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## RCA President's Message

Looks like summer has arrived. Nature is turning beautifully green and life is popping up all around us. What a great time to be creative in our everyday changing landscape of Arizona. I'll share a problem I used to have that didn't help my creativity. I was so busy comparing my work to others, I sometimes tried to emulate them. I didn't realize that was what I was doing. I was not satisfied with my art at all. Then one morning I decided I'd just paint and let my brush lead me. The freedom I was missing returned. I was back to going into the artist zone. You know that feeling where you're watching your brush create and it is like watching someone else create. Such a glorious feeling. I immediately liked my work again. Now if start to fight the brush, I just set up a blank canvas and just paint. Watching the colors explode on the canvas, the strokes start to take shape and I'm free again.



Minette Hart Richardson

## Webmaster Poet Emily Kraemer gives the next RCA Artist Talk

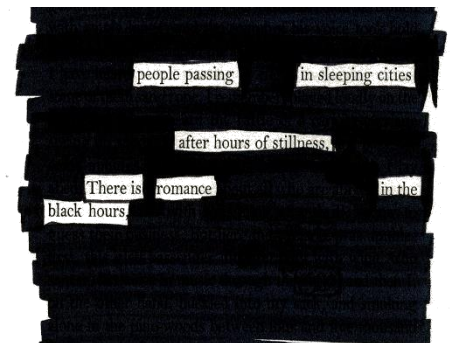


On June 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, in the Mogollon Room of the Payson Public Library, Emily Kraemer will give an engaging Artist Talk, the next in Rim Country Artists' free series! Emily Kraemer is a dynamic and inspiring artist. After serving 15 years in the military, Emily rekindled her passion for art, finding solace and expression through the unique medium of blackout poetry. This form of art has become a therapeutic outlet for her, allowing her to transform printed words into evocative visual narratives. Emily's dedication to art as a healing practice has led her to pursue a certificate in Art Therapy, aiming to share the cathartic power of creativity with others. Her work has garnered attention in publications such as Visual Art Journal and The Devilla Diaries, and she has showcased her pieces at notable venues like the Alwun House and Pancakes & Booze Pop-Up Art Show in Phoenix, Arizona.

As a board member and Webmaster for Rim Country Artists since January 2025, Emily has been instrumental in enhancing the group's digital presence. During her Artists Talk, she will unveil the newly revamped RCA website, offering a visual tour that highlights its features and functionalities. Emily will also provide valuable insights for fellow artists on how they can gain visibility by being featured on RCA's website and social media platforms. Her commitment to fostering a supportive and vibrant artistic community is evident in her efforts to connect and empower artists through digital innovation and creative expression. Be sure to come hear Emily give her RCA Artist Talk, absolutely FREE! Rim Country Artists requests that you please bring an offering of non-perishable food to donate to the Payson Food Bank, in lieu of an admission fee. For more information about Rim Country Artists, please go to their Facebook page or visit [rimcountryartists.org](http://rimcountryartists.org).

### Blackout Poetry

Like most things in literature, blackout poetry—also known as erasure poetry, redacted poetry, and a form of found poetry—has a complex history. In fact, the earliest known blackout poetry examples hail from Benjamin Franklin's days. Ben's neighbor, Caleb Whiteford, would publish redacted versions of the paper, using puns flowing across the text to create new meaning in the pages.



# \$500 Cash Prize for RCA's Rodeo Poster Contest!

Artists buckle up and create your designs for a rodeo poster contest! The size of the poster is required to 24" x 36". Use any medium and any support you would like. Do not frame so that your work is camera-ready. Oriented vertically (meaning 36 inches tall and 24 inches wide), the artwork must leave room for rodeo information. Design your work so that these words have room to be very visible:

**142<sup>nd</sup> World's Oldest Continuous Rodeo      August 14-17, 2025**

At the bottom leave room for the presenters' titles with their logos.

