



Brushstroke

ARTWORK OF THE MONTH ALICIA SHORT



Like most of us artists, I have had a love of creating art since childhood. I attended art school located in the French Quarter of New Orleans where I was selected Student of the Year twice.

Over the years I was unable to paint much due to a work schedule. But after retirement I began my love of art again. I used to work in oils, but now I work in acrylic mixed media and watercolors.

I also teach classes at the 55+ community I live in and have learned so much more from that experience. I enjoy attending workshops by other artists and then coming back to teach what I have learned to my students.

This painting, Desertscape VI, is a result of my desire to be more expressive in my art. Acrylic mixed media is so much fun to work with.

The Newsletter of the Mesa Art League MAY 2023

WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Judy Koppes, a former president of the league and marvelous oil and watercolor artist. We send our prayers to Judy's family. Her artistic ability was legendary. and she will be missed.

Congratulations to the ribbon winners at the Benedictine show. We were sorry the students were not able to participate. Next year.

If you are interested in renting Studio 9 at the 101 Gallery wall let me know. Brenda Pace has taken over the management of the space- check it out. We did have several sales in April.

Just a reminder we will not be holding regular meetings this summer but are looking for painting outings. If you have any suggestions, let me know.

Thanks to all of you for your participation in the league.

Loralee

BENEDICTINE SHOW WINNERS



People's Choice by Brenda Pace

MEETING LOCATION, DATE AND TIME

Meeting date & time: - NEXT MEETING Tuesday, May 9– 5:00pm Location: Greenfield Glen Club House - 1021 South Greenfield Rd. Meeting demo: Raleigh Kinney, award winning watercolorist.

Benedictine Award winners



By Judy Bottler



By Judy Denson



By Phyllis Craig



By Alicia Short



By Tammie Pursley



By Jo Ellen Decloure

MAY MEETING DEMO



Raleigh Kinney – Watercolor demo

Over the past 20 years, Raleigh Kenney's watercolors have evolved into a natural distinctive style that is a larger than life look, beyond the subject combination of color and form. It has won the acclaim of countless watercolor awards and art devotees. Raleigh has enjoyed a highly regarded reputation from his peers through continued acceptance in major shows and competitions, as well as deriving his living from sales of this painting and his watercolor workshops. Raleigh will be demonstrating watercolor for us at our May meeting!

MESA ART LEAGUE STUDIO 9 MAY EXHIBIT BY TAMMIE PURSLEY

Come check out the Mesa Art league's studio at the OneOhOne Gallery. It has had a total make over last month. While there, check out this month's artist of the month. For May is Art by Tammie - Artist, Tammie Pursley. For the summer the studio has added a new artist to the studio. An Art league member who is renting some space. Check out the new art the Veterans have been making and brought in. Lots of fun new art and changes come, check it out and support our members.

Artist of the month in Studio 9 at OneOhOne gallery

We are looking for artists who would like to be artist of the month. Being the artist of the month, you have a large wall in Studio 9. This is the Mesa Art league's studio at OneOhOne gallery to display your artwork. You do need to be a member of the Mesa Art league. There is a small fee of \$50.00 to help offset the cost of the studio. Contact

Brenda Pace at designsbybrendamn@gmail.com for more details.

MEMBER NEWS

I am happy to report my sales for January, February, and March at the OneOhOne building have been great! The Mesa Art League studio is a wonderful asset to our building as well as active downtown Mesa.

When I explain to walk-ins about the wide variety of art and artistic styles available in the main gallery, resident studios, and Mesa Art League Studio, I am met with appreciation and smiles. This is truly an eclectic collection of artists. Many customers frequently return to see what's new in all the studios.

If you have not yet shown your work in the Mesa Art League Studio, I encourage you to do so. For \$5 you can display a painting for a month on the "\$5 wall". As designated artist of the month you can rent a full wall for \$50. By Joni Anderson

Susan Paige's exhibit Passion in Art, at the OneOhOne Gallery in downtown Mesa in which she curated 10 local artists was a great success. She had 12 sales for the artists.

Passing of Judy Koppes

Judy Koppes, former president of the Mesa Art League, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2023 with family by her side. She is survived by her husband Neil, her brother and sister, her 3 children, her 4 grandchildren, and 2 great grand children. A memorial service will be held at Messinger Fountain Hills on May 12, 2023, at 1PM.

The league will be looking for nominations for Board of Director officers. This year nominations and voting will be done in the Fall/Winter months. Please let Lorelee know if you are interested in running for an office. Offices are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

VENUE CHANGE OUT DATES:

MESA SENIOR CENTER

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

Someone is needed to handle this venue.

NEXT CHANGE OUT:

Aster Center Venue change out:

The next change out will be Thursday, May

11, 2023, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. We will not have change outs over summer so after the May 11, 2023, drop off, the next date will be September 7, 2023. Please remember wire hangers are the only acceptable hardware. Joni Anderson

ADALANTE HEALTH CENTER

Location: 1705 W Main St, Mesa AZ 85201

Current 2022 Schedule:

I still have openings for the following:

2023 schedule:

June–July–August, September–October

November–December–January 2024

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



CreativePro Week, creativeproweek.com is being held this year at the Sheraton Grand at Wild Horse Pass, June 5 – 9. The event brings together 100s of graphic designers from around the world for an annual conference and professional development

During the event we set-up an arts and crafts room for folks to sit down in between sessions or meals to use their creativity to create. **They are looking for someone to staff the room and perhaps run a class or two over the course of the week.**

Compensation includes: free parking, \$200 per day, breakfast, lunch and snacks and plenty of time to do their own thing while attendees are in session.

contact: marci@creativepro.com



Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport Museum

The **Phoenix Airport Museum** is requesting entries for an upcoming exhibition surrounding the theme of “night”. This opportunity is open to Arizona artists to have their work on display at one of the country’s busiest airports between October 21, 2023 – May 26, 2024.

The museum is interested in unique interpretations of night, from nocturnal creatures to city lights to the cosmos and the unknown. Submissions are due through WeTransfer on July 21, 2023, by 5pm.

For more information on these shows go to <https://azartalliance.com/artist-opportunities>.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS by 25th of the month.

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

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](#)

[Newsletter – Alicia Short](#)

[Website – Karen Beasley](#)

[Demos – Pat Book](#)

[Scholarship -](#)

[Studio 9 – Brenda Pace](#)

[Art Shows – Phyllis Craig](#)

[Ad Rep – Diane Black](#)

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



Location of Classes

Aster Senior Center at Mesa Downtown

247 N MacDonald, Mesa, AZ 85201

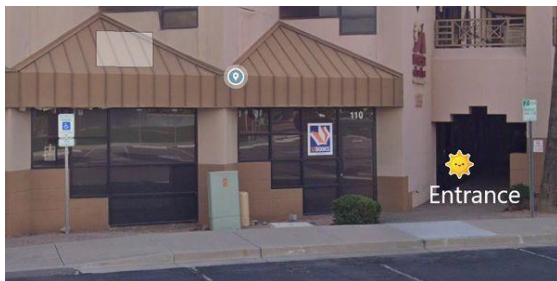
Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month



Veterans Resource Center

165 N Centennial Way #101, Mesa, AZ 85201

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the Month



VETERAN ART ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

May 4 10am – 1pm

Asia Ink Painting at the Aster Center 247 N. MacDonald

May 11 – 10 am – 1pm

Painting on steel and Copper at the Aster Center 247 N. MacDonald

May 18- 10am – 1pm

Create snack bags for the freedom flights at the Veteran Resource Center 165 N. Centennial

May 25

Open Studio at the Aster Center 247 N. MacDonald



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) _____