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The inspiration for this painting is from a photo I took at Montezuma’s Castle National Monument. I like the simplicity of lines and opportunity to incorporate southwest colors into the painting.

Hello Everyone! Loralee wishes all of you A Very Happy New Year.

Loralee’s daughter in law has Covid and is in the hospital. Now both Loralee and our Treasurer, Linda both have Covid as well. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

I am sure that Loralee would say “Keep on Creating!”

Pat

Artwork of the Month - November
Joni Anderson – A Family Dwelling

Upcoming Shows!
MAL Holland Show February 2021
MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP - Scholarships are available to MAL members for attending a special workshop or class. You can apply for up to a $250 scholarship to help with the tuitions. Due dates to apply for 2020 are: Feb 29, May 31, Aug 31, Nov 30. See application at: www.mesaartleague.com/_pdf/Membership/MAL-Membership-Scholarship-Contest.pdf

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- President: Loralee Stickel-Harris
- Vice President: NEEDED!
- Treasurer: Linda Jones
- Secretary: Brenda Jackson

MEMBERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

Email any officer or venue director at malmesainfo@gmail.com & include their name in the subject line.

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UPCOMING SHOWS!

Holland for all of February!
Information will be emailed to members.
Please email Loralee if you can help with this show!

WEBSITES

AAA News - Go to the AAA website for the latest news. https://azartalliance.com

Other websites:
http://www.artresourcecenter.org/
http://www.brushandpen.com/
https://www.mesaartscenter.com/classes

AMAZON SMILES ON MAL
https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-6056160

HAPPY NEW YEAR
Spotlight of the Month

on Richard Dyer. For some of you who might think the Mesa Art League is a Women’s Organization, we have some very talented men in the League too!

Two three-day art shows and a two-day reptile and amphibian show he planned to sell at in 2020 were canceled because of the pandemic, but Richard Dyer has not slowed producing artworks. One recent series of wall sculptures (Faces of 2020) was inspired by the year’s news of COVID-19. Richard was born in and grew up in California. He has a B.S. and an M.A. from the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Richard is a newspaper journalist by day. He started out as a copy editor for the Apache Junction Independent. He has worked for Independent Newspapers (now known as Independent Newsmedia Inc. USA) since August, 1987. He works online and print both daily and monthly for the Apache Junction/Gold Canyon Independent and online daily Mesa Independent, yourvalley.net
Richard is also co-editor of The Blue Guitar Magazine, The Blue Guitar Jr. Magazine and Unstrung literary and art magazine (www.theblueguitarmagazine.org)

The intricate textures of his welded works involve a technique he has perfected over years of welding. Richard uses oxyacetylene (steel and brazing rods), MIG (metal inert gas) and arc (stick) welding to design unique sculptures. He also uses plasma and oxyacetylene tools to cut steel.

Congratulations to Richard and his wife, Rebecca, who recently celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary.
January Artwork of Month

Hand built pottery – Conversation #1

Watercolor – Buckhorn Casitas #2

Mixed Media – Sumo #3

Watercolor – In Bloom #4

Oil – Grand Canyon II #5
January Artwork Cont.

Paper Quilling – Papillon #6

Acrylic – White Cactus Flower #7

Acrylic – Looking for Love #8

How to fight Covid at Home

1. When the nurse came in to discharge me, I asked her, "What can I do to help fight this at home?" She said, “Sleep on your stomach at all times with Covid. If you can’t sleep on your stomach because of heath issues sleep on your side. Do not lay on your back no matter what because it smashes your lungs and that will allow fluid to set in.

2. Set your clock every two hours while sleeping on your stomach, then get out of bed and walk for 15-30 min, no matter how tired or weak that you are. Also move your arms around frequently, it helps to open your lungs. Breathe in thru your nose, and out thru your mouth. This will help build up your lungs, plus help get rid of the Pneumonia or other fluid you may have.

3. When sitting in a recliner, sit up straight - do not lay back in the recliner, again this will smash your lungs. While watching TV - get up and walk during every commercial.

