

tom mura



Annette Smith

So here I am your new president wondering how to introduce myself to you all. Many of you know me as Tom the Art Model, and I have been at the AAG since approximately 2014. I feel what I do is artistic but I don't think of myself as an artist. At least not like most of you that study and struggle on a daily basis, always improving your craft. During this summer I took over the life drawing sessions here with the help of Carol Lei Bendell, as Rich went to the Cape to paint and John has been on vacation.

We have had some great luck increasing our life drawing numbers through social media and have brought some new members to the AAG.

My ideas and goals during my term are as follows:

Increase the number of our participants.

Provide a few more art related services and clubs. With David Bradley's help we are going to be starting a nighttime life drawing session.

I would also like to start an AAG Portrait society with regular meetings and open studios. Some have mentioned photography, and an abstract club.

We are here for you with this great big beautiful building to use for your benefit. We are hoping to add some more workshops that are on nights and weekends. Many of our members work during the day and by doing so I believe we can increase our membership along with providing more services.

By adding more services for our working members we can increase our volunteer base and with that comes even more ideas to make us more viable within our art community.

I would like to make a huge shout out and thank you to all of our volunteers that make the AAG work, so many to mention, I'm hoping you know who they are and let them know they are appreciated.

David, Tess and the rest of the Board and again too many to mention (shout out to Alicia, Vivian, Suzie, Kimber, Carol stopping now), so many have pledged their support to me in my presidential infancy. With all of this great help and experience to guide me I'm hoping to make it a great couple of years for us all.

Tom

ART SUPPLY EXCHANGE SALE

We have received a lot of wonderful art supplies, frames and miscellaneous items for your art supply exchange sale. Come in and check out all the items, you never know what you might find.

The Art Supply Exchange is one of AAG's most popular programs. Donated gently used art supplies are available at very reasonable prices. Many new items daily! If interested in donating or purchasing supplies Alicia or call 602-944-9713.

AAG - LIFE DRAWING

TUESDAYS 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

THURSDAYS 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

MEMBERS \$10.00 | NON MEMBERS \$15.00

Easels and tables provided. Bring supplies.

Pre-registration is required - via arizonaartistsguild.net
For more information, contact John Hickman
johnheckman@gmail.com

AAG - OPEN STUDIO

Mondays 8 AM - 12 PM | Wednesday 1:00 - 4:00 PM

MEMBERS FREE | NON MEMBERS \$10.00

Easels and tables provided. Bring supplies.

Contact Alicia Plogman: 602-944-9713

Visit the website during summer months for schedule information and event updates.

SCULPTORS GROUP

The FaceBook Sculptors Group keeps members up to date on upcoming presentations and reviews of past presentations. Presentations will cover a wide range of art styles, from clay, to metals, to fabric, to glass and more. There will also be postings of other fun, interesting, non-AAG events, around town.

If you know of any artists that you like, and think would make a good presentation or need more info about the group, please contact John Kaskela or Melanie Mead with the information. Contact John Kaskela 602-944-9713 for more information.

AAG CRITIQUE GROUP

The AAG Critique groups are small groups of members who meet monthly for a group critique.

Open to AAG members, each group consists of about 10 people. Once the maximum is reached, the group is closed and a list of interested members is started for forming a new group. Please refer to the building calendar for upcoming Critique group meetings. If you are interested in participating in a critique group, email info@arizonaartistsguild.net

GENERAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 20

Join us at the September general meeting.

We vote on budget, and on the new leadership team. Several volunteer leadership positions are needed. Sign up and be a part of making AAG the best every. Stan Kurth is the presenter and we will discuss artist of the month/year reception.

GENERAL MEETING OUTLINE

Join us at our next General Meeting Tuesday, September 20th.

5:00 - 5:30 Social time

5:30 - 6:30 Critique

6:30 - 6:40 Break/Purchase Raffle tickets

6:40 - 7:15 Business meeting

7:15 - 7:25 Break

7:25 - 8:15 Presentation

8:15 Meeting Adjourned

General Meetings are held every third Tuesday in Hybrid format. Members and guests will be able to attend either in person at 18411 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85023 (limited to 40) or via zoom.