## **Presented by Rim Country Artists, Payson Pro Rodeo Committee**

The Pro Rodeo Committee will judge the competition. No RCA Board members may compete. After the winning artwork is selected, RCA will create the lettering in appropriate fonts, and work with a printing company to prepare the poster for printing. Both the Rodeo and RCA Boards will approve the poster before production. The Pro-Rodeo Committee will select the number of posters, pay for them, sell them, and retain all profits.

The winner and all other artists will be allowed to keep their original artwork. The winner will sign a contract that says he/she will never create posters from the winning entry, nor reproduce the art for sale. The artist may, however, sell the original. The Pro Rodeo Committee will keep all rights to the poster itself, in perpetuity, as well as its reproduction and all profits from sales. There is a \$25 entry fee for competing artists and \$500 prize money for the winner.

**If you wish to compete, please contact Elizabeth Fowler so she can track who the contestant are.** Reach her at:  
928.970.1825 or at [elizaufowler@gmail.com](mailto:elizaufowler@gmail.com).

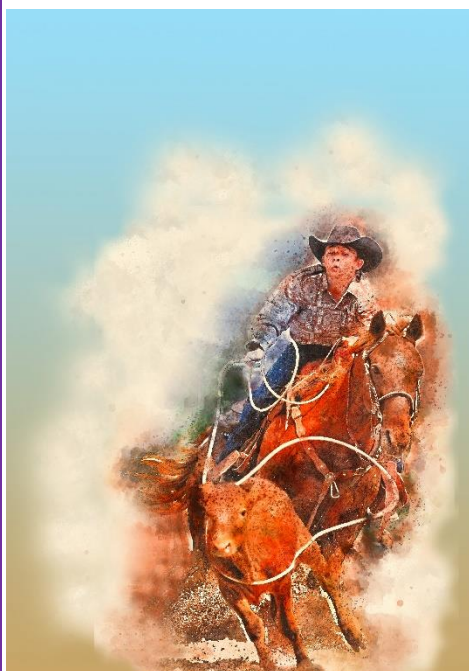
**All entries must be turned in by July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## **Southwest Art Show**

Show your Western art and/or Southwest landscape art at our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Western Heritage and Film Festival**. All art mediums are welcome. You may share a booth with friends or have your own booth. The booth fee is \$75 per booth. This will be held at our highly advertised and well populated 'Sunday Doin's' event on August 10<sup>th</sup> by the Rim Country Museum.

This festival is an incredibly big RCA event and we hope to have a great turnout to show off and sell your beautiful work. Let's get Payson on the map as an arts destination! Register your space with Elizabeth Fowler:

928.970.1825 or [elizaufowler@gmail.com](mailto:elizaufowler@gmail.com)



**2024 Contest Winner  
Deb Schwalm**





## June 2025 Member Feature

### ✧ Susan Mona ✧



Sue is originally from Ontario, California where her grandfather started a family ceramic tile business for custom homes, businesses and mosaic showroom floors. She had just finished working on several dam and tunnel projects where she met Joel, her future husband. Sue says fortunately, she escaped to Payson in 2003 and started a new life. She first worked for Roy Haught Excavation and then hired on with the Arizona Department of Transportation Payson Construction Office, where she retired in 2018.

Sue says she does not consider herself an artist, but enjoys working in many different mediums including glass, silver, beads, wine corks, and tumbled rocks but her favorite is using ceramic tile creating pieces that incorporate elements that relate to the individual's personality or history, i.e., antique typewriter keys for the recipients initials, naval insignia for WWII service, or even mementos from their travels.

Most of Sue's work is given as gifts for friends and family. Her tile material supply mainly comes from going through boxes of tile from the 50s, 60s & 70s when her father retired and sold a ceramic tile shop. She has put together three pallets of tile, granite, and glass tile sample sheets and moved them to Payson not knowing at the time what she would make with them.

She says she has hiked with the Payson Packers since 2018. They have explored many beautiful locations in Rim Country and she appreciates the excellent leaders who plan the hikes.

