



# Brushstroke

## ARTWORK OF THE MONTH – LU WALD



My watercolor painting, “*Desert Moon Setting*” was inspired by a picture I had found last summer. My art training is limited to the eight years I spent in Dreamland Villa and participating in the art classes taught by Alicia Short and Ila Wandtke. Even though I have briefly tried acrylic paint, watercolor has been my preference and have now moved into adding Gouache water colors and pastels because of their more vibrant colors. My *Desert Moon Setting* was painted over the summer months in the art room where Alicia was able to advise me. Many times, I couldn’t see how the suggestions would improve the painting, however, each time I made those changes, I would step back and see the amazing improvements. Being a part of the Mesa Art League has encouraged me to dig deeper into my creative abilities and truly enjoy being a part of this organization.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE

You should have received an email reminder by now that your membership dues are now due. You can find a copy of the new membership form on the website and on the last page of this newsletter.

## The Newsletter of the Mesa Art League FEBRUARY, 2023

### WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

We need help. Looking for volunteers for: Secretary, PR, and Facebook Editor. If you are interested in any of these positions, send me a note at [loralee.mal@cox.net](mailto:loralee.mal@cox.net). These are board positions.

Our meeting this month - on Valentine's Day - will feature Bud Heiss.

Our Benedictine Show is in April. Set up is April 3 9-12. The reception is April 7th 4-7. The theme is show us your favorite work. There is no time frame on creation date, so if you have a piece, you created 5 years ago and it's your favorite, bring it in. You can bring up to 3 pieces. This is always a fun show.

Stay warm and keep on creating.

*Loralee*

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## MEETING LOCATION, DATE AND TIME

Meeting date & time: - NEXT MEETING Tuesday, February 14 – 5:00pm Location: Greenfield Glen Club House - 1021 South Greenfield Rd. Meeting discussion: Bud Heiss – former member, successful artist.

## FEBRUARY MEETING DEMO - BUD HEISS



Bud will discuss “How to critique your own work”.

Bud Heiss studied at Kansas City Art Institute and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts at the University of Nebraska. He concluded his education at the Loveland Academy of Fine Art in Colorado. Bud states: “Creating art is an attempt to connect with something beyond ourselves.” Bud has exhibited for eight consecutive years at Settlers West Gallery in Tucson in the prestigious “American Miniatures” show. He has also shown in Mountain Oyster Club exhibition in Tucson. He further states: “I am drawn to scenes untainted by modern development. I consider a painting successful if it evokes a feeling that you are the first person to ever set foot upon that landscape. When choosing to paint a landscape I am usually responding to a dynamic composition with dramatic light and shadows.”

**Bud will help each of us learn how to critique our own work. Please bring a piece for him to critique for you – either a finished or unfinished piece, to our meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>.**

## MEMBER NEWS

Kay Nordberg sold two paintings and 3 of her beautiful coloring books at the OneOhOne Gallery. She and 5 other Mesa Art League members had a show during the month of January.

Be sure to contact Alicia to have your good news included in this newsletter and on the webpage. [mesaartonline@gmail.com](mailto:mesaartonline@gmail.com) Attn: Alicia

## ARTIST FOR JANUARY AT THE MESA ART LEAGUE ART GALLERY– ALICIA SHORT



**The gallery is open on Friday and Saturday's from 10am – to 4pm.**

At this time the following dates for the MAL Gallery are reserved by:

**February – Lorelee Harris and Nancy Briggs**

## CALL FOR ART

You don't want to miss this show. The students learn from the paintings you bring and it's a great chance to meet them.

## BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY THROWDOWN

DROP OFF IS: Monday April 3, 2023 10 AM to Noon

LOCATION: Benedictine Univ (BenU) Front Lobby

RECEPTION DATE: Friday April 7, 2023 4:00PM – 7:00 PM (bring finger food) BenU 2nd floor.

PICK UP: Monday May 1, 2023 10 AM to Noon Pick up Ben U Front Lobby.

BenU Address

225 E Main St, Mesa, AZ 85201

Parking to the lobby is off Hibbert.

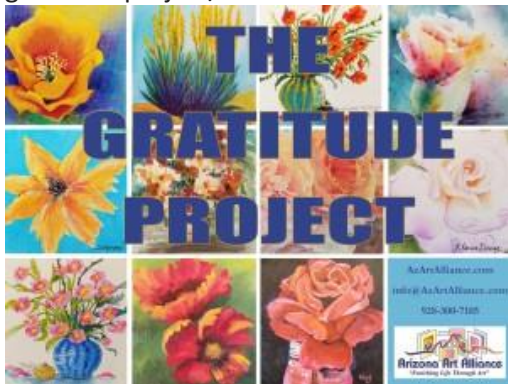
## SEND PHOTOS FOR WEBSITE YOUR PHOTOS NEEDED NOW.

Subject line: website photo. Include your name, and website or email address if you wish to be contacted about possible sale other inquiry.