If you plan on attending the meeting via zoom RSVP on the AAG website. Once you RSVP you will receive a zoom link. It's easy, simply. Fill in the form and click submit. Zoom allows more people to attend than can safely fit into the meeting room. Now you don't have to even get dressed, much less drive to attend the meetings, and you can participate in the Critique and discussions just as if you were in person.

Images for Critique may be submitted online through the website as well as brought in person to the monthly meeting. To submit online, simply fill out the submission form and upload your image. Contact David Bradley if you need assistance.

The Critique will continue to be led by David Bradley, Ann Osgood and Art Smith, pictured below.



SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 24

VETERANS CLASS
9:00 AM (Zoom)
10:00 AM (In Person)

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE CLASS
2:00 PM (Zoom)
3:00 PM (In Person)



VETERANS & SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE ART PROGRAMS

Classes are held simultaneously in-person and via zoom. Class space is limited. Please email Tess Mosko Scherer: Tess@arizonaartistsguild.net. for more information and to register for a class. The class provides the opportunity for Veterans and Survivors of Suicide to discover and develop their own creative artistic abilities.

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 its potential for facilitating healing which is immeasurable. Guild members and Outreach Program participants alike relate stories about how their lives were changed through 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
Tess Mosko Scherer: Tess@arizonaartistsguild.net.

OTHER ART PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS

WHAM Art Organization

Connie Whitlock, Program Coordinator – 480-823-4120
WHAM Art Center | 16560 N. Dysart Road, Surprise, AZ 85378

Mesa Art League

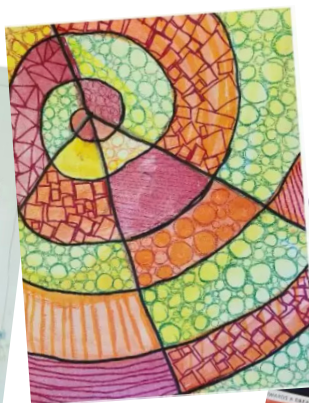
Loralee Stickle-Harris, Program Coordinator – 480-223-3641
Mesa Active Adult Center | 247 N. MacDonald Street, Mesa, AZ 85201

Sonoran Arts League

Warren Davis, Executive Director and Veterans Program Coordinator - warren@sonoranartsleague.com

Mountain Artists Guild in Prescott

Britny Jenkins, Outreach Coordinator -
guild@mountainartistsguild.org



stay creative.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Here are two very different but very fabulous AAG workshops to consider. Coming up very soon, so don't delay your registration! You do not have to be an AAG member to attend workshops. Sign yourself up and some of your artist buddies. We will have a great time. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Aprons and easels are also available for your use during the workshop. Refrigerator and Microwave are on-site if you bring your lunch. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions. Carmen Timm | 602-501-6721 Visit arizonaartistsguild.com for complete material lists, details and featured artists contact information.



FLORINE DUFFIELD | OUR FURRY FAMILY MEMBERS WORKSHOP IN OIL

SATURDAY, SEPT 10 | 10:00AM - 2:00 PM

I love painting Dogs!

They say dogs are a man's best friend.

They show us absolute unconditional love, so why would we not want to immortalize them on canvas?

In this workshop, I will show you how to capture not only their likeness but their personality as well.



JOHN ERWIN | SPECTACULAR HISTORICAL BUILDINGS IN WATERCOLOR #2

SATURDAY, OCT 28 | 10:00AM - 1:00PM

Join us for an exciting class in learning how to paint Spectacular Historical Buildings in Watercolor. We will paint with freedom and expression using our intuition. We will explore a variety of methods and color schemes to create a design and set a mood. With demonstrations and a step-by-step procedure, we will create wonderful scenes. You will soon develop your own way of applying paint and composing lively scenes. Come join us for this fun-filled workshop!