Sue really enjoys learning about the culture of Native American tribes in Arizona and has spent quite a bit of time on the Hopi and Navajo Nations. One exciting trip involved Joel and her driving Sue's Subaru Outback 35 miles off-road to the edge of the Grand Canyon on the Navajo Nation side and being the only ones out there within many miles. They also visited the Confluence of the Colorado and the Little Colorado Rivers on this trip. She says the trip was fantastic!



When Sue is able, she volunteers for the Tonto National Forest Service Wildlife Program helping with surveys for threatened and endangered species including Mexican spotted owls, yellow-billed cuckoo birds, Chiricahua leopard frogs, narrow-headed garter snakes. Recently one of her favorite things is taking art classes sponsored by the Rim Country Artists.

Her husband Joel and she have lived together in Payson since 2004. They built a house in 2008 on what was then edge of Town. Sue is 66 and Joel is 65 (which he occasionally reminds her of). They love hiking, paddle boarding, exploring southeast Utah, southwest Colorado, all of Northern Arizona, especially the Hopi and Navajo Nations. Rim Country Artists are so very happy to have Sue as a RCA member!





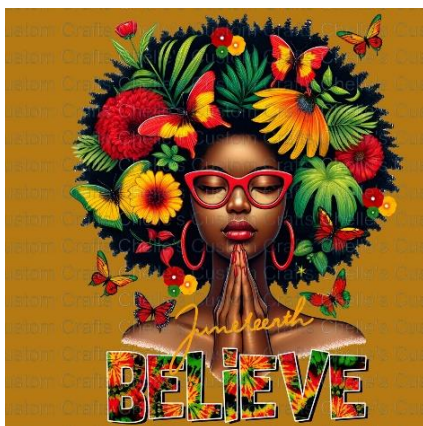
## Juneteenth Celebration & a Snapshot of its Art

Juneteenth, officially Juneteenth National Independence Day, is a federal holiday in the United States. It is celebrated annually on June 19<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the ending of slavery in

the United States. The holiday's name blends the sound and meaning of the words "June" and "nineteenth", as it was on June 19, 1865 when Major General Gordon Granger ordered the final enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas at the end of the American Civil War. In the Civil War period, slavery came to an end in various areas of the United States at different times. Many enslaved Southerners escaped, demanded wages, stopped work, or took up arms against the Confederacy of slave states. In January 1865, Congress finally proposed the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution for national abolition of slavery.



The holiday is considered the "longest-running African-American holiday" and has been called "America's second Independence Day." Although Juneteenth falls on June 19<sup>th</sup> it is often celebrated on the third Saturday in June. Historian Mitch Kachun considers that celebrations of the end of slavery have three goals: "to celebrate, to educate, and to agitate."





# FLAG DAY GAME

Can you match the state to its nickname?

\_\_\_\_\_ Florida  
\_\_\_\_\_ New York  
\_\_\_\_\_ California  
\_\_\_\_\_ Arizona  
\_\_\_\_\_ Colorado  
\_\_\_\_\_ Delaware  
\_\_\_\_\_ Idaho  
\_\_\_\_\_ Kentucky  
\_\_\_\_\_ Maine  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mississippi  
\_\_\_\_\_ Missouri  
\_\_\_\_\_ New Hampshire  
\_\_\_\_\_ New Jersey  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ohio  
\_\_\_\_\_ Pennsylvania  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tennessee  
\_\_\_\_\_ Utah  
\_\_\_\_\_ West Virginia  
\_\_\_\_\_ South Carolina

A. The Palmetto State  
B. The Keystone State  
C. The Show Me State  
D. The Granite State  
E. The Volunteer State  
F. The Gem State  
G. The Pine Tree State  
H. The Garden State  
I. The Golden State  
J. The Magnolia State  
K. The Empire State  
L. The Beehive State  
M. The Sunshine State  
N. The Centennial State  
O. The Mountain State  
P. The First State  
Q. The Grand Canyon State  
R. The Bluegrass State  
S. The Buckeye State