Size of photo: 500 pixels on largest side. Send to Alicia at [aliciamshort01@gmail.com](mailto:aliciamshort01@gmail.com)

**ARIZONA ART ALLIANCE NEWS**  
**PARTICIPATE IN THE GRATITUDE PROJECT.**

Hundreds of paintings have been distributed thus far including the Phoenix VA, Mayo Clinic, Hospice of the Valley, Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses Association, Honor Health Rehabilitation Center, Arizona Nurses Association, Paradise Valley Community College School of Nursing, Black Nurses Association. For details on how to contribute go to:  
<https://azartalliance.com/participate-in-the-gratitude-project/>



**POST A PHOTO OF ONE OF YOUR PAINTINGS ON THE MAL FACEBOOK**

Show off your work by posting a photo of your artwork on the Mesa Art League Facebook. Go Mesa Art League AZ – that is the correct most up to date Facebook page. The more you get your work out there the better.

**Newsletter Editor – Alicia Short:**  
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[aliciamshort01@gmail.com](mailto:aliciamshort01@gmail.com)

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS by 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**VENUE CHANGE OUT DATES:**

**MESA SENIOR CENTER**

Location: 247 MacDonal St. Mesa  
(Second Thursday of every month)

**NEXT CHANGE OUT:**

**Nancy Briggs and Lorelee Stickel-Harris showing at ADALANTE HEALTH CENTER**

**Location: 1705 W Main St, Mesa AZ 85201**

**Current 2022 Schedule:**

I still have openings for the following:

**2023 schedule:**

February–March, April–May, June–July–August

September–October

November–December–January 2024

Text Elizabeth at 317–460–5903.

Availability is first come first serve.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM IS ON THE LAST PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER.

**MESA ART LEAGUE LEADERSHIP TEAM**

President – Lorelee Stickel-Harris

Vice President – Diane Black

Treasurer – Nancy Briggs

Secretary – **Need new volunteer**

**DIRECTORS:**

Historian – Suzanne Leslie

Publicity and Social Media **need volunteer**

Artwork of the Month – Elizabeth Scriba

Membership – Alicia Short

Newsletter – Alicia Short

Website – Karen Beasley

Demos – Pat Book

Scholarship -

Art Shows – Phyllis Craig

Ad Rep – Diane Black

Veteran Liaison – J. Chris Brewer

If you wish to pay online, you can go to the Membership Page to the website at [mesaartleague.com](http://mesaartleague.com).

**BELOW IS THE VETERAN’S PAGE AND THE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION PAGE**



## Location of Classes

### **Aster Senior Center at Mesa Downtown**

247 N MacDonald, Mesa, AZ 85201

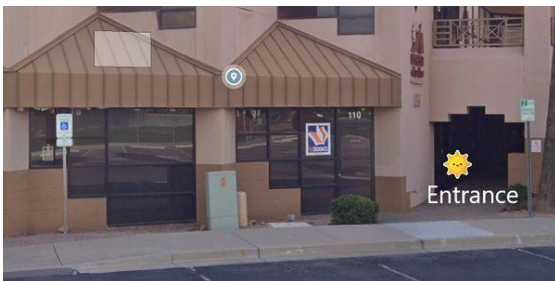
**Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month**



### **Veterans Resource Center**

165 N Centennial Way #101, Mesa, AZ 85201

**Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month**



## VETERAN ART ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY

Feb 2, Aster Center  
247 N MacDonald 10-1  
Having fun with Valentines

Feb 9 Aster Center  
247 N MacDonald 10-1  
Watercolor

Feb 16 Veteran Resource Center,  
165 N. Centennial 10-1  
Playing with raw edge wood

Feb. 23 Aster Center  
247 N MacDonald 10-1  
Acrylic Landscapes with Diane



## Mesa Art League Membership Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ website: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

year round resident?  Winter resident?  Veteran

Your medium: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal (\$35) due January of each year  Membership good through the end of the year.

### NEW MEMBERS DUES STRUCTURE:

If joining January through April - \$35  Family membership \$50

If joining May through August - \$25  Family membership \$40

If joining September or October - \$15  Family membership \$25

If joining in November or December - \$5  Family membership \$5

We appreciate your volunteer time. Should you wish to volunteer, please choose the area you feel most comfortable assisting with, please check at least one:

Hospitality  Publicity  Demonstration  Membership  Social Media  Art Shows  Venues  
 Lead a workshop  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Other Memberships and Supporters – A tax deductible Charitable Contribution for: DONATIONS APPRECIATED:

Friends of MAL - \$50  Sustaining - \$75  Patron - \$250  Corporate - \$750

Veterans Outreach Art Program - \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

The Mesa Art League is a 501c3 not for profit Art Organization providing art assistance to the ART and VETERAN community of Arizona. A participating artist membership is open to all persons over 18 years of age and offers the opportunity to vote and hold an office. Participation also includes but is not limited to the displaying of ORIGINAL ART in all of the Mesa Art League art shows and venues.

**To Pay on Line:** by PayPal or Credit card you may go to MesaArtLeague.com under Membership page. The membership form is under Forms **PLEASE PRINT IT OUT AND MAIL TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.**

**To pay by check:** Make payable to Mesa Art League and mail to Mesa Art League, Membership – P.O. Box 7733, Mesa, AZ 85216-7733 **PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT.**

DUES ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

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**For Office only:**

Membership Paid Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Check number and Date: # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Taken by (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_