



Brushstrokes

The Newsletter of the Mesa Art League



Greetings and happy fall. I hope you have all enjoyed the summer and spent some time creating.

We have some good news! Our October show at the 101 Gallery will be open to all League members who have paid their dues. A “ Mesa Second Friday” feature will be a haunted basement at the gallery. Brings in lots of traffic! Set up will be on Friday 10-1 and take down will be on October 31 9-12.

Please send an email to mesaartonline@gmail.com if you would like to be part of the show. There will be no charge for art entries; however, we are asking for wrapped food donations for our reception on October 9th, 10 until 3. Include the number of pieces (up to 3 if we have space) and framed size. Entry form is on the website. Hope to see all of you there.

Keep on Creating. *Loralee Stickel Harris*

101 W Main St Mesa



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Membership Meeting - Tuesday 7 Sept - ZOOM

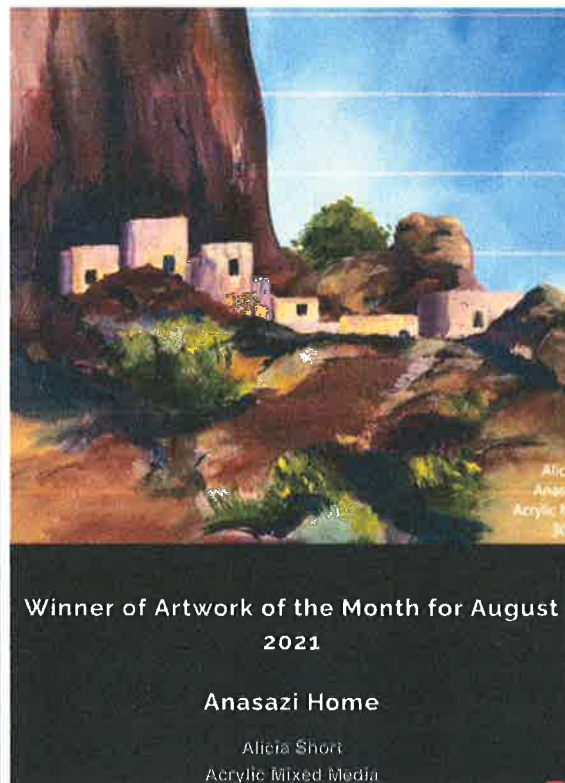
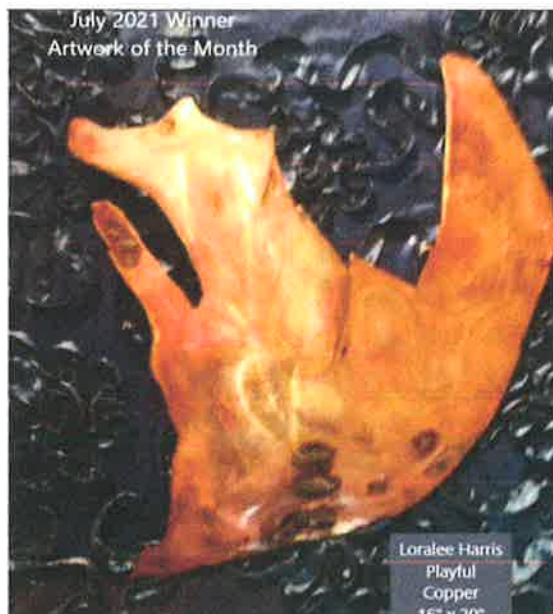
For invitation, send an email to mesaartonline@gmail.com with the subject Sept Zoom meeting. You will receive your official invitation - click on the link around 5:50 to get into the Waiting Room. The meeting starts at 6PM. Our guest artist is:

Scarlett Decker who grew up in Chicago and became a resident of Arizona in 1980. While in Arizona she completed her education in art by obtaining her BFA in studio art from the University of Arizona in Tucson and her MFA in visual art from Vermont College in Montpelier, VT in 1993 (both assemblage and painting.) She has exhibited nationally in solo and group shows as well as internationally in group exhibitions. Scarlett currently resides and works on her assemblage/mixed-media constructions in Chandler, AZ. She is active in the area arts community and teaches Art History at Northern Virginia Community College (online).

ARTWORK OF THE MONTH - FOR JULY AND FOR AUGUST

Neither of these ladies - Loralee Harris and Alicia Short - is ever shy about trying new media - and are always successful.

We now have a source for ribbons and they will be available to all the Artists of the month for the past year.





September, 2021 – Artist Spotlight

James A. Corrigan, Artisan: “The artist is a person who records history and immortalizes person, places and things. For without the artist, we would all be living in caves!”

