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The Newsletter of the Mesa Art League August 2024

WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello my Creative Friends,

Well, I have survived this heat so far, I know I am just staying inside and painting. I hope this newsletter is finding you all well and being as creative as ever.

We are having our next meeting on August 13th at 5 p.m. We will have a quick business meeting and then Tessa from Arizona Art Alliance will be there with lots of Geli plates to show us how to make some exciting prints. These plates are so fun to use, and I hope that you can come to play with us.

We have some exciting news about the OneOhOne Gallery. Meri with the Cartel is having her opening on August 15th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a ribbon cutting, media, snacks and refreshments, artist demonstrations and the mayor might be there to celebrate the opening. We are so excited to have her open her studio. She will be selling memberships for \$55 a month and \$15 for a 1 day drop in. She will have loads of supplies available to use for that fee as well as space and input for all of your art needs.

Because of the changes at the gallery, our studio there will be busier than it has been before. There are a few openings for the upcoming months. We have 2 different ways to have your art in the MAL studio. You can be the "Featured Artist" where you hang your art on the big wall in the studio. You also get to set up a space to work there, that way you get to "sell" your art. The wall is \$100 a month and we have September-2024, December-2024, January-2025 and April-2025 available. We also have 1/2 walls available for \$50 a month. You can hang your art there for up to 3 months. We have more openings for these 1/2 walls. Contact Tammie Pursley at tammiepursley@gmail.com or 502-373-1707 if you want to reserve your spot. We don't know exactly how busy it will be once the Cartel opens, but we know there will be lots more people and the gallery will be open 5 days a week, so many more opportunities for sales.

I am very excited to see you on the 13th! Have a great August!

Tammie

Meeting date & time: - NEXT MEETING Tuesday, August 13th – 5:00pm Location: Greenfield Glen Club House - 1021 South Greenfield Rd.



**DEMO FOR AUGUST MEETING – TESS MOSKO from Arizona Art Alliance
WORKSHOP PROJECT – GELI PRINTING**

ARTWORK OF THE MONTH – Kathy McClure



I had wanted to go to Klondyke, Arizona, for a long time. But I was spending the beautiful spring working through a broken shoulder. Finally, I could get into my truck, so I grabbed my best camera and took off for the 3-hour drive. Getting there took me almost to Safford, then 45 miles down a dirt road just to get to the road to Klondyke.

Finally, I was there. But there wasn't much "there" to it. There's an old store (closed that day), a church building, an old school building (closed) and a few ranches. But the road was beautiful. It wound through the forest, crossing the creek many times. My only companions were a few cows, some horses and a rabbit.

At this particular point the road was framed by thick forest and tree branches formed a tunnel of cottonwood and mesquite. The resulting dappled light on the road stole my heart.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The following members have artwork showing at the OneOhOne Gallery: Joni Anderson, Karen Beasley, Dana Chisholm, Raleigh Kinney, Yolanda Mendez, Kathy McClure, Linda McGinnis, Anita Moser, Dee

Podhorn, Tammie Pursley, Katey Teece, and Judy Wu.

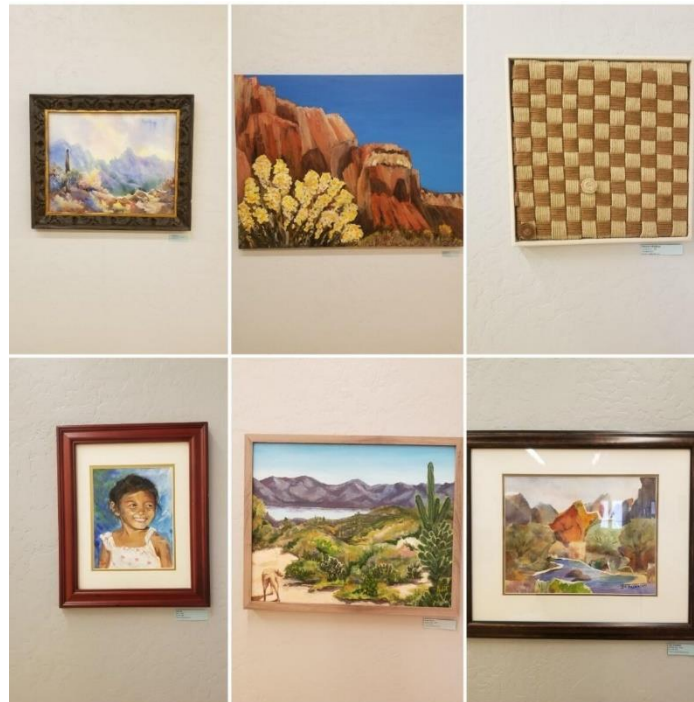
Karen Beasley won an award for her quilted fabric art piece. Be sure to go to the gallery any Friday and Saturday, this month and in August.

Tammie Pursley sold paintings in the Studio 9 gallery, including a special commission of two large paintings.

Lu Wald sold a painting from the Aster Senior Center display.

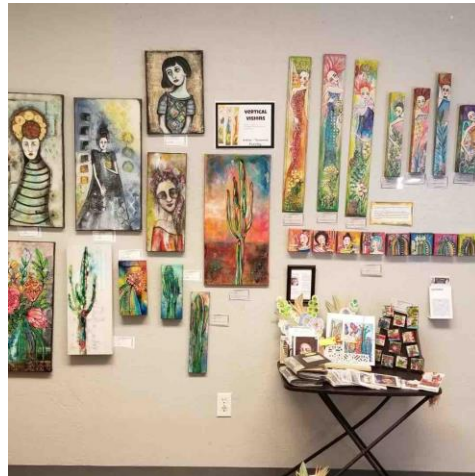
Congratulations to all.

Karen Beasley, award winner





AUGUST 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

ADELANTE HEALTH CENTER – 1705 W. Main St. Mesa

Openings for the following:
 Open months are: June - December
 Contact Elizabeth at 317-460-5903
 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

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.

Mesa Art League

Veterans Outreach

Location of Classes

Aster Senior Center at Mesa Downtown Veterans Resource Center
 247 N MacDonald, Mesa, AZ 85201
 165 N Centennial Way #101, Mesa, AZ 85201

Meets on the 1st Thursday of the Month

All Classes are held at the Aster Center 247 North MacDonald

Thursdays 10-1

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS by 25th of the month.

website: mesaartleague.com

Facebook: Mesaartleagueaz... to post photos of art

Art My Incredible Journey
 Join Me Sept 12 - 6:30

Michelle

I won the art award for my high school and my first project, a wood block print won first place for Arizona State, in its category, and went on to the National competition.

Turning to my nursing career and raising children, I did crafting, cake decorating, sewing, and art projects with the kids. Early 2000s I discovered Copic alcohol ink brush markers and started using them for coloring, thus, returning to fine art projects as well as small art pieces for cards and scrapbooks.

My love for art has been very therapeutic during difficult times. During times of loss, heartache, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress, art has been a wonderful world to become immersed in. There is a great deal of scientific evidence of the therapeutic nature of creativity. As an RN I encourage art as therapy.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Vice President – Jacque Hillman

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Secretary – Amanda Wood

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Historian – Suzanne Leslie

Publicity and social media – need volunteer

Artwork of the Month – Elizabeth Scriba

Membership and Website – Alicia Short

Demos – Lucy Wong

Scholarship – contact mesaartonline.com

Art Shows – Karen Beasley and need another person

Ad Rep – Diane Black

Veteran Liaison – J. Chris Brewer

