Artwork of the Month - September
Sheryl Stradling – “Kendo”

My artwork, Kendo, is part of a series I’m doing on martial arts. Kendo means “the Way of the Sword.” Kendo is a modern Japanese martial art based on the Samurai tradition of swordsmanship. I’m interested in martial arts because I practice Tai Chi Chuan. My goal in doing a series on martial arts is to express the essence of each martial art as I understand it. In Kendo, my intent was to express its vigor, precise and quick movements, and the united flow of spirit, sword and body as one.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

It’s November. Time to give thanks. What am I fearful for? Family and friends of course. But I am very grateful to the board members, the league members, the instructors, and our veterans. Without you we would not have been able to keep the league going. We’re not sure what the future will bring, but with our great team we will survive this.

I hope all of you are safe and well and that you will keep on creating.

Don’t forget the veteran art show reception on Veteran’s day, November 11th and Artist Sunday on November 29.

Please promote these shows on your email lists and social media. Thank you for being part of our creative community!

Keep on Creating

Loralee

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Upcoming Shows!

Vets at OneOhOne  November 11th 2020
ARTIST SUNDAY November 29 at 101
MAL Holland Show February 2021
MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP - Scholarships are available to MAL members for attending a special workshop or class. You can apply for up to a $250 scholarship to help with the tuitions. Due dates to apply for 2020 are: Feb 29, May 31, Aug 31, Nov 30. See application at: www.mesaartleague.com/_pdf/Membership/MAL-Membership-Scholarship-Contest.pdf

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Artwork of the Month
Elizabeth Scriba

Demo Programs  NEEDED!

Upcoming Shows!
Vets at One Oh One in November 2020
Reception – November 11, 10 am to 4pm
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ARTIST SUNDAY November 29 at 101 Gallery
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Holland -- February 2021

VOLUNTEER TO HELP MAKE THIS ONE OF OUR BEST SHOWS

If you are interested in helping out, send Loralee a note.
Spotlight of the Month

on  Maryann Schisler

Maryann has not yet had the opportunity to meet the membership at our monthly meetings and awaits the day we can once again meet physically. Let’s welcome her!

Maryann would like you to know this about her:
I once found a little notepad. When I turned the pages, I found little sketches…faces. The pad belonged to my mother. That’s when I found out where my “gift as an artist” came from. She would always advise me to stay within the lines when I would work in my coloring book with my precious crayons. My 24 ct. box of crayons was my joy and my world.

Nice Throw - Charcoal

Pencil and Pastel - Untitled
Somewhere along the line I discovered charcoal pencil and light and dark shading came in. The charcoal pencils soon took over and with both, I began sketching everything I saw that was interesting to me. I would sit in our back room next to our stereo player, listen to my music and lose myself in my artwork. I was eleven years old. From there I just kept on sketching. My sketching turned into colored pencils, then to pastels. My artwork became more intricate with shadows, lights, darks. Muscle structure and veins emerged! I wanted my work to look alive! My “ART” was my solitude from the commotion and noise around me!

It was and became always, my peace of mind. After some time, I tried my hand at acrylics. Though I could blend with pastels, acrylics showed me a whole different world! Blending colors and adding intricate subtle lines, shadings, mixing one color to find another shade; another world had emerged and off I went!

But my artwork and I kept to ourselves. Too busy surviving, job, family and so on! I finally would show a person or two my work. They would ask me why I did not show? I did manage to sell a couple of pieces along the way! Now here I am connected with my very first Art League! Let’s see what happens!

Maryann Schisler – Untitled Pieces
October Artwork of the Month

- 1 -
Abstract #8
Acrylic
48" x 48"

- 2 -
Meadow Breze
Acrylic on canvas
16" x 12"

- 3 -
Horse With No Name
Pastel on Black Paper
11" x 14"

- 4 -
The Big Bandade
Acrylic on Canvas
16" x 20"
You will be sending your vote to MesaArtExec@gmail.com.

Please put in the subject line: Website Art Challenge;
Include the number of the art piece in the body of the email when you vote and please vote for only one piece.

Artwork of the Month online!
The pieces that are now on the website are the ones for the month of October
Voting will start on November 1st to November 9th
Please send your vote to MesaArtOnline@gmail.com,
Votes will be counted after October 9th at 12 pm & results revealed
November 10th at the monthly meeting!
Sheryl Stradling, Artwork of Mo. Cont.

I am a lifelong artist. My art training and interests have evolved but I feel that I’m a nonobjective artist at heart. I created my first nonobjective piece in third grade with bright colors and geometric shapes separated by black lines. I learned to draw later! Although nonobjective art typically focuses on color, form, values and technique, the process is deeper for me. I work intuitively from the subconscious. Yes, I’m a pantser! I typically don’t know what a piece is about until it’s well underway or complete. This is part of my fascination with nonobjective art.