“I have loved creating art my entire life. I started as a toddler drawing murals on my family’s walls with Crayola. They weren’t happy, but that didn’t stop me.”

My formal art education started at the Art Institute of Chicago. I gained even more experience as an illustrator and commercial artist while serving in the U.S. Air Force in the early 60’s during the Viet Nam era.”



“After military service I began my professional career working as an illustrator, commercial artist, freelance artist and art director in Chicago, for several large international corporations.”



“Then in the late seventies I decided to make a career change and pursue a new vocation in the Jewelry Arts profession. After my education with the Gemological Institute of America (G.I.A.) the jewelry business of Jas. A. Corrigan, Artisan was established.”



“I serviced the retail trade and the commercial jewelry industry with custom designed jewelry, jewelry manufacturing, repair or restoration requests, including a full line of lapidary services until my move to Arizona in 2003.”



“The move to Arizona was a lifelong dream, that turned into an opportunity for me to explore and express a variety of creative ideas and talents in several mediums i.e., metal, leather, clay, paint, wood, art instruction and so on.

My current specialties are: Jewelry and Sculpture.”



“In more recent years another lifelong interest of mine came into fruition. I had the opportunity to work with a video recording studio. Working with professionals, reading all I could about video and being involved in the industry has given me the ability to shoot, edit and create videos of my own. Several of my videos were created for art organizations, Veteran groups, weddings and the private sector. Another dream that came true, even if it took sixty years for it to come full circle.”



James’ MISSION STATEMENT ...

“The Design, Manufacture and Restoration of items used in the art of personal and non-personal adornment, with an accent on the unusual. To mimic nature in clay with all of its unusual forms, to record humanity digitally by the stories that we tell. This is my path as an artist and it’s a desire to inspire the artist within... YOU!”



MESA ART LEAGUE
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our membership drive is ON!

Renewal is as easy as going to our website mesaartleague.com , then to the “Membership” page, then renew with PayPal.

If you are unsure of your expiration/ renewal month, please contact us at sc.malmembership@gmail.com and we will check it out.

Thanks for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you in person before long!!!

But here is an opportunity to meet and create with other members in a small group.

Our President, Lorelee Stickel-Harris is personally inviting you to join her for a Meet Up on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month - 10 til noon

Clubhouse Location: 1021 South Greenfield Road, Mesa.

The clubhouse & parking is located just as you enter the complex.

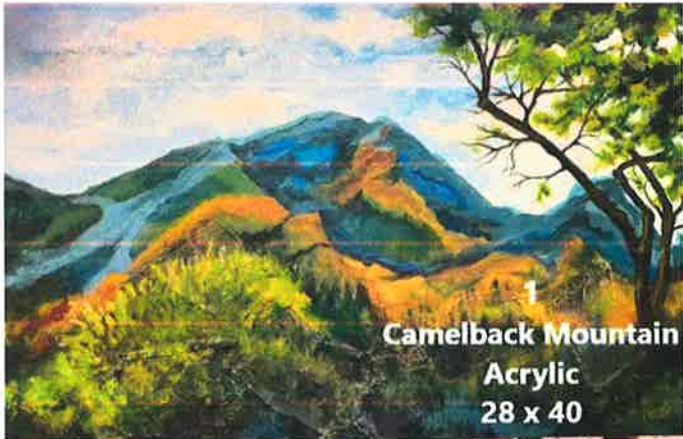
Feel free to bring your own project & supplies or join a group project and buy supplies that are usually under \$10.

Lorelee hopes you can join her. For more information, please email Lorelee at Lorelee.mal@cox.net

VETERANS DAY PARADE - NOV 11 in downtown Mesa. MAL will have an Art Car. More details later

SEPTEMBER ARTWORK OF THE MONTH.

Cast your vote before 6 pm Monday (Labour Day) by email to MALArtMonthly@gmail.com. Include the entry number in the body of your email. Entries 1-4 below. The winner will be announced at the Meeting on Tuesday. The winner will receive one of our new Award Ribbons. Details will be discussed at the meeting on Tuesday.



Do you know of any other venues - Any ideas of where we could hang art? please contact Lorelee. Also, if you have any ideas of a meeting space which can accommodate 50 people and preferable allows potlucks, Contact Lorelee in this regard also. Would you be interested in meeting on Saturday morning instead of in the evening? Again, contact Lorelee.

The page listing our sponsors, partners and friends is being updated currently.

Canyon Winds Art

Due to lack of space, the art from the last show will be featured next month. Thank you to Vivian Stearns Kohler for co-ordinated this exhibit since Canyon Winds opened. They have decided to put