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KATHY KONESKI
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IT IS COOL TO
CHECK OUT THE ONLINE GALLERY
AND SEE
THE WINNERS
OF
“THE HEAT IS ON”

AND THE
ARIZONA ART ALLIANCE VOLUNTEERS
HALL OF HONOR

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NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

“Enriching Life Through Art”
Hi All,

Well, the judging is in for our annual Online Competition, THE HEAT IS ON, and the results aren’t really surprising. The Art submitted is just like last year, FABULOUS!

The winners were more than deserving and our congratulations to them!

1st Place – 3D: Colleen Gyori, “Ignited”, Glass

2nd Place - 3D: Patti Milbourn, “Phantom”, Mixed Media

1st Place – 2D: Mary Dove, “6 Cowboys and a Horse Prescott AZ Rodeo”

2nd Place – 2D: Cher Anderson, “The Hunter”, Acrylic

3rd Place – 2D: Lewis Shortridge, “Baton Rouge”, Oil

Check out the exhibition, https://azartalliance.com/the-heat-is-on/. You won’t be disappointed. If you are into Arizona art and our local artists….this is the spot!

We recently added a new volunteer to our ranks. David Hills is our new Manager of Business Development. He will be our “face on the street”.

David has a long experience in fashion sales with some of the biggest names in the clothing business. He is truly a sales pro. He also owned an art gallery in Denver and knows a few ins and outs as to the business. Anyway, David will be looking for opportunities to help us engage with other business organizations here in our state. Opportunities come in a lot of different forms and David is a pro in spotting them. Also, David wants you to contact him, davemlxl@aol.com, with any business leads you think may be worthwhile. Let’s take advantage of having a pair of eyes on the street like David.

Now, looking into my crystal ball...........what do I see? It looks like a great exhibition opportunity for our Member Leagues coming in the Summer of 2018. The Genie tells me that we should start preparing now, in order to make it as slick as possible when the time comes. League Presidents should be on the lookout, there’s more info to be coming your way. “A chance to show in Holland”,

Oh! I see it more clearly now. Not Holland, the Holland Gallery…. The image is fading now. Ah, it’s gone. So, in the meantime, stay sharp! You and your organization don’t want to miss this one! So, till next time, stay creative. Mike
Kathy Koneski, our former, and sorely missed, Newsletter Manager, is a very talented artist and a much-valued volunteer for the Arizona Art Alliance. Even when she faced very serious health challenges, she continued to take the time and help us keep the Alliance Newsletter going strong for the last five years. Kathy won a major award for her production of the Newsletters for the Valley of the Sun Arabian Horse Association, so she is a natural for the management/editorial knowledge that is needed. “My goal was to create a newsletter that was not only informative but creative and interesting to read.”

She is a juried member of the Desert Artists and the Art Alliance. She is a past member of the Colored Pencil Society of American both National and Local and was a member of the Mountain Artist Guild in Prescott. Her awards for her art in shows are quite impressive. Most of her works are colored pencil paintings and she has the patience, precision and planning techniques that are needed for outstanding accomplishments with that medium. “I love the control colored pencil gives me but I have learned to respect it, as it can be a very unforgiving medium.” She also works with oils, pen and ink and pencil.

Her career spans many fields from Veterinary Assistant to Administrative Assistant in Engineering. Kathy owned the Sera’s Moon Gallery in Carefree where she worked with many local artists. She was born in Massachusetts, traveled extensively with her Navy family, was married in Florida and moved to Arizona where she lived in both Prescott and Phoenix. Like many of us she discovered her passion for drawing at a very early age, is largely self-taught and has taken extensive courses in art in Massachusetts, California and Scottsdale and Yavapai Country.

Kathy loves her wiener dogs and her horses! Animals both wild and domestic are her main subjects of interest in her work. “My style is not to produce a photo replica. I strive evoke strong emotion in the viewer through the painting. I always start with the eyes of the subject. They have to talk to me or the drawing won’t work.”

Watch for Kathy’s art in coming shows and online. I am sure we will still be calling on her for her expertise.

Volunteers are the life-blood of our Alliance.
The Arizona Art Alliance Online Gallery is a click away on the www.azartalliance.com website, featuring great art from our talented artists. The Gallery offers the consumer the opportunity to deal with the artist directly with no middleman or commissions added to the price. To view or purchase original Fine Art, click here. Member Juried Artists can get their art featured in our Online Gallery! Click here to sign up.

**SEE “THE HEAT IS ON” SHOW’S WINNER’S CIRCLE IN THE GALLERY IN JULY**
ARIZONA ART ALLIANCE OUTREACH MONTHLY ACTIVITIES
by Lee Anne Park, Community Outreach Director

Outreach Programs

DESERT ARTISTS EXTRA SPECIAL ART PROGRAM

We are coming to the end of the school year in May. Field Trips highlight the last weeks. Each class is visited the Gallery at el Pedregal for a tour of the current five gallery spaces, led by Pat Bell-Demers, Executive Director of the Sonoran Arts League. They then went to the new Sonoran Arts League Center in Cave Creek for a workshop with Robin Ray, Retired Director of Art at Cactus Shadows High School and current manager of Youth Art for the Sonoran Arts League. That meant a lunch and workshop in painting at Stage Coach Village. There was a lot of expansion construction going on but it was great fun for all!

Last class for the year was at the high school with a farewell to some students and “see you next year” for others. Some of our middle school students will be seeing us at the high school in August as they graduate to the next level. There were snacks, making puzzles and their own version of painting on boards—as seen at the Gallery.

