



Brushstroke

MEETING LOCATION, DATE AND TIME

Meeting date & time: - NEXT MEETING Tuesday, October 10 – 5:00pm Location: Greenfield Glen Club House
- 1021 South Greenfield Rd. Meeting demo: Kay Nordberg, Needle Felting



ARTWORK OF THE MONTH BY KATHY MCCLURE

This is an image of Horseshoe Bend that's on the Navajo Reservation just south of Page. I'm told there's another similar one just upriver, but this is the one that has become famous because it's so readily visible from an overlook. To reach the overlook, one must walk a little over a half mile on a walkway that has been paved all the way. I've been here many times, and it was always just a gravel parking lot and a walk down a dirt path. Now it has an entrance cabana where one must wait in line to pay an entry fee, then go through a paved parking lot, hoping to find a space, then take the now-paved path. The same problem is found at the overlook site where hundreds of people are vying for the best place to see the bend.

Even from high above, the bend is quite large and requires a wide-angle lens to get it all in one frame. I don't have a wide angle because I don't like their distortion, so I've never been able to get a really good shot. *(continued pg. 2)*

WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Art Friends,

Happy October, I cannot believe we are already here. It brings back so many memories of when I was teaching and this month began the craziness of the holidays and piles of candy wrappers EVERYWHERE!!!!!! I could never believe that teenager ate so much sugar!! Whew, I am glad to be retired and my biggest challenge is "what do I paint today??".

A few things to remember for the upcoming months are:

1. Our monthly meeting will be on October 10th at 5 p.m. at the Greenfield Glen Clubhouse. We are asking all of you to bring a piece of art to share that speaks "fall/autumn" to you. Also, remember to finish your custom nametag (I challenged all of you last month). I am working on mine.

2. We desperately need some of you to fill openings we have for officers. Currently, we need a show chairperson, demo chairperson, Studio 9 chairperson and nominating committee chairperson. All of these positions are extremely important to our organization, and you will never have to do it alone, there are many of us who will help you get acclimated. Just let me know if you are interested in serving.

3. We are looking forward to our 2023 December show at the OneOnOne Gallery. As a member of the MAL you will be able to enter 3 pieces of art for only \$35. The art will be on display for the whole month of December. This notice gives you a bit of time to finish, or if you are like me, start some new things to enter. This gallery is such a nice way to show your hard work. As we have mentioned before, we also have a studio in this gallery, and you have even more opportunities to hang your art in a gallery. You can also have a solo mini show in this room. We have a few slots open for this gallery season. Contact me if you have any

questions. I have showed and it was the best thing I ever did as an artist!

As always, keep creating and I will see you soon!!!
"Creativity is contagious, pass it on" - A. Einstein

Tammie

OUR NEW MISSION STATEMENT:

Mesa Art League is an Arizona, non-profit art association encompassing art of all styles and forms. We are open to all levels of art experience as we grow and expand the artistic world.

Kathy McClure continued.....

There is a process in Photoshop where one can combine images to make a panorama, but I had never been successful at it. But each time I was there, I would try. so pleased to have sold so many original art works and many printed cards and card sets. I feel that this is one of the great opportunities we have as members. If you

This time it worked! I was able to combine three are images seamlessly into one so that the entire width of the bend and the surrounding walls are all in one image!

Part of the problem photographing the Bend is the lighting. If one is there too early or too late, there's no light on the Bend itself. I wanted a shot where the entire bend of the river would show up lit, and this time I was there at just the right time. There was shadow on the west wall, and the natural color of the canyon turned to purple in the shadows, adding another color element to the resulting image. Getting the wonderful blue Arizona sky is also a matter of timing, as the seasons determine the sky color to a great degree. In midsummer, clouds might invade the space, and some like clouds. To me, the best Arizona scenes are the crystal blue sky prevalent in the fall. So not only must one have the right camera and lens, but the right season and the right timing.

Printing and presenting are the final stage of the photographic process. I determined that an image this brilliant would have to be printed either on aluminum or on metallic paper. Aluminum prints have become very expensive lately, so I settled for metallic paper. I received my bundle of it the day before the MAL meeting, so I was able to get it printed and dry mounted. Then, finding a frame that would go with it in the sort of odd size of the image became the final step.

Luckily, I found one readymade that drew out the greens in the beaches around the bend, so the final presentation of the image became complete.

MEMBER NEWS

Michael Farmer was accepted into two group art shows - 41st Annual Juried Art Competition, A Sense of Place to be held at the Gertrude Herbert Institute of Art in Augusta, Georgia from September 8 through October 13, 2023. Second, I will be in the Black and White Art Show at FOUND:RE Phoenix I FOUND:RE Contemporary 1100 North Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85004 the important dates are **Black & White Opening Reception:** Friday, September 1st, 6-9pm
He also self published a book of his original technology art series, "Technology Will Save Us All" on Amazon.

Linda McGuinness has a painting accepted at the Herberger Theater's Autumn Exhibit. It will be on display November 3-27. Opening reception is November 3rd, 6pm-8pm.

CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED

Our organization works the best when members are involved. The present Board Members and Committee Chairs are happy to contribute time and effort to keep the League going. But the Mesa Art League needs help. We need the following chairpersons to help us be a dynamic organization that helps all of us grow as artists and as individuals.