4. Eat at least 1 - 2 eggs a day, plus bananas, avocado and asparagus. These are good for Potassium. Drink Pedialyte, Gatorade Zero, Powerade Zero & Water with Electrolytes to prevent you from becoming dehydrated.

5. Do not drink anything cold - have it at room temperature or warm it up. Water with lemon, and little honey, peppermint tea, apple cider are good suggestions for getting in fluids.

6. No milk products, or pork. Vitamin’s D3, C, B, Zinc, Probiotic One-Day are good ideas. Tylenol for fever. Mucinex, or Mucinex DM for drainage, plus helps the cough.

7. Pepcid helps for cramps in your legs.

8. One baby aspirin everyday can help prevent getting a blood clot, which can occur from low activity. 

9. Drink a smoothie of blueberries, strawberries, bananas, honey, tea and a spoon or two of peanut butter.
Artwork of the Year - 2020

January, Evie Becker – The Wristband #1

February, Phyllis Craig – Brewer Blackbirds #2

March, Elaine Dube – A Walk in the Rain #3

April, Jane Bradley – Dorothy #4

May, Johanna Raupe – Danger! Keep Out! #5

Vote at MesaArtOnline@gmail.com, Put the # of the piece and name in your email.
June, Patricia Book – Spring in the Desert #6

July, Shirley Brandner – Afternoon Light #7

August, Glenda Nieman – Meeting of the Minds #8

September, Sheryl Stradling – Kendo #9

October, Lynda Cheeley – Sounds in the Desert #10

November, Joni Anderson – A Family Dwelling #11
You will be sending your vote to MesaArtOnline@gmail.com.

Please put in the subject line: Website Art Challenge;
Include the number of the art piece and name of artwork in the body of the email when you vote since there are two votes this month. Please vote for only one piece for the year and one piece for January 2021.

Artwork of the Month online!

The pieces that are now on the website are winners for the yearly contest for 2020 and below those is Artwork to vote on for January 2021

Voting will start on Jan. 1st to Jan. 12th
Please send your vote to MesaArtOnline@gmail.com,

Votes will be counted after January 11th at 12 pm & results revealed January 12th at the monthly meeting!

Wildflowers- Joni Anderson

Joni Anderson, Artwork of Month Cont.

I started painting in 2006 after I retired. The Red Mountain Senior Center in Mesa then held weekly painting classes taught by a local artist. There I met another watercolorist who shared her excitement about all the things one can do with watercolors. We played with paints and various techniques. My passion began! Since then I have enjoyed learning and taking classes from several artists. I am thankful for my mentors and their assistance in using transparent watercolors. I enjoy painting landscapes, flowers and abstracts using bright, happy colors and fun shapes! Shown below are other pictures Joni (J.C.) has painted!
NOVEMBER VET

VET CLASSES!

Please check out the website and Facebook for the details.
If you are interested in participating, send a note to mesaartveterans@gmail.com with Veteran's class in the subject line.

Classes begin on Zoom at 10 am
January 12 and Jan 19
Patricia Book
Learning to paint on porcelain!

WANTED!

Members or Artists willing to provide a 30 to 40 minute Demo for our Zoom Meetings with a 10 minute Q & A at the end – This can be a brief technique or something about art history or whatever you desire!

Members Art Critique – Send in your art for Critique! Take a picture and send as attachment with Critique in the subject line.

Members willing to share art with our Veterans.
Send to  MesaArtOnline@gmail.com

Please watch the online video and practice strokes and we will start painting a piece Jan, 12th.
CREATING TOMORROW, TODAY!

**MESA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE **

Jerry's Artarama - http://www.jerrysartarama.com

Blick’s - http://www.dickblick.com

Joseph Conradi Family proudly supports the Mesa Art League Veteran’s program and the League’s participation in Artist Emporium.


Wuertz Gourd Farm - www.wuertzfarm.com

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/86-6056160