CALL FOR ARTISTS

If you haven't visited the AzAA website in a while, be sure to check out the Artists Opportunities page which recently has been updated with 24 calls for art. Additionally, the AzAA Calls for Art opportunities for 2022-2023 are posted on the site, and be sure to visit the Members page with links to their opportunities as well. All tolled, there is an abundance of opportunities to show your work. Don't miss out. Click the links!

ARTIST OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

This monthly friendly-competition is open to all members who attend the Monthly meeting, on the third Tuesday of each month from September through May (no meeting in December).

During each monthly meeting, members vote for one piece of art entered in the Artist of the Month competition. Each Artist of the Month winner receives a ribbon, a cash prize of \$25, and the opportunity to compete for Artist of the Year. Once an artist receives the Artist of the Month distinction they are ineligible to enter for the remainder of the year, until the May meeting.

Winning works return for the May meeting, where members vote for artist of the year. The Artist of the Year wins a cash prize of \$100

All artists are celebrated at a show and reception for their work at the September Meeting.

Rules:

- -If you wish to participate in the Artist of the Month competition, please arrive by 5:30pm to enter one piece of art.
- Participating artists must be members of AAG.
- Artwork must be wired for hanging, no larger than 40 inches on the largest side.
- Sculpture that can be easily handled can also be submitted.
- Exhibited art is subject to the conditions of the Hold Harmless Agreement used in all AAG exhibits. Ask the Artist of the Month Director for a copy of the Agreement.
- The Artist of the Year winner is ineligible to compete in the following year's Artist of the Month competition.

Artist of the Year:

This annual competition is open to the year's winners of the Artist of the Month. Each winning artist is requested to bring in their winning work of art. Members vote for the Artist of the Year. The Winner is ineligible to enter the competition the following year.

ARTIST OF THE YEAR 2021 - 2022

ALAN J VAUGHN



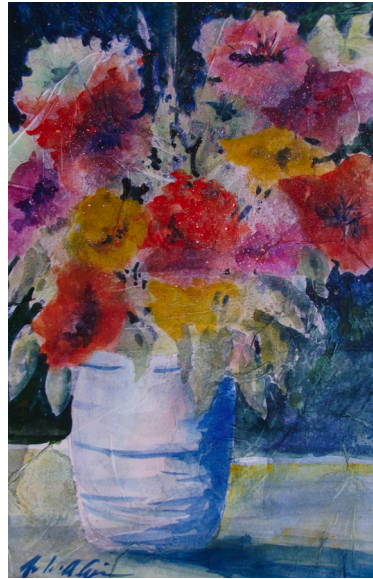
VISIONS OF POSSIBILITIES EXHIBITION

Vision of Possibilities is An art exhibition in partnership with The Beatitudes 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. Residents of the Beatitudes and their families enjoy the changing exhibitions and the opportunity to enjoy art. Many of the residents can no longer visit museums or galleries.

Through October 20, 2022

The Beatitudes Town Plaza Bistro is located at 1610 W. Glendale Ave, Phoenix. Viewing hours are from 7 am to 7 pm daily.

FEATURED ARTIST | JOHN ERWIN



FEATURED ARTIST | JODY MILES





2022-2023 CA

SEPTEMBER

September 20
General Meeting Guest Presentation:
Painting demo by Stan Kurth

Artist of the Month Exhibit:
September 20 - Oct 18
Location: AAG

3rd Annual Unspoken : Survivor Stories
September 1 - 30, 2022.
Virtual Exhibit

Life Drawing:
Tuesdays 9:30am-12:30pm
Thursdays 6:00pm-9:00pm

Open Studio:
Mondays 8:00- 12:00
Wednesdays 1:00 - 4:00

OCTOBER

General Meeting Guest Presentation:
Digital Effectiveness Presentation by
Tess Mosko Scherer

Call for Artists:
AAG Winter Exhibition
Deadline for Entries & Fees:
Through Oct 24, 2022
Exhibition Dates: November 13 - Jan 8