WHAM OPPORTUNITY HOUSE ART PROGRAM

The Opportunity House kids ended their after-school art program by decorating bookmarks and "treasure boxes" to take home. This was an opportunity to use metallic water-based paint on their own decorative creations. There was a wide variety of colors and the kids learned how to balance the amount of water to the amount of paint on their brushes to get the best effect. They also learned a lot about opaque versus transparent colors, when it came to surface coverage. They really enjoyed the project. The after-school art will continue again in August.

Opportunity House summer art program will begin June 1 and run through July 6. This year’s summer plan includes: neon colored pencil with a black light reveal, watercolor painting, nature weaving, and stamp art. We are very excited about the wonderful plans in place for this summer’s Opportunity House Art Program. And, we are very excited - not to mention grateful - to the leaders who are so willing to help. Nancy Hampton
<ne.hampton@gmail.com>
THE ART OF HEALING VETERANS PROGRAMS ACTIVITIES
CONTRIBUTED TO BY JOHN FONTANA, MANAGER, VETERANS PROGRAMS

“Had a great time today. I was privileged to attend the Heard Museum dedication to the American Indian where I was able to share some of my art!! “ Jim M., Student with Scottsdale Artists Leagues’ Veterans Program. Joyce shows her latest work with the class too.

The Arizona Artists Guild’s Veterans Program had a mixed media demo and project lead by Lynda Buress and several vets used their own photos in the compositions. Also, some photos from the Sonoran Arts League to show the many varied media projects offered by the veterans’ art programs.

The Arizona Art Alliance continues it’s 7th year judging the Congressional Art Competition.

Every year since 2006, it’s been our pleasure to judge the creative and artistic talent of Arizona’s High School students. 1st place winners’ art is displayed in the Nations Capitol, 2nd place, in the Congressman’s DC office and 3rd place in the local office for one year. We salute the art instructors for encouraging this important life time component. Below are the winners of the Arizona’s Congressional District 6.

Congressman David Schweikert sent a very nice letter commending the members of the Art Alliance and thanking them for their continuing support.

1st Place: Leilani Gastelum Valenzuela
2nd Place: Lauren Edmundson
3rd Place: Aishwarya Ledalla
The Arizona Art Alliance made donations to the U.S. Vets—Phoenix, AZ 501(c)(3)

These donations included a conference table and other office and cleaning supplies. This group provides many services to veterans and their families, including housing, counseling, financial services and more. Below is the response from Michelle Jameson at U.S. Vets, Inc.

“Thank you to the Alliance Veteran Outreach Manager for arranging the generous donation of a 4’ x 12’ conference table to U.S.VETS-Phoenix. This conference table will be used for client, staff and community meetings, located at 3507 N. Central Ave., Phoenix AZ 85012. Additional donations of cleaning and office supplies are being scheduled to help U.S.VETS in their mission of “the successful transition of military veterans and their families through the provision of housing, counseling, career development and comprehensive services. Our primary effort is to provide free fine art instructions to all veterans throughout our 10 valley locations. “We are always on the lookout for ways to help our veterans” said John Fontana.”

John Fontana also delivered another near new desk to Am Vet Center on May 25th. He has been key in helping Veterans Organizations help our vets through these donation!

Alliance Volunteers in Action

Did you know? The Arizona Art Alliance Management works with several Veterans Organizations to ensure that veterans are aware of the availability of the “Art of Healing” Veterans Program.

- Arizona Department of Veterans Affairs
- The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Phoenix VA Health Care System
- Vietnam Veterans of America
- The Veterans Directory

From the Arizona Citizens for the Arts

“House/Senate leadership support results in funding for the Arts Commission”

It is reported that $1.5 M has been allocated to the Arizona Commission on the Arts in the budget signed Fiscal Year 2018 by Governor Doug Ducey. Arizona Citizens for the Arts announcement excerpts: (azcitizensforthearts.org/)

“Now, we are asking that you send a thank you note to your state legislators and the Governor, to reiterate the importance of a vibrant arts sector in your local community.”

The Arizona Art Alliance is proud to support, and have the support of, the Arizona Citizens for the Arts and the Arizona Commission on the Arts. These organizations help us support you, the Artists, Member Organizations and the Alliance supported Community Outreach Programs.
Thank you to the following sponsors and grantors!

Your support allows us to continue to offer outreach programs and create a network of artists throughout the state.

Support the Alliance

Advertise in the Newsletter

Business Card (2-1/2” W x 2” H): $35.00

1/4 page (3-1/4” W x 5” H): $65.00
1/2 page (7-1/2” W x 5” H): $125.00
Full page: $200.00

All requests for ads & checks need to be sent to:

Arizona Art Alliance
10810 N. Tatum Blvd, 102-264
Phoenix, AZ 85028

Ads must be received by the 15th of each month in order to be included in the next month’s newsletter.

PARTICIPATE—MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

The Arizona Art Alliance Board meets every month and we welcome you, your Alliance Representative to come and join us. You do not have to wait until the joint meeting each quarter to come and share what is in the works currently and for the future.
ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW AT THE HOLLAND GALLERY

Hooves, Hats, Horses... Get your Giddy Up! This is a 35.00 jury fee (30.00 fee until July 1). The deadline is Oct. 1 to enter. Artists can enter any image, in any form, that fits into this realm of the legends of the west. The jury committee will review each artist and the work entered now does not have to be the work you will bring in April. The jury is looking at the overall work to make a decision.

To apply, the artist send their website link and contact info to Nic@nicsart.com after jury is paid. If there is no website send in five art images.

You can call Lori the Foothills Community Foundation to pay at 480-488-1090 or stop by Holland during the week to pay. (34250 N 60th St, Scottsdale, AZ 85266)
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