



Phoenix Artists Guild

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – April 2026

APRIL

Holland Exhibit Information:

Drop off: Monday, April 20, 2026 – 9-10am

Reception: Saturday, April 25, 2026

Pick up: Friday, May 29, 2026 – 9-10am



Elections will take place at the April meeting. The slate of officers is:

President – Alika Kumar

1st Vice-President – Lois Miller

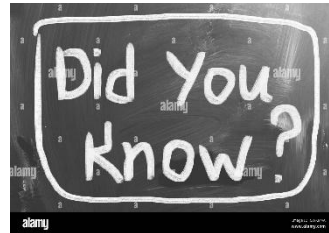
2nd Vice President – Nancy Donovan

Treasurer – Tim Morrison

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For the **May** Members Activity, we are asking you to share one of your early works of art. Something from your childhood or something when you first started on your art journey. It should be interesting to see how far we have all come.

REMEMBER: When critiquing painting your words should be like a fine painting. Use soft strokes. Constructive criticism is always appreciated and criticizing that is generally in a negative context, is not part of PAG Critiquing. Let your words make them feel they are glad that they attended the meeting and glad they shared their art.

BE RESPECTFUL
BE KIND

Cindy Chambers

PAG President



Creative Corner

What is Fine Art

Fine art is visual art created primarily for aesthetic, intellectual, or emotional purposes rather than functional or commercial use, often described as "art for art's sake". It focuses on expressing the artist's vision, intended to evoke emotion, provoke thought, and showcase technical mastery through mediums like painting, sculpture, drawing, and photography.

Key characteristics and aspects of fine art include:

- **Purpose:** It is designed to be admired for its beauty, meaning, or conceptual value, rather than serving a utilitarian function.
- **Traditional Forms:** Historically, this includes painting, sculpture, architecture, music, and poetry.
- **Modern Expansion:** Today, it encompasses photography, film, video production, installation art, and printmaking.
- **Distinction from Applied Art:** Unlike applied or decorative arts (e.g., graphic design, industrial design), which create functional objects, fine art is primarily about expression and aesthetic experience.
- **Intent and Expression:** It is driven by the artist's personal voice and vision, often focusing on storytelling, concept, or emotional impact.

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While traditionally associated with high-quality materials and classical techniques (e.g., oil on canvas), modern fine art has expanded to include conceptual art, where the idea behind the work is more important than the physical, technical skill.

April Demonstrator – Alike Kumar –



Alike Kumar is a self-taught artist whose work is a celebration of color, culture, and spiritual connection. A lifelong creative and passionate world traveler, Alkia brings together her love for painting, music and global experiences to create art that radiates warmth, unity, and soul. Though art has always been an integral part of her life, Alike spent many years pursuing her creative passions while working full-time. Through every chapter of her life, in quiet evenings, long weekends, and travel-inspired moments, she nurtured her artistic voice. Now fully immersed in her art practice, she devotes herself to capturing the beauty of this shared planet and the emotions that unite us all. Inspired by her identity as a world citizen, Alkia believes deeply in the oneness of humanity. Her artwork blends rich palettes with elements of nature, urban life, spiritual symbols, and abstract reflections. Each piece invites the viewer into a space of contemplation, wonder, and connection, whether it's a vivid sidewalk scene, a soulful figure, or a quiet botanical meditation. Alike's work appeals to collectors who seek more than decoration – those who are drawn to stories, emotion, and meaning. Her hope is that each painting brings joy, peace, and presence to the spaces it inhabits.

Alike will be speaking on the Business of Art, which is a practical workshop to help artists understand the basics of making informed decisions about their work. Whether you create for enjoyment, sell occasionally, or want to grow, this session covers business setup, tax basics, recordkeeping, copyright and plagiarism risks, and pricing artwork with more confidence. The goal is to help artists protect their work, stay informed, and choose a path that fits their goals.

Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 27, 2026

6 – 6:45pm – Group Critique

6:45 – 7:15pm – Business Meeting

7:15 – 7:30pm – Social Time

7:30 – 8:30pm – Demonstration – Alike Kumar

OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026

President	Cindy Chambers
1 st Vice President (Program)	Lois Miller
2 nd Vice President (Exhibits)	Nancy Donovan
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Artist of the Month:

1st: Cindy Chambers

2nd: Pat Washburn

Remember to only enter 1 piece of artwork each month. Also, once you have won, you can't enter another monthly competition during the current year. You are eligible for Artist of the Year, held at the May general meeting.

August – Mary Groves, September – Gary Merrill, October – Dean Grissom, November – Lois Miller, January – Tonnie McBroom, February – Roger Fournier, March – Cindy Chambers

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April Birthdays



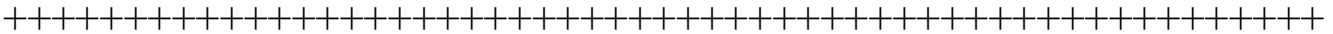
JoAnn Almich - Jaxine Cummins -



Grant Washburn, Art Alliance Representative

What's New?

Ways and Means please remember to buy your 50/50 raffle tickets at the general meetings. Drawing will be at the May general meeting.



Members' Activities:



April 2026: "The Poetry of Nature"

- Theme: Let the natural world inspire a lyrical or abstract response.
- Prompt Ideas: Rain, wildflowers, insects, clouds, trees in bloom.
- Bonus: Pair your art with an original or favorite poem.



May 2026: Past Art of Members

Bring in an art piece from the past, maybe something from high school or when you first started in the arts. Share with all of us.



Membership forms will be at each of the General meetings and on our website. Annual fees are \$50.00.



Please **remember** to submit your artwork for Back Page art.
Send to Cindy Chambers at: tees2others@gmail.com

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



OUTREACH Top 9 items food banks need MOST:

Peanut Butter, Canned Proteins, Canned Beans, Pasta and Pasta Sauces, Pantry Staples (flour, sugar), Canned Vegetables, Cooking essentials, Baby Formula and Baby Food



For just \$25.00 a year!!!

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

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, 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.



Computer Corner

It's a Tax Trap!

In this scam, you receive an unexpected phone call from someone who says they are an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) agent. They claim that you owe money to the IRS. The call seems real because the “agent” even provides what sounds like an actual government badge number. To make this situation even more alarming, they threaten you with fines or threaten to arrest you if you don't pay the money that you owe.

However, this “tax agent” is actually a cybercriminal, and the debt that you supposedly owe isn't real. They will try to pressure you into paying them, usually by wire transfer or a prepaid debit card. Don't do it.

Follow these tips to protect against tax scams:

- The IRS will NOT call you and threaten to arrest you. If there is an issue with your taxes, they will usually contact you by mail.
- If you do owe money to the IRS, they will never demand immediate payment using prepaid debit cards or wire transfers. Scammers often request payment using these methods because they are more difficult to trace.

ALWAYS STOP AND THINK!

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“Lavender Fields” Watercolor by Cindy Chambers



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Membership \$50.00 per year/May-April