Life Drawing:
Tuesdays 9:30am-12:30pm
Thursdays 6:00pm-9:00pm

Open Studio:
Mondays 8:00- 12:00
Wednesdays 1:00 - 4:00

JANUARY

General Meeting Guest Presentation:
Portrait painting demo by Jerry Salinas

CALL FOR ARTISTS:
The 8th Annual Arizona Art Alliance
Interpretations Exhibition

Deadline for Entries & Fees.:
January 15 - February 12, 2023 | 6PM:
Exhibition Dates: March 2 - 31, 2023
See website for complete information.

Ann Osgood Rocky Landscapes in
Oil or Acrylic Jan 21 |@10am - 2pm
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Life Drawing:
Tuesdays 9:30am-12:30pm
Thursdays 6:00pm-9:00pm

Open Studio:
Mondays 8:00- 12:00
Wednesdays 1:00

FEBRUARY

General Meeting Guest Presentation:
John Erwin watercolor painting demo

Scholarship Show, West Valley Art Museum:
Exhibition Dates: Feb 13 - March 22

Diane Sanborne, "Listen to Your Art"
Lecture and Critique
Saturday, February 11, 2023,
10 am-Noon (2 hrs)
\$25 members; \$30 nonmembers

Life Drawing:
Tuesdays 9:30am-12:30pm
Thursdays 6:00pm-9:00pm

Open Studio:
Mondays 8:00- 12:00
Wednesdays 1:00

MARCH

General Meeting Guest Presentation:
Scholarship recipients presentation

CALL FOR ARTISTS:
Figuratively Speaking
Deadline for Entries & Fees:
Through March 26, 2023
Exhibition Dates: April 16 - May 16, 2023

Jerry Salinas: "How to Paint Anything" Oil
Saturday, March 11, 2023,
10 am - 4 pm (6 hrs)
\$70 Members; \$80 Nonmembers

Life Drawing:
Tuesdays 9:30am-12:30pm
Thursdays 6:00pm-9:00pm

Open Studio:
Mondays 8:00- 12:00
Wednesdays 1:00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

General Meeting Guest Presentation:
Lecture and Presentation by Professor
Tomi Johnston

Life Drawing:
Tuesdays 9:30am-12:30pm
Thursdays 6:00pm-9:00pm

Open Studio:
Mondays 8:00- 12:00
Wednesdays 1:00

DECEMBER

No General Meeting this month.

Call for Artists:
SOURCE :Artists and their inspiration
Deadline for Entries & Fees:
December 1, 2022 - January 5, 2023
Exhibition Dates: January 12 - March 15

John Erwin, "Holiday Greeting Cards"
W/C Workshop
Thursday, December 1st,
9 am-Noon: (3 hrs)
\$35 members; \$40 nonmembers

Life Drawing:
Tuesdays 9:30am-12:30pm
Thursdays 6:00pm-9:00pm

Open Studio:
Mondays 8:00- 12:00
Wednesdays 1:00

APRIL

General Meeting Guest Presentation: Ginger
Leyendecker Figure Drawing demo

CALL FOR ARTISTS:
Statewide Exhibition

Call for Artists: Outreach exhibition in
partnership with Arizona Art Alliance

Life Drawing:
Tuesdays 9:30am-12:30pm
Thursdays 6:00pm-9:00pm

Open Studio:
Mondays 8:00- 12:00
Wednesdays 1:00

MAY

General Meeting Guest Presentation Cynthia
Peterson-Oil Painting on Glass presentation

CALL FOR ARTISTS:
The Heat Is On
A Juried Fine Art Exhibition
Deadline for Entries & Fees:
June 20 – July 16, 2023
Exhibition Dates: July 30 - August 31, 2023

The 4th Annual Unspoken : Survivors Stories
Deadline for Entries & Fees:
July 15 - August 26, 2023
Exhibition Dates: September 1- 30, 2023.

