



# Phoenix Artists Guild

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – April 2021

Good advice from Dawn Bobrowski's dog: --

When your loved one comes home, always run to greet them.

Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy.

Take naps.

Stretch before rising.

Run, romp, and play daily.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.

When your happy, dance around and wag your entire body.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

Be faithful.

-Never pretend to be something you're not.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.

**UPDATE: April meeting will be a Zoom meeting.**



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## Members Activities for each month:

1. April: Bird or any furry creature
2. May: Something made of copper or brass
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# Creative Corner

## USING THE INTERNET WHEN YOU CAN'T ATTEND CLASSES DUE TO THE PANDEMIC

A timely article by Julie Frye

I really like it when it's my turn to write an article for this newsletter since it forces me to dig into my memory banks and find tidbits of information from teachers, or experience, or just observing and critiquing artwork. If you are lucky enough to have a computer and have a modicum of skill at typing something into the search bar on your browser and then manipulating that little device that moves the cursor around, well you have at your fingertips the greatest amount of resource available on any kind of art you desire to look at, learn from, emulate, watch over and over again. An endless amount of information that can substitute building your painting skills without ever leaving your house! Really, it's so easy that a child can do it (and they all do, almost without exception!

Let's start with YouTube – you've heard of that right? Open your little browser – there is an icon for it, and it will be either Google or Firefox or Microsoft Edge or any one of many browsers. Then in the top bar (or search area) type in "YouTube" When you get to that page the fun will begin! You'll see lots of choices on your screen, music, entertainment, etc. So, you want to learn how to paint a still life, let's start there. Now in the top bar type in "Oil Painting Videos" and hit "enter" or the little magnifying glass icon. Voila! You will see HUNDREDS of videos of artists painting a still life in any technique known to man! Grab a cup of coffee and spend the next hour (or until your eyes water and your bottom hurts from sitting!) and watch one after another. I keep a notebook close by and jot down things that I see that I might be able to implement later. You can do this or just simply watch it again if it interests you. (You might want to write down the titles of the videos you especially like in case you want to access them again.)

This is a "Primer" – a first grade book like "Fun With Dick and Jane". Hopefully it will inspire you to search for other painting videos. You can have a tour of Monet's Garden or the Louvre, great paintings by any master you like, Videos of painting impressionism, realism, abstract, watercolor, oil, acrylic you name it, it's there! Being the PAG webmaster has taught me so much and I use the internet a great deal. You can explore websites like "Pinterest" and "Etsy" to see how other successful artists work. If you know an artist's name you can search his/her website and see their interpretation of landscapes, portraits, still life, etc. The possibilities are endless. I'm sure you can see that. If you are not adept with your computer, start now – it's never too late! If you are having trouble, call your grandkids – they will teach you! If you have never explored this method of learning you are missing out on a fabulous and fun opportunity!

Now GET THAT COFFEE AND START CLICKING!

## April Demonstrator – Mark Christopher



Outstanding artist, Mark Christopher, is returning as PAG's demonstrator at the April 26th Zoom meeting.

As a refresher, his biography is printed below, and unfortunately a photo is unavailable. Mark will be doing a tutorial/demonstration on **THE THEORY AND DIMENSION OF COLOR AND USING THE COLOR WHEEL**. So, it will be good to see Mark and his instruction of using color in our artwork.

Mark Christopher was an artist before he ever claimed the name. His journey to creating and teaching art was a leap of faith that began in his hometown of Detroit, Michigan, where he originally planned to pursue a career in physics. In 2011, he followed his true calling to be a full-time artist into the Arizona desert. Since then, he's committed to his explosive passion for painting, drawing, teaching, and unbridled self-expression. For Mark, art is as much about aesthetics as it is about supporting the well-being of his community. His soul-driven representations of people and nature are designed to infuse homes, workplaces, and other public spaces with the spirit of unshakable inner peace. As an art teacher, Mark honors each student for their individuality and their vision, while promoting a clear understanding of artistic technique. From novices to seasoned artists, Mark strives to inspire anyone with the desire to create.

Mark's Website is: [www.markchristopherart.com](http://www.markchristopherart.com)

### *Meeting Agenda*

Monday, April 26, 2021

6 – 6:45pm – Critique

6:45 – 7:15pm – Business Meeting

7:15 – 7:30pm – Social Time

7:30 – 8:30pm – Demonstration Featuring Mark Christopher



Time to renew your membership. Forms on the website. Still only \$40.00 yearly. Please send in as soon as possible. PAG took in \$700.00 less in 2020. Dues help us with ongoing expenses. We understand things have been a challenge for all of us. It is never to early or late to pay dues.

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Artist of the Month-March

1<sup>st</sup> - Carol France

2<sup>nd</sup> - Lois Miller

*\*Remember that once an artist(s) is selected as Artist of the Month, he/she may not compete further within that art season but is eligible the following season.*



**Artist of the Month 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**Sept:** Julie Frye    **Oct:** Nancy Donovan & BetteLou Tobin    **Nov:** Lois Miller  
**Dec:** None    **Jan:** Alika Kumar    **Feb:** Carmen Timm    **March:** Carol France



**April Birthdays**



Mary Hightower    Joan Tichacek  
 Jaxine Cummins    Ann Higgins    Pat Washburn



# Artist Information

Cindy Chambers - will have paintings displayed in the reception area of El Dorado Assisted Living from April 7, 2021 – July 1, 2021

Julie Frye – has new notecards available with images of her bird paintings. 2 of each image plus envelopes \$12.00. Contact artist:



*Note Cards by Julie Frye*



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**50/50 raffle will be at the next general meeting. So, there is time to buy your raffle tickets.**



**Please remember to submit your artwork for Back Page art.**

**Remember also to submit your artwork for Members Monthly Activity and Artist of the month.**



**For just \$25.00 a year!!!**

**This includes one additional mid-year image exchange!** Then you can change-out again.  
**dues – how easy is THAT?!**

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We are increasing traffic flow and visitors to our site and piquing their interests WHEN THEY GET THERE!

Julie Frye is now your webmaster, (Chuck and Alika Kumar assisting) so get YOUR LINK on the PAG website and get these advantages WORKING for YOU!

Just send the following info. to Julie Frye, [juliefrye381@gmail.com](mailto:juliefrye381@gmail.com), or me- ([chuckc1@cox.net](mailto:chuckc1@cox.net))

- A JPG (as least 300dpi) of one of your pieces
- The title of the piece
- unframed sizes, media
- Your name, email address, website link, (remember-link it back to PAG site, to increase traffic)
- organizations to which you belong.
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## **CHUCK'S COMPUTER CORNER "TIPS":**

### **Here's a very useful and privatizing tool; "Disconnect" Online Tracking**

Tracking everyone online is a big business and it's done by virtually everyone you interact with on the internet.

It may seem like we don't have any choice in the matter, but there's actually a lot you can do to manage how much of what you do, gets tracked.

One of the easiest to use options is called 'Disconnect' because it's a free browser add-on that works in real-time while you surf and search.

They offer their plugin to work with all the major browsers, so it will work right in with the tool you're already using.

The moment you activate it, your location is no longer trackable as all your requests start to come from the Disconnect servers.

It's an eye-opening experience to see all the hidden tracking systems that accompany virtually every web page you visit when you start using this tool.

Your can now control who gets what information about your Internet usage every time you get online by using Disconnect!:

<https://disconnect.me/disconnect>.

Chuck Cummins

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“Agave” – Oil – Julie Frye

Acrylic – Nancy Donovan



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Membership \$40.00 per year/May-April