# RCA Current Class Calendar 6/7/25 – 10/4/25 (updated 5/26/25)

Register for Classes with Elizabeth Fowler at:  
(928) 970-1825 ~ or ~ elizaufowler@gmail.com

Pay for classes at [www.rimcountryartists.org](http://www.rimcountryartists.org) in the Current Classes tab.  
We accept PayPal, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express

#	Instructor & Class	Date and Time	Location	Description of the Class
1	Dorothy Perry Serving Tray	Saturday, June 7 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 3:00 pm	Payson, AZ: Register for Address	Invent your own creative mosaic pattern serving tray with ceramic tiles and fun accents. All material provided: \$69
2	Peggy Donathan Pre-Cut Stained Glass Mobile	Saturday, June 28 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 am to 3:00 pm	Payson AZ: Register for Address	Make a stained glass mobile with pre-cut glass for your home or as a gift. All materials provided: \$72
3	Peggy Donathan Pre-Cut Stained Glass Sun Catcher	Saturday, August 30 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 am to 3:00 pm	Payson, AZ: Register for Address	Create a stained glass sun catcher with pre-cut glass for your home or as a gift. All materials will be provided: \$66
4	Camille LeFevre Poetry Writing Class	Saturday, October 4 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Noley's	Learn to write poetry or enhance your current poetry writing skills: \$42



*Mosaic  
Butterfly  
Class  
5/10/25*



# Calendar of Events for June 2025

## RCA Meetings

Event	Location	Date & Times	Notes
RCA Board Meeting	Casino Restaurant	Jun 2 <sup>nd</sup> 11:30 – 2:30	
RCA Member Meeting	Payson Library	Jun 10 <sup>th</sup> 3:30 – 5:15 pm	

## Payson Events

Event	Location	Dates & Times	Notes
Movies in the Park	Green Valley Park	Jun 18 <sup>th</sup> At Sunset	Schedule of Movies Below
Payson Summer Concert Series	Green Valley Park	4 Saturday's in June 3 Saturday's in July 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Schedule of Concerts Below

4<sup>th</sup> of July Poetry  
Open Mic at Noley's



Noley's



Jun 26<sup>th</sup>  
5:00-7:00 pm

All are welcome!

## -Arizona Events

Event	Location	Dates & Times	Notes
Prescott Territorial Days Arts & Crafts	County Courthouse Plaza	Jun 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to 5:00 pm	Over 100 Vendors
Prescott Bluegrass Festival	Downtown Goodwin Street	Jun 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sat 11-9:00 pm Sun 11-3:00 pm	Free Admission

### Movie Schedule

Jun 18 <sup>th</sup>	'Moana'	8:10 pm
Jul 16 <sup>th</sup>	'Captain America: The Winter Soldier'	8:10 pm
Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>	'The Lego Movie'	7:50 pm
Sep 12 <sup>th</sup>	'Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone'	7:50 pm
Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	'Monsters Inc.'	7:00 pm

All Movies are in Green Valley Park

### Concert Schedule

Jun 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sonoran Swing	Swing 30's, 40's & 50's
Jun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Pilgrims Rider	Classic Rock & Country
Jun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Big Daddy D	Modern Blues
Jun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Ten Dollar Wedding	Bluegrass
Jul 12 <sup>th</sup>	The Metropolis Man	Folk, Soul, Rock
Jul 19 <sup>th</sup>	Outside the Line	Hot Rockin' Funk Motown Band

All Concerts are in Green Valley Park 7-9:00 pm





# What is an Artistic Mind?



An artistic mind is a state of heightened creativity and engagement, characterized by the ability to perceive, interpret, and express ideas in a novel and meaningful way. It's often associated with a keen sensitivity to sensory details, a strong imaginative capacity, and the ability to solve problems through creative means. Essentially, a mindset allows individuals to connect with their inner world and translate it into external forms of expression. Key characteristics of an artistic mind include:

## ► **Sensitivity to sensory details:**

- ▬ Individuals with an artistic mind are often keenly aware of colors, shapes, sounds, and feelings, and can use these details to inspire their work.