Life Drawing:
Tuesdays 9:30am-12:30pm
Thursdays 6:00pm-9:00pm

Open Studio:
Mondays 8:00- 12:00
Wednesdays 1:00

ANNOUNCEMENT

The AAG Photographers Group

The Arizona Artists Guild is starting a new group, The Photographers Group. Photography has become a part of almost every element of our lives. Even though photography is not one of the traditional seven forms of art it is included in the broader definition of the visual arts. The Arizona Artists Guild would like to celebrate this medium. Doing so with a group dedicated to helping Arizona Artists Guild Photographer pho-

tographers to develop their craft, expand their abilities, and show off their artistic efforts.

This group is for all skill levels, beginner to expert. Anyone interested in joining this group please email Patrick Williams, the Group liaison at: aag-photographygroup@gmail.com.

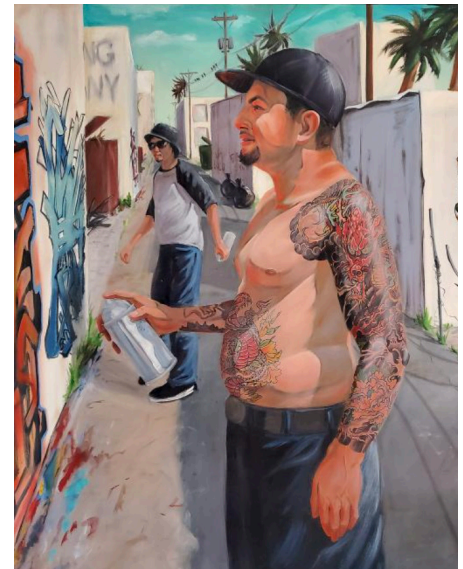


LOOKING FORWARD: April 18, 2023. Figure Drawing Presentation

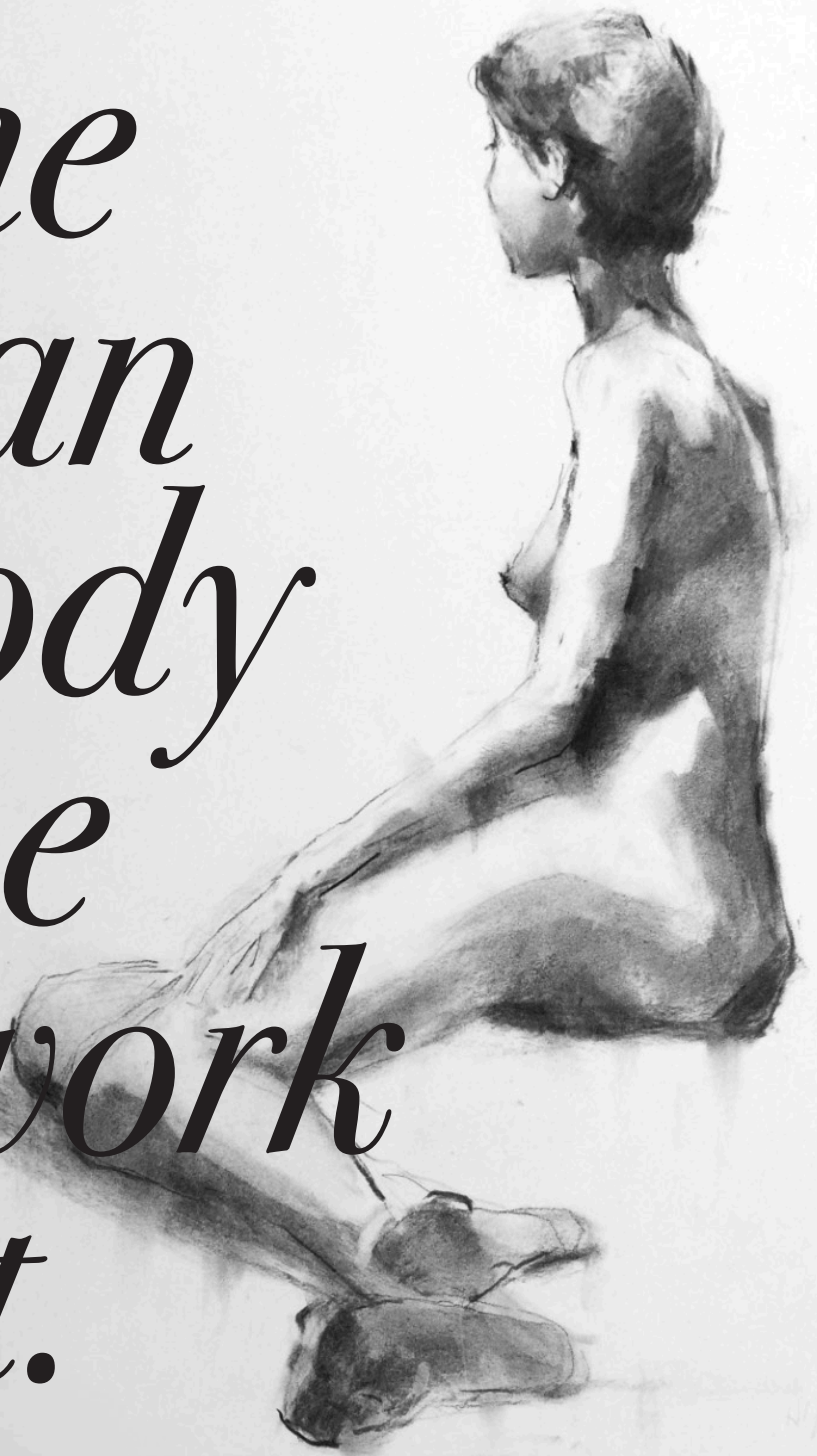


Dr. Gingher Leyendecker has been teaching Life Drawing and Art Anatomy for 23 years at Mesa Community College, and has been the Chair of the Art Department for six years. She has a Bachelor's degree in Painting and Drawing from New Mexico State University, a Master's degree in Painting from Arizona State University, and a Ph.D. in Education with a focus on Cognitive Development of Adults from Walden University. Leyendecker believes that skill development for

artists is crucial in order to realize conceptual ideas in their work. Beginning classes in life drawing focus on anatomy, structure, proportion, mass, value, line quality, composition, and movement. Once students understand these basics, they are ready to ask themselves what they want to say with the skills they have developed. This demonstration will focus on dealing with foreshortening when drawing the figure in order to create a believable and dynamic pose.