I majored in art in college, culminating with a one-woman show. Nonobjective art was unpopular then, so the critics were harsh. It was a challenging but useful lesson! I turned to crafts during my marriage and childrearing years, with several crafts businesses where I made a variety of items including men’s shirts, patchwork rugs, jewelry, bags, polished and painted rocks and many others. I returned to fine art in 2000 when I studied at Pratt fine Arts Center in Seattle, Washington. There I learned printmaking and mixed media techniques which I have continued to refine. I was in my first group art show at the University of Washington Medical Center.

My work has shown and sold in Washington State and California. Locally, it has been exhibited at ASU Gammage Auditorium and the ASU Come Home to English show, the Holland Gallery, Shemer Art Center, Sundust and OneOhOne galleries, the Arizona State Fair, and other local venues where my work has won many awards.

My art is inspired by nature, spiritual practices, Asian art and culture, architecture and my numerous interests. My art (and writing) are spiritual practices through which I strive to express a deeper meaning of life, the oneness of all and the beauty of the journey.

Join us on Zoom for the Monthly Meeting on November 10th– Send a note to mesaartonline@gmail.com with November Zoom Meeting in the heading of your email – You will be asked to download Zoom and given a password to enter.

The meeting will begin at 6 pm.

November Artwork of the Month

Submit your piece for November Artwork
from November 10th, after our meeting, to November 30th at 6 PM

WANTED!

Members or Artists willing to provide a 20 minute Demo for our Zoom Meetings with a 10 minute Q & A at the end – This can be a brief technique or something about art history or whatever you desire!

Members Art Critique – Send in your art for Critique! Take a picture and send as attachment with Critique in the subject line.

Members to attend our Meeting!
Drawings are back!

Send to MesaArtOnline@gmail.com
NOVEMBER VET CLASSES!

October 10  Patricia Book
Leaves/Flowers with Soda Pop Cans
Save your soda pop cans!

Please check out the website and Facebook for the details.
If you are interested in participating, send a note to mesaartonline@gmail.com with Veteran’s class in the subject line.

Classes begin on Zoom at 10 am

November 24 – Linda Jones
Watercolor Ornaments
Paper Ornaments provided!

December 8 & 22
Patricia Book
Learning to paint on porcelain!
WHAT:  VETERAN’S ART SHOW

WHERE:  One Oh One Gallery – Downtown Mesa
101 W. Main St.  Mesa, AZ  85201
Parking behind the One Oh One gallery

WHEN:  RECEPTION:  November 11, 2020 (Veteran’s Day)
10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Other hours*  November 6-8  10:00 – 4:00 p.m.
              November 13-15  10:00 – 4:00 p.m.
              November 20-22  10:00 – 4:00 p.m.
              November 27-29  10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Hours subject to change

Check  www.mesaartleague.com  for updates

WHY:

The Mesa Art League sponsors FREE Art Classes for Veteran’s and their families. See www.mesaartleague.com for meeting times and class information. The Veteran’s Art Show will be showcasing art created from the Mesa Art League classes.
Artists Sunday is the nationwide campaign encouraging consumers to shop with artists and craftsmen. The powerful new effort is designed to make the Sunday after Thanksgiving the most profitable day of the year for artists. It follows Black Friday and Small Business Saturday, alongside Cyber Monday and Giving Tuesday, the largest shopping weekend of the year.

For Artists...https://artistssunday.com/artists/
For Partners...https://artistssunday.com/partner/

Mesa Art League is a partner in this Artists Sunday...more details to come...
Member’s Online Blog!

While each of us have joined the Mesa Art League for different reasons, one of the many reasons is to network, share experiences and learn from each other. Therefore, initiated at this unique time of Covid-19 that keeps members from gathering together in our customary way, we created a Website Blog, amongst other things.

Each week we post a new question for our members to address. We encourage members to share thoughts, tips, techniques and even ask questions of your own. We hope to slowly make this a learning tool by taking different media and inviting members that specialize in that medium to give tips, brief instruction and even answer questions?

Check us out on our Blog Page of Mesaartleague.com or on our Facebook Group Mesa Art League AZ. You could also send responses and questions to: sc.malmembership@gmail.com and we will post for you. Hope to hear from you soon.

SELL YOUR ART!

Dear Members,

We have opened our own Gift Shop... Check online under SHOP...

You set your own prices, decide whether to include shipping or price into your item and handle your own sales and taxes!

Send your pictures and submission form to MesaArtOnline@gmail.com to add your sale pieces.

Contact Linda Jones @ MesaArtOnline@gmail.com for further information.

WEBSITES

AAA News - Go to the AAA website for the latest news. https://azartalliance.com

Other websites:

http://www.artresourcecenter.org/
http://www.brushandpen.com/
https://www.mesaartscenter.com/classes

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