Please help out ... we need someone to fill in as Show Chairperson, (art show locations set up) Demo Chairperson (all have been scheduled for the year), Studio 9 chairperson (schedules the Studio 9 participants) and Nominating Committee Chairperson who will seek members to fill Board offices.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 10th, membership meeting, 5pm-social time, 5:30pm business, demo, art critique and selection of artwork of the month.
Mesa Art Show CRAFT, November 3rd and 4th
Mesa Senior Center Change Out - November 2nd
November membership meeting, November 14th (Art card exchange)
OneOnOne Gallery Show for all members - December
December membership meeting, December 12th (ornament exchange)

SOCIAL MEDIA REMINDER:

Facebook page- Mesa Art League
Facebook group - Mesa Art League AZ
Instagram - Mesa Art League

YOUR WORK AT THE MAL STUDIO 9 LOCATED AT THE ONEOHONE GALLERY ON MAIN ST, MESA.

STUDIO 9 NEWS:

October featured artist is Linda Smith, she will be showing her beautiful watercolors.
November featured artist is Brenda Pace, she will be showing her wonderful and vibrant paper art.
December featured artist is Tammie Pursley, she will be showing her unique landscapes and portraits done in mixed media.
We currently have Feb, April and May open for the Featured Artist.

We also have just a few slots open for the other walls in the studio that you can rent for 2 or 3 months.

The months of October - May are the busy months for the gallery, so this is a great time to display and make sales. Contact Tammie Pursley with your choice for a month or 2, hurry, they are going fast. Contact Tammie if interested:

tammiepursley@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER DEMO

Lucy Lu was the demo artist in September. She discussed healing journey with her artwork.



OCTOBER DEMO BY KAY NORDBERG NEEDLE FELTING

A short demo of needle felting by Kay Nordberg, which is an artistic use of transforming wool into creative, wonderful textiles and 3-D, sculpture art. Kay will be showing you the basics of needle-felting, bringing in several examples of projects in various stages.

A short demo of needle felting by Kay Nordberg, which is an artistic use of transforming wool into creative, wonderful textiles and 3-D, sculpture art. Kay will be showing you the basics of needle-felting, bringing in several examples of projects in various stages.



CALL FOR ART

The Art Intersection Gallery in Gilbert has a call for Small Artwork.

Little by Little, an exhibition of small artworks will present a wide variety of art expressed in a size no more than twelve-inches (12" x 12" x 12") in any dimension. This year *Little by Little* will exhibit at HD South in the Gallery 4.

Our juror will select strong works of art in all media, including painting, drawing, sculpture, textile, photography, printmaking, metals, wood, digital media, and more, all presented perfectly in this intimate twelve-inch small format.

Important Exhibit Dates

- **October 18: Online submissions due by midnight Arizona MST**
- October 25: Email notification of artists selected for exhibition.
- November 10: Deliver selected ready to install work.
- November 25: Opening reception 6pm to 8pm
- November 24 through December 26: Exhibition dates
- January 3 – 20: Pick up work and return shipping begins.

Breaking Ground

A Juried Fine Art Exhibition | November 1 – November 25, 2023

Arizona Art Alliance in partnership with Ground Floor Artists is accepting applications to Breaking Ground.

The theme is open to inspire all artists to interpret what they see, feel, and hear, and apply it to their artwork.

This exhibition will be in person at Ground Floor Artists, online through the Arizona Art Alliance website, and promoted on social media.

Exhibition Dates: November 1 through November 25

Deadline for Entries: midnight October 15, 2023

Notification to Artists: via email | Midnight, October 23, 2023

Delivery of artwork to Ground Floor Artists

Gallery: October 31, 2023 10:00-Noon.*

Installation of Exhibition: October 31, 2023 1:00-4:00PM

Exhibition dates: November 1 – November 25, 2023

Reception & Awards Presentation with open house and demonstration of the Studios at Ground Floor Artists:

November 10, 2023 5:00-7:00 PM

Pick-up of artwork from Ground Floor Artists

Gallery: November 28, 2023 | 10:00 AM to Noon.**Email info@AzArtAlliance

VENUE CHANGE OUT DATES:

Aster Center Venue change out:

The next changeout will be November 2, 2023. Over the summer there were 3 sales at this venue. Please notify me if you have a sale in the upcoming show.

My email address:

watercolorssbyjoni@gmail.com. Joni Anderson

Please remember wire hangers are the only acceptable hardware. Joni Anderson.

ADALANTE HEALTH CENTER

Location: 1705 W Main St, Mesa AZ 85201

2023 schedule:

November–December–January 2024 Text Elizabeth at 317–460–5903. Availability is first come first serve.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR – Alicia Short:

mesaartonline@gmail.com attention Alicia or aliciamshort01@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS by 25th of the month.

MESA ART LEAGUE LEADERSHIP TEAM

President – Tammie Pursley

Vice President – Diane Black

Treasurer – Nancy Briggs

Secretary – Lu Wald

DIRECTORS:

Historian – [Suzanne Leslie](#)

Publicity and Social Media **need volunteer**

Artwork of the Month – Elizabeth Scriba

Membership – Alicia Short

Newsletter – Alicia Short

Website – Karen Beasley/Alicia Short

Demos – OPEN

Scholarship - need volunteer

Studio 9 – OPEN

Art Shows – OPEN

Ad Rep – Diane Black

Veteran Liaison – J. Chris Brewer



LOCATION OF CLASSES



Aster Senior Center at Mesa Downtown
247 N MacDonald, Mesa, AZ 85201
Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month



Veterans Resource Center
165 N Centennial Way #101, Mesa, AZ 85201
Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month

VETERAN ART CLASSES FOR OCTOBER

Our Veteran classes are open to veterans and their family. We look forward to seeing you in October and thank you for your service.