



Brushstroke

MEETING LOCATION, DATE AND TIME

Meeting date & time: - NEXT MEETING Tuesday, December 12– 5:00pm Location: Greenfield Glen Club House - 1021 South Greenfield Rd. **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY....BRING CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT TO SHARE. ALSO CHRISTMAS SNACKS OR FOOD.**

NOVEMBER ARTWORK OF THE MONTH CARMEN DOLEN



Hello!

My name is Carmen Dolen.

As a new member, I can't tell you how delighted I was to attend my first Mesa Art League meeting in November and meet fellow artists. I was also very surprised to also win the award for ARTIST OF THE MONTH with my watercolor titled WASH DAY IN MEDORA.

During a short visit to the small town of Medora, North Dakota, I took a photo of a clothesline in the backyard of a small house close to the middle of town. I just happened to take the photo at the precise moment when the warm
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The Newsletter of the Mesa Art League DECEMBER 2023

WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello my Creative Friends!

I am home from the most amaaaazing trip. We were in 5 countries and 17 cities. We saw the most beautiful sites and enjoyed some great food. I have so many ideas of things to paint.

Can you believe it is December and almost Christmas? I am very behind completing my holiday plans, I hope that you are doing better than me.

On Friday Dec. 1, we had the extreme pleasure of setting up our annual Art show at the OneOhOne Gallery. So many of our members brought some very creative works to display. Please take a few minutes this month to head over and support all of us. We will be open every Friday and Saturday in December from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We are also inviting all of you to attend our **reception** on December 9th, Saturday 1 to 3 p.m. at the Gallery to celebrate the show.

Saturdays from 1 - 4 p.m. we will also be having **demos** by some of our members. If you are interested in learning and watching someone create some great art, come on over to the gallery.

Our monthly meeting for December will be a very brief business meeting and then a holiday party. Bring a dish or treat to share with the celebrating group. Reminder, we will have a holiday ornament swap. Bring something you made and go home with a beautiful piece of art to hang.

We will begin a new year soon and as a reminder we will have elections and openings for several officer spots which include Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and need volunteers for Demo Chairperson, Show Chairperson and Nominating Committee Chairperson. I will see you at the meeting and at the gallery. If not, have a great holiday season.

Tammie

(Carmen Dolen continued)

summer breeze) gently persuaded sheets and towels and washcloths to dance into a wonderful composition set against the trees and hedges in the background. I remember thinking about how excited I was to get back to my studio to do the painting. Thank you for this wonderful award.

I have been painting off and on for the last 40 years. After retiring from teaching Art and English to students attending kindergarten through college, I decided to delve deeply into studio art. After trying many wonderful mediums, I settled on watercolor, acrylics, and fiber works. I also like to play golf, quilt, hike and teach art classes.

I was born and raised in Colorado, and my husband Robert and I have settled in Spearfish, South Dakota and Mesa, Arizona. May I say that we do not miss the snow and ice we managed to live and work in most of our lives.

It's been fun being retired and living every day as if every day is Saturday. Happy Painting!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

January starts the new year for Membership Dues. Membership dues are \$45 per year. The raise in dues is to help support the Studio 9 Mesa Art League Gallery. We are the envy of many of the other art leagues for having our own gallery. The cost of renting this room is \$405 a month.

The room is available for you to show your artwork and to have the opportunity to sell some of your work.

TAMMIE PURSLEY FEATURED ARTIST IN STUDIO -9



December's MAL meeting will feature the artwork of the month selected this past year.

JANUARY ARTWORK OF THE MONTH – LU WALD



FEBRUARY ARTWORK OF THE MONTH – KAY NORDBERG



**MARCH ARTWORK OF THE MONTH
ED DUNSHIE**



**MAY ARTWORK OF THE MONTH
ANITA MOSER**



**SEPTEMBER ARTWORK OF THE MONTH BY
KATHY MCCLURE**



**APRIL ARTWORK OF THE MONTH
ALICIA SHORT**



**OCTOBER ARTWORK OF THE MONTH BY JUDY
WU**



NOVEMBER ARTWORK OF THE MONTH

CARMEN DOLEN



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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS by 25th of the month.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION ON
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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 ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER

To be announced

MEMBER NEWS

Alicia Short sold a painting at the Art Intersection Gallery, Little by Little show.

Brenda Pace sold over 30 art pieces while at the Studio 9 Gallery.

ASTER SENIOR CENTER

The change out for the Aster Senior Center Downtown is January 4, 2024. Please note the **drop off time is 10:00 to 11:00**. There have been several occurrences of questionable hanging hardware.

Please use secure wire hangers only.

My email address

is watercolorsbyjoni@gmail.com and cellphone number is 602-284-7926 if you have any questions.

Joni Anderson

ADALANTE HEALTH CENTER

Location: 1705 W Main St, Mesa AZ 85201

I still have openings for the following:

2024 schedule:

February, March – Alicia Short

April, May – Open

June, July August - Open

September, October - Open

November, December, Open

Text Elizabeth at 317-460-5903. Availability is first come first serve.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR.**



Mesa Art League Membership Application

Date: _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Phone : _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____ website: _____

Address: _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

year round resident? Winter resident? Veteran

Your medium: _____

Renewal (\$35) due January of each year Membership good through the end of the year.

NEW MEMBERS DUES STRUCTURE:

If joining January through June - \$45 Family membership \$60

If joining July through December - \$25 Family membership \$35

We appreciate your volunteer time. Should you wish to volunteer, please choose the area you feel most comfortable assisting with, please check at least one:

- Hospitality Publicity Demonstration Membership Social Media Art Shows Venues
- Lead a workshop Other _____

Other Memberships and Supporters – A tax deductible Charitable Contribution for: DONATIONS APPRECIATED:

Friends of MAL - \$50 Sustaining - \$75 Patron - \$250 Corporate - \$750

Veterans Outreach Art Program - \$ _____ Other _____

The Mesa Art League is a 501c3 not for profit Art Organization providing art assistance to the ART and VETERAN community of Arizona. A participating artist membership is open to all persons over 18 years of age and offers the opportunity to vote and hold an office. Participation also includes but is not limited to the displaying of ORIGINAL ART in all of the Mesa Art League art shows and venues.

To Pay on Line: by PayPal or Credit card you may go to MesaArtLeague.com under Membership page. The membership form is under Forms **PLEASE PRINT IT OUT AND MAIL TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.**

To pay by check: Make payable to Mesa Art League and mail to Mesa Art League, Membership – P.O. Box 7733, Mesa, AZ 85216-7733 **PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT.**

DUES ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

For Office only:

Membership Paid Date: Month _____ Date _____ Year _____

Check number and Date: # _____ Date _____

Taken by (Please Print) _____