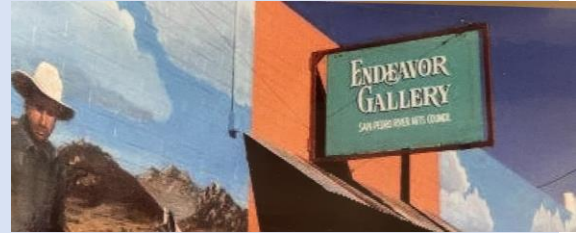


# San Pedro River Arts Council

Newsletter



July/August 2024

Are we hot yet?

July and August are always crazy hot, but we have great air conditioning at the Gallery, so come in and visit.

A lot happens behind the scenes here at SPRAC working as a team to promote the scholarship, local participation for the Photo and Art Show and all the great art you see at the College and Hospital. Many of our artists contribute a great number of hours in volunteering to keep SPRAC moving and shaking.

Thank you Volunteers!

*Keep Creating!*

*Mary Lee Bringham*



Sunlit Agave By Deb Thousin

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Hours for the Gallery and Gift Shop

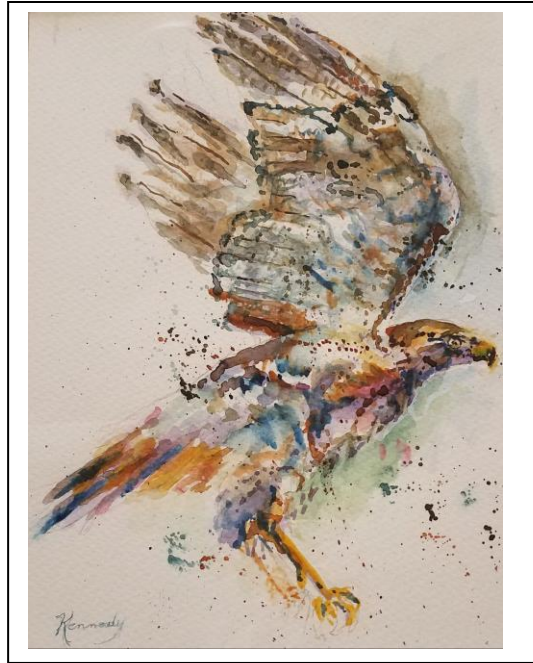
Tuesday thru Friday 10 to 4pm

Saturday 10 to 2pm

Corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and San Pedro

Benson, AZ                      520-586-4630

\*Entrance to Gallery on San Pedro \*



**“Ascending”  
By Susan Kennedy**

## Events

No Fear Painting Workshop  
Every Sunday afternoon 1pm to 3pm  
At the VFW Hall in Benson \$35

Art Exhibit at Cochise College  
Benson Center  
August and September  
Linda Stacy

Endeavor Art Share Larry Scott  
The Third Thursday of the month  
July 18 at 12 noon

Tombstone Art Gallery  
Open 7 days a week  
For more information  
Tombstoneartgallery.com

St David Pioneer days  
Art show July 20<sup>th</sup>  
[saintdavidheritage@gmail](mailto:saintdavidheritage@gmail.com)

Art Exhibit of No Fear Painters  
during the month of July  
Cochise College Benson Center

Art Share for Thursday August 15th  
Cal Kelley and Flower pressing.  
12 noon at Endeavor Gallery

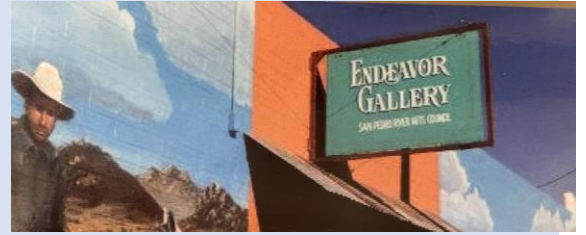
Endeavor Gallery Change Out  
September 21, 2024 9am to 1pm

Please contact Stephania Blanchett if you would like to participate in our monthly art share. You can demo or present a small workshop.