## ► **Imagination and creativity:**

- ▬ They possess a strong ability to visualize and create new ideas, often drawing upon their own experiences and emotional responses.

## ► **Problem-solving through creation:**

- ▬ Instead of relying solely on logical or analytical methods, they may find that creating something new is a natural way to approach challenges.

## ► **Emotional expression:**

- ▬ Artistic individuals frequently use their work as a means of expressing emotions and connecting with others on a deeper level.

## ► **Positive approach to feedback:**

- ▬ They are generally open to constructive criticism and view it as an opportunity for growth and refinement.

## ► **Independence and intuition:**

- ▬ They often rely on their own instincts and may prefer to work autonomously, following their own unique vision.
- ▬ The artistic mind can manifest in various forms:
  - ▬ **Visual arts:** Painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, and other forms of visual expression.
  - ▬ **Performing arts:** Music, dance, theatre, and other forms of live performance.
  - ▬ **Literary arts:** Writing, poetry, storytelling, and other forms of written expression.
  - ▬ **Design and architecture:** Creating functional and aesthetically pleasing environments and objects.

**The Artistic Mind...** by [Mihaela Ivan Holtz, Psy.D., LMFT](#) | [Therapy for creatives](#)

# Arts & Crafts for Father's Day



## Building Memories

This adorable jar of memories can be added to for years to come. Kids write their memories on LEGO bricks and put them in a jar for Dad. Sit down with the kids and brainstorm a list of their favorite activities to do with Dad. Each child will have favorites, so your jar quickly filled up when you began writing these different activities, feeling and adventures onto individual building blocks. Special memories that will last a lifetime.

## Dad Trophy

It's time to show Dad (or Grandpa or an uncle) that they are tops! These trophies are the perfect last minute Father's Day crafts for kids

because they can be embellished with anything you've got lying around, from pom-poms and Popsicle sticks to beads and pipe cleaners. Paper and felt pens, dried flowers and twigs, glue and scissors, material and ribbon . . . and the list goes on.



## Paper Roll Craft



It's easy to round up empty toilet paper rolls! Decorate them with craft paint and googly eyes and embellish them with paper to make this look 'just like Dad.' This paper roll Father's Day craft leaves a lot of room to creativity. We painted ours and added a paper details and buttons. Supplies include: paper roll - toilet paper roll or paper towel roll (cut in half), craft paint, googly eyes, colored craft paper, buttons, scissors, paintbrush, glue, and black marker – plus any other fun items you want to add!

## Candy Bar Superhero

Another adorable candy craft for your favorite father figure. Kids will have so much fun personalizing their superheroes, complete with a note about why their dad is super. Materials needed include: Hershey's bar, colored cardstock paper, yarn for hair (optional), markers or crayon, scissors, tape, and glue stick.



Happy  
Father's  
Day



# Flag Day Game Answers

Match the State Nicknames Solutions

**M** Florida  
**K** New York  
**I** California  
**Q** Arizona  
**N** Colorado  
**P** Delaware  
**F** Idaho  
**R** Kentucky  
**G** Maine  
**J** Mississippi  
**C** Missouri  
**D** New Hampshire  
**H** New Jersey  
**S** Ohio  
**B** Pennsylvania  
**E** Tennessee  
**L** Utah  
**O** West Virginia  
**A** South Carolina

A. The Palmetto State  
B. The Keystone State  
C. The Show Me State  
D. The Granite State  
E. The Volunteer State  
F. The Gem State  
G. The Pine Tree State  
H. The Garden State  
I. The Golden State  
J. The Magnolia State  
K. The Empire State  
L. The Beehive State  
M. The Sunshine State  
N. The Centennial State  
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