



BRUSHSTROKES

The Newsletter of the Mesa Art League July 2024

WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hey all my creative friends,

Happy 4th of July. I hope that you are staying cool. Wow, this heat is something. Every year, I think, why am I here and then October, November hit and I remember, this is why I LOVE Arizona.

I am staying inside and painting my little heart out. I have some new paintings hanging in the studio at the gallery and some very new ones in the main gallery for the Summer Sizzle show. I hope you get a chance to stop and see the great art from everyone who entered. We have some League members who were awarded purple ribbons for excellence.

Remember, we are having a meeting in July. We will meet July 9th at 5 p.m. Alicia will be giving us a workshop about Junk Journaling. She has some wonderful ideas for making great pages using lots of fun "junk". Look for an email from her on what to bring, if you can. I love making junk journals and you will too!!

There are a few spots left for Ralieg Kinney's watercolor workshop. See the newsletter for details.

The August meeting will be our last workshop meeting and we will be having a guest teacher giving us wonderful instructions for Gel printing. See you there!!

Have a great July, see you soon!!

Tammie

Meeting date & time: - NEXT MEETING Tuesday, July 9 – 5:00pm Location: Greenfield Glen Club House - 1021 South Greenfield Rd.



ARTWORK OF THE MONTH – Judy Wu

My name is Judy Wu, I have been living in the United States for 7 years. Since I was younger, I had a dream of dedicating my life to painting once I retired. I began my artistic journey at the Mesa Adult Center. I am self-taught. I found great joy in perusing my hobby, surrounded by like-minded individuals who share my passion for painting.



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Michael Stickel's picture was sent to the National committee & he will be notified in December if his work will be in the national show next year in December.

Linda McGuinness won artwork of the month at the Gilbert Visual Art League.

Elvie Becker was the featured artist in the Gilbert Visual Art League newsletter.



JUNE FEATURED ARTIST AT THE MESA ART LEAGUE ART STUDIO 9 GALLERY–TAMMIE PURSLEY

THE ONEOHONE GALLERY

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

To be a part of the gallery, the featured wall is \$100 per month during high season which is September through May; \$50 for half wall (3 ½ walls available). It is preferred that you sign up for 2 months. The contact for this is: Tammie at mesaartonline@gmail.com

DEMO FOR JULY MEETING – ALICIA SHORT

JULY WORKSHOP PROJECT INFO ART/JUNK JOURNAL

You will make a small starter book using items I will supply. BUT you will need to bring the following:

1. Scissors to cut paper
2. Ruler
3. Pen or pencil
4. Glue – stick or Modge Podge and a way to apply the glue can be an old small brush or applicator
5. 1 large 10-gallon trash bag to cover the table for your work area
6. If you don't want glue on your hands bring rubber gloves
7. Container for water – if you use a brush for your glue or ModgePodge

VENUE CHANGE OUT DATES:

MESA SENIOR CENTER

Location: 247 MacDonald St. Mesa

Reminder: The Aster Senior Center changeout is May 2, 2024. Each artist is requested to bring 2 paintings with wire hangers. Dropoff is between 10:00am and 11:00am. There will be no changeouts over the summer so the pickup date for the art will be September 5, 2024. If there are questions, please contact Joni Anderson at watercolorsbyjoni@gmail.com or 602-284-7926.



ADELANTE HEALTH CENTER – 1705 W. Main St. Mesa

Openings for the following:

Open months are: June - December

Contact Elizabeth at 317-460-5903

Wilma Dilley is now at the Adelante Health Center

Lucy Wong posted art at Adelante June – August, 2024

Open Painting at the Aster on Thursday - free! or portrait/life drawing at Red Mountain on Friday morning - \$5

The Annual Veterans Art Show

June 2 – July 26, 2024

Location: Arizona Artists Guild | 18411 N. 7th Ave. Phoenix, Az 85023

The Annual **Veterans Art Show** features artwork by participants in the art classes at WHAM, AAG, Mesa Art League, Mountain Artists Guild and Sonoran Arts League.



Location of Classes

Aster Senior Center at Mesa Downtown

247 N MacDonald, Mesa, AZ 85201
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Veterans Resource Center

165 N Centennial Way #101, Mesa, AZ

Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month

All Classes are held at the Aster Center 247 North MacDonald

Thursdays 10-1 July 4 No Class

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS by 25th of the month.

website: mesaartleague.com

Facebook: Mesaartleagueaz... to post photos of art

RALEIGH KINNEY WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

August 6, 7 and 8th, 2024, \$100



Workshop Description

I demonstrate in my paintings as primarily western landscapes which may include centers of interest such as people, animals, flowers, man-made shapes, and nature objects.

I think I am primarily a creator of watercolor possibilities. In the cooler fall and winter seasons I prefer plein air, (on location painting), for the source of my ideas.

An outline of subjects to be explored in studio is based on outdoor experiences, reference photos and sketches, also included is painting and materials for transparent watercolor; the painting plan, value sketch, paper wet or dry, painting approaches: light, medium, dark, as well as large, medium, small shapes.

A typical day in transparent watercolor studio.

You are invited to bring your ideas for watercolor painting, as well as a painting or sketch you have done and would like to share and talk about it. Sometimes I will demonstrate mini sketches to show application of materials and subject matter to show possibilities. Reference photos are available to the class for exploration if needed.

Lunch

Afternoon, everybody paints, I will be around to answer and help each one as needed. Critique to end the day, show and tell.

A supply list is available \$25 deposit to hold you place\$75 due on first day. Our address is [8317 East Farmdale Dr., Mesa, AZ 85208](#)

MESA ART LEAGUE LEADERSHIP TEAM

President – Tammie Pursley

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Artwork of the Month – Elizabeth Scriba

Membership and Newsletter – Alicia Short

Website – Michelle McGuire

Demos – Lucy Wong

Scholarship – contact mesaartonline.com

Art Shows – Karen Beasley and need another person

Ad Rep – Diane Black

Veteran Liaison – J. Chris Brewer