Contact Stephania 520-720-9722

Watch for Information on the San Pedro River Photography show. Applications will be on our website and at Endeavor gallery. Special category;” Our Wild and Crazy Arizona Friends.”

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San Pedro River Arts Council's mission is to foster the growth and development of new and experienced artists. We support youth art education and work with other organizations in the County.

Endeavor Gallery is a non-juried gallery that displays members original works of art.

## Art Share Larry Scott

Come to the Art Share on July 18<sup>th</sup> at 12noon!

Larry Scott is a painter, illustrator, photographer and graphic designer. He will be demonstrating the program Procreate, a digital art editor app.

You will discover what the app can do for your art and photographs to aid in your creativity in a new and fun way. A tool for the future of Art?

This demo may become a possible workshop for Endeavor, so come and check it out.

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## Art Share Cal Kelley

Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon

Cal will be having a hands-on flower pressing workshop. You will be able to make a beautiful flower postcard to take home. Come in out of the heat and have some fun with your art friends.

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Art Quote of the month:

*A simple line painted with a brush can lead to freedom and happiness.*

*By Joan Miro*

Reminder! Please renew your membership if you have not done so.

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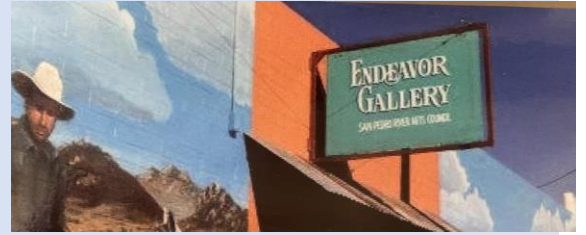
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San Pedro River Arts Council at the Hope for Kids Inc. back to school fair. Our nonprofit organization is dedicated to enhancing art education in our community. In participating in local events, we promote and encourage art education through membership and scholarship opportunities for local students.



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## No Fear Painting Workshop – A Great Place to Start!

By Janise Ingram

I have always wanted to try painting, but with a full-time job for 30 years, I never followed through. Both of my parents did a little painting, but they gave it up after a while. I retired in 2018 to take care of my elderly mother and one day I saw a notice for a painting workshop. I needed an occasional break from mom, and the class was on the weekend, when my husband Sam was home.



No Fear Painting Workshop was created by Kathy Williams to raise money for scholarships for local college students. Kathy has been an artist for years, in addition to many other jobs and accomplishments. Her style of “teaching” is heavily weighted with 99% encouragement and 1% critical commentary. Students can choose their own subjects. It’s a positive combination that works!

Kathy often encouraged newcomers to start with flowers. They’re colorful, have many different shapes, and everyone likes them in one way or another. This was my very first painting. I don’t know how, but Kathy found several things to praise that day!



I kept coming, and began copying other artists’ works, learning a little every week and month. Within 2 years, I was painting my own ideas and scenes from photographs and my own life. I joined San Pedro River Arts Council (SPRAC) and put a few paintings in Endeavor Gallery. And sold a few!



This workshop has changed my life. Kathy turned it over to SPRAC last February and with the help of a few others (thank you, Joan and MaryLee!), I am carrying on her supportive work. We have a good number of regulars from Benson, St. David, Sierra Vista, Whetstone, Sonoita and Vail. New people join now and then, both beginners and continuing artists. We love to see each other's paintings and the atmosphere is always friendly.



In addition to the opportunity to exhibit paintings at Endeavor Gallery, we have been the featured artists at Cochise College Benson Center the past few summers. Our art is hanging there now through the end of July. Drop by the college and enjoy the display. It's always a fun and exciting adventure!



#### No Fear Painting Workshop

Sundays, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at VFW Hall, 233 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Benson, Arizona.

Cost: \$35 per class, \$25 for veterans. All profits go towards local scholarships.