



Brushstroke

The Newsletter of the Mesa Art League
MARCH 2023

ARTWORK OF THE MONTH – KAY NORDBERG



My journey into painting started in England in 2000-2002 with watercolors. Returning to the USA put all of this on hold until I moved to Dreamland Villa in 2010 and joined art classes. I have painted in most mediums, but this new mixed media started several years ago after attending a collage class in Cave Creek. I saw an artist abstract impression of the desert and was immediately inspired to create something using rice paper and ink work.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE

Final deadline to remain a member is this Month. 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. **Renewal can be paid by Paypal on the website.** **Be sure to print out an application and mail or bring to a meeting.**

WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy almost Spring. The desert is awakening, showing off its colors. Arizona is a perfect place for artists.

We have our Benedictine show coming up in April. Choose your favorite pieces. You may want to tell us why in your bio.

Our meeting is March 14th at 1021 S. Greenfield Rd. in the clubhouse 5 PM. Don't forget to bring a piece of art for artwork of the month, and for our critiques.

Don't forget to share information on our Facebook page Mesa at League AZ. We love to see what you are up to and what you are creating. Look forward to seeing you at our meetings. Keep on creating.

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MEETING LOCATION, DATE AND TIME

Meeting date & time: - NEXT MEETING Tuesday, March 14 – 5:00pm Location: Greenfield Glen Club House - 1021 South Greenfield Rd. Meeting demo: Brenda Pace

MARCH MEETING DEMO – BRENDA PACE



When I was in High school you could find me in the Art Department or Agriculture Department. I took every art class offered. I eventually became a floral designer. It was a perfect way to merge my love for art and agriculture together. I went to get my 2 year degree in Horticulture. I worked as a designer in MN for 20 years. To this day I love floral design. 23 years ago I had to leave floral design due to health problems. I still do it on the side from time to time.

After leaving floral designing, I needed to find a way to be creative, to let that side of me out. I have dabbled in all kinds of art. In the last 10 years I started working with paper and vinyl and the cricut machine. As I needed more of a challenge, I started adding more and more layers.

I now specialize in doing 3D paper art. Some designs can be as simple as 2 layers. I have done as complex as over 20 layers. Those are challenging and incredible. I have designed my own patterns. I also purchase patterns and then make them my own. When I purchase a pattern I always modify that pattern. It can be as simple as altering the papers or colors. Many times I change the design itself to make it my own. I work hard to find the perfect papers for each design. I put some papers together you would never think would work together but they do. I always get comments about the paper combinations and how amazing they are. Creating my own design from start to finish is a huge

challenge, but a challenge that is fun. I am always up for a challenge. I love 3D art, it is a challenge that I enjoy. I have been doing advanced 3D designs for approximately 2 or 3 years.

As I said, I like challenges. I decided to try designing a lake a couple years ago. I took a topical map and dissected it. Came out pretty cool. I have custom made these for many others. My latest custom challenge was a lift bridge over a river. It turned out pretty amazing.

Art is so important to me. I don't think I ever realized it growing up. But I can look back and see I escaped at times with a sketchbook. As an adult I really see where art plays a role in my life, especially in the last few years. Art lets me get away and unwind or de-stress from a crazy day. I personally deal with severe arthritis and dyslexia. I have had both since I was a child. I have a special needs child. When I am able to work on my own art project it really helps relax. Many times I do this before bed. Lately, basic coloring on greeting cards has been my bedtime go-to project.

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.

COMING SOON

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.

ARTIST FOR FEBRUARY AT THE MESA ART LEAGUE ART GALLERY– LORALEE STICKEL-HARRIS AND NANCY BRIGGS



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 contacting Lorelee Stickel-Harris at mesaonline@gmail.com

March artist is: Betty Schriver

June, July and August are open

MEMBER NEWS

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

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.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS by 25th of the month.

VENUE CHANGE OUT DATES:

MESA SENIOR CENTER

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

NEXT CHANGE OUT:

MESA ART LEAGUE LEADERSHIP TEAM

President – Lorelee Stickel-Harris

Vice President – Diane Black

Treasurer – Nancy Briggs

Secretary – Lu Wald

DIRECTORS:

Historian – [Suzanne Leslie](#)

[Publicity and Social Media](#) **need volunteer**

[Artwork of the Month](#) – [Elizabeth Scriba](#)

[Membership](#) – [Alicia Short](#)

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[Art Shows](#) – [Phyllis Craig](#)

[Ad Rep](#) – [Diane Black](#)

[Veteran Liaison](#) – [J. Chris Brewer](#)

Aster Center Photos



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:

April-May, June-July-August

September-October

November-December-January 2024

Text Elizabeth at 317-460-5903. Availability is first come first serve.

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

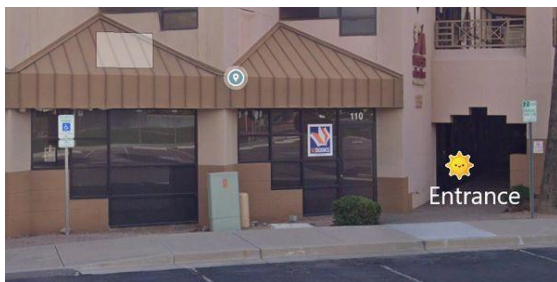
Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month



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

For Office only:

Membership Paid Date: Month _____ Date _____ Year _____

Check number and Date: # _____ Date _____

Taken by (Please Print) _____