The human body is the best work of art.



AAG OPEN LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS | Tuesday, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM | Thursday, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

NEW EVENING SESSION!

\$10 Drawing fee for Members

\$15 for Non-Members

No Instruction

Model Release forms available for photographs. The model has the right to choose.

Easels, tables provided or you may bring your own.

Bring your art supplies.

Tuesdays 9:30am-12:30pm

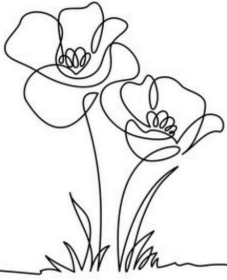
Thursdays 6:00pm-9:00pm

Call the Life Drawing Chair for more information:

Tom Mara (602) 622-7986

Additional sessions are being considered so please check back to see upcoming sessions.

Welcome New Members



Associate Members:

Mark Baris
Rachel Bechinsky
Gabriele Bitter
Diane Burkhardt
Ira DellaMonica
Rhonda Dickson

Kim Duprest
Maripat Flores
Joan Foltz
Milly Guthrie
Amber Henry
Martha Klare
Joseph Macaulay

Harriet Moser
LesaNivens
Tania Ritko
Madeline Smift
Rochelle Tyler
Sunshine Tourtillott
Ellen Van Pelt

Patrick Williams
John Yanke
Margaret Young

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING PRESENTER: STAN KURTH

"Artist and workshop instructor Stan Kurth has drawn and painted most of his life. An aunt, who was an artist and art instructor, became a big influence even before he began school. Stan lives with the conviction of "fear not" and that same attitude permeates not just his life but his art. His

focus and dedication to his work have earned him signature member status in several watercolor societies including the National Watercolor Society, San Diego Watercolor Society and the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies - Master. He currently lives in Arizona."



