize the impact that art has on people's lives and it's potential for facilitating healing which is immeasurable. Guild members and Outreach Program participants alike relate stories about how their lives were changed through their own exposure to Fine Art, be it at an early age or later in life when they could pursue a life long urge that had been repressed due to family and career obligations.

AAG provides free monthly art classes to Veterans and Survivors of Suicide who find an improved quality of life through making art. These classes are made possible through grants from the Arizona Art Alliance and Your Art Your Story and donations from people like you. Please consider contributing today to ensure the continuation of these important programs.

Program Directors, David Bradley [davlbradly@gmail.com](mailto:davlbradly@gmail.com) | Tess Mosko Scherer [admin@arizonaartistsguild.net](mailto:admin@arizonaartistsguild.net).



**Please Help Support AAG's Outreach Art Programs with your time or resources.**

## 2019-2020 AAG SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS VIRTUAL EXHIBITION AT THE SHEMER ART CENTER AND MUSEUM

Please visit the virtual show and follow their progress on social media. AAG appreciates working with the Shemer Art Center and Museum on making the virtual exhibition possible.



Here is the link to the virtual show:

[shemerartcenter.org/2020/04/virtual-exhibition-new-art-arizona](http://shemerartcenter.org/2020/04/virtual-exhibition-new-art-arizona)

## ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

**Arts organizations that offer opportunities for artists.  
Be sure to check their sites periodically.**

First Studio	West Valley Arts HQ
Sonoran Arts League	TheArtList
Shemer Art Center	Submittable
Arizona Art Supply	Entrythingy
Arizona Art Alliance	Cafe
Arizona Commission on the Arts	ArtIntersection
Phoenix Urban Guide	The Flagstaff Arts Council
Artlink	Tempe Art Center
Southern Arizona Arts and Cultural Alliance	Mesa Center for the Arts
	Herberger Theater Gallery

## OUTREACH EXHIBITIONS

AN ART EXHIBITION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BEATTITUDES ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITY, A SENIOR CARE FACILITY IN CENTRAL PHOENIX. JURIED MEMBERS OF AAG ARE INVITED TO A ONE OR TWO-PERSON THREE-MONTH-LONG EXHIBIT. ROTATING QUARTERLY, RESIDENTS OF THE BEATTITUDES AND THEIR FAMILIES ENJOY THE CHANGING EXHIBITIONS AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY ART WHEN OFTEN THEY CANNOT GET OUT TO EXPERIENCE IT AT MUSEUMS OR GALLERIES.



### **Beatitudes: Vision of Possibilities**

1610 W. Glendale Ave, Phoenix.

AAG juried members are eligible to exhibit at The Beatiudes for a three-month long exhibition.

Contact Melanie Harman for details: [baileyrider@cox.net](mailto:baileyrider@cox.net)

**Lynda Burruss and Norman Wilson**

**March 5 - June 3, 2020**

Upcoming: Alex Pekala and Tom Deny | June 4- September 2, 2020

Although the Beatitudes and Devonshire are not open to the public during this time, AAG's exhibition gracing the walls of the Beatitudes brings enjoyment and inspiration to the residents who are Sheltering at Home there and the staff that serves them.



**Welcome New Members:**

Janet Amiri | Michele Corsini | Mike Cotter | Francis Dayton  
 Laura Gaylor | Marianna Gyger | Marie Howell | Stephen Mercer  
 Martie Richter | Mabelem Savarese | Samantha Savarese  
 Roger Surprenant | Velic Zlatko

**Congratulations New Juried Member**

**Debra Goley**

Membership dues are the primary source of income for AAG. Membership benefits are many, most of them concerning exhibitions, workshops and other group activities. As we prepare for the upcoming year, **I invite you to continue your membership as a way to support AAG and to stay connected during this unprecedented time.**

With your membership you receive a **Membership Directory**. Request your updated AAG 2019/20 by emailing: [membership@arizonaartistsguild.net](mailto:membership@arizonaartistsguild.net). Write "Membership Directory" in the subject line and include your name in the email.

**Golden AAG Memberships Eligibility:**

If you are 90+ years old and have been a member of AAG for at least 5 years.

**Juried Membership Eligibility:**

An Associate member becomes a Juried Member after acceptance into three (3) AAG juried shows. Be sure to maintain a complete record of the title of the art and the exhibition title and date it was in. Download the application from the website. Mail it to AAG or Email it to Laura Cohen-Hogan, Membership Chairperson.

Dues must be current to maintain 'Juried Member' status. Visit [ArizonaArtistsGuild.net](http://ArizonaArtistsGuild.net) for more details or direct inquiries to Laura Cohen-Hogan at [creativeproject@icloud.com](mailto:creativeproject@icloud.com).



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**July 2020 through June 2021 Membership Form**

**\$55.00**  Prefer directory and newsletter by mail.

**\$45.00**  Prefer to access directory and newsletter online.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ I wish to add an additional tax deductible donation for the  general fund or  scholarships.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ I wish to add an additional tax deductible donation of \$45 to sponsor a VA outreach participant.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ payable to AAG. Mail completed membership form with payment to: Treasurer AAG, P.O. Box 41534, Phoenix, AZ 85080-1534

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Watercolor      Pastel      Printmaking

Oil      Oil Pastel      Photography

Acrylic      Collage      Sculpture

Mixed Media      Drawing      Colored Pencil

Pen & Ink      Digital      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Your contact information will be included in the AAG membership directory, available to members only. Membership also includes email announcements for AAG events. You may unsubscribe at anytime.

**AAG depends on your help, check one or more boxes**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising    | <input type="checkbox"/> Website             | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting/Book Keeper         | <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments/Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership     | <input type="checkbox"/> Video Production    | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting presentations          | <input type="checkbox"/> On Call - As needed      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitions    | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member    | <input type="checkbox"/> Building Maintenance           | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                    |

## AAG General Meetings Schedule will resume September 2020

Join us on the third Tuesday of each month from September through May, except for December, for an evening of socializing with artists of all media, informative and entertaining presentations by experts in their fields, critiques of member artworks, and competition for Artist of the Month. Be sure to vote online for the 2020 Artist of the Year. See page 3 for details.



### THANK YOU



Thank you [Arizona Art Supply](#) for your continued support and generosity to AAG. Monthly donations support the raffle which in turn supports Outreach and Scholarship Programs. Be sure to visit [Arizona Art Supply](#) when you need art supplies and ask about AAG membership discounts.

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