CALL FOR ARTISTS

THE AAG WINTER EXHIBITION

The AAG Winter Exhibition has become an annual tradition. Open to all members of Arizona Artists Guild the show highlights the breadth, depth and diversity of AAG members' art. This is an exhibition not to be missed. Be sure to read through the prospectus and contact Exhibition VP Tess Mosko Scherer with any questions, Tess@ArizonaArtistsGuild.net or 928-300-7185.

Important Dates

Exhibition Dates: November 13, 2022 – January 8, 2023

Submit entries online: through October 24, 2022 | midnight

Notification of accepted/non-accepted work:

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Drop Off Accepted Art Work:

November 7, 2022 | 8:00-12:00 during open studio

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 | 1:00-4:00 during open studio

Friday, November 11, 2022 | 3:00 PM

Other times available by appointment.

Opening Reception and Award Ceremony:

Sunday, November 13, 2022 | 2:00-4:00 PM

Pick up artwork:

Monday, January 9, 2023 | 9:00-12:00 during open studio

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 | 2:00-4:00 during open studio

other times by appointment

Prizes

A total of \$900 in prize money will be awarded!

\$500 – Best in Show

\$250 – Award of Excellence

\$150 – Award of Merit

18411 N. 7th Avenue | Phoenix, AZ 85023 | 602-944-9713

ArizonaArtistsGuild.net | info@ArizonaArtistsGuild.net

Entry Fees:

One Work: \$30 Two Works: \$35 Three Works: \$40

AAG WINTER EXHIBITION

CALL FOR ART

ENTRIES CLOSE: MIDNIGHT OCT 24, 2022

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AAG LEADERSHIP TEAM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President: Tom Mura
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 Director: Alice Pelchat
 Director: Alicia Plogman
 Director: (open)
 Director: Carole Matthews
 Director: Tess Mosko Scherer

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ART

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 Sculptors' Group Chair: Melanie Mead
 Open Studio Chair: Alicia Plogman
 Open Studio Co-Chair: Jim Kinne
 Open Studio Co-Chair: John Erwin
 Artist of the Month Co-Chair: Warren Mitch
 Artist of the Month Co-Chair: Linda Thiel

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

VP'S OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM:

Tess Mosko Scherer
 David Bradley
 Bruce Sink

VETERANS AND SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE OUTREACH PROGRAMS:

David Bradley
 Tess Mosko Scherer
 Bruce Sink

SENIOR CENTER EXHIBITIONS:

Beatitudes: Hank Keneally

EXHIBITIONS

Vice President: Tess Mosko Scherer
 Exhibition Committee Members: Laura Cohen-Hogan,
 Joan McGue, Melanie Harman, Suzie Blackwell, Vivian Andersen,
 Kimber Jones
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 Scherer, David Bradley

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 Committee Member | Ann Osgood

FACILITIES

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 Art Supply Exchange | Alice Pelchat
 Reference Library | Alice Pelchat

MEETING LOGISTICS

Vice President: Tom Sharp
 Vice President: (open)
 Committee Members: Jim Kinne
 Hospitality Chair: (open)
 Hospitality Co-Chair: Linnea Goetze
 Reception Raffle: Linda Thiel
 Reception Raffle: Jennifer Henry

AAG Mascott: Oliver





SEPTEMBER 2022

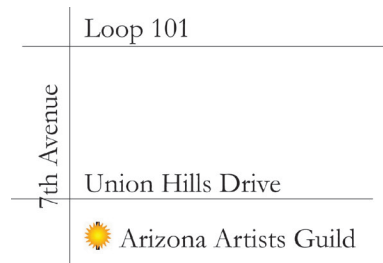
GENERAL MEETINGS

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.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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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