



# Brushstrokes

The Newsletter of the Mesa Art League



**NOTE:** Not much news because of intense heat and Covid19 - so  
We are combining May/June 2021 and July/August 2021



## Words from the Pres

Happy Summer Are you feeling it? I do love all the sunshine and remind myself I am not shoveling. I hope you will all enter our summer challenge. It helped my look at my work with a different eye. Kinda fun.

We are working on plans for the coming year. Hopefully things will be open and there will be more opportunities to display our art.. Tess from The Art Alliance will be sharing her knowledge on how to get your art out there. Really looking forward to this.

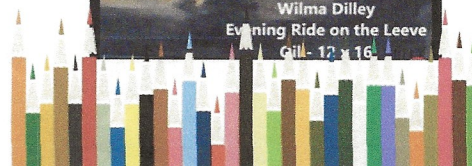
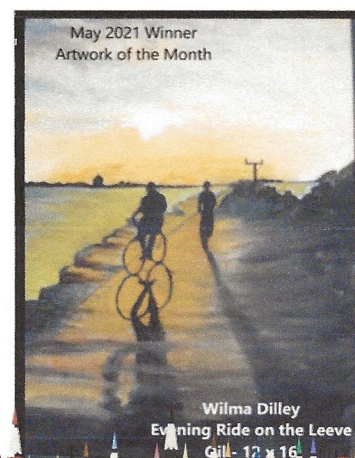
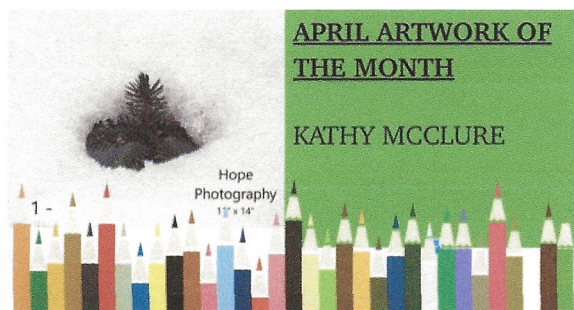
If you have any ideas for activities in the coming year, let me know.

Keep on Creating. *Loralee Stickel-Harris*

## NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 8 JUNE

Artwork for June is on the next page. Voting by email ends on Monday 7 June at 6pm. Winner will be announced at the Zoom Membership Meeting on Tuesday 8 June. Socializing begins at 5:30, followed by the business meeting at 6. Winner of the Artwork of the Month will follow and then will be the featured presentation by Tess Mosco-Scherer of the Arizona Art Alliance "How Artists can safely Use Social Media to Promote their Work" - the first of a three-part series.

**Don't forget to email [MesaArtonline](mailto:MesaArtonline) with the subject Zoom in June to request your official invitation.**







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It's May and spring/summer is really here. Hope all of you will send in your favorite piece of art you've created along with a paragraph on why it is your favorite. We'll be putting together a video along with Elizabeth's music. It will be posted on Facebook and our website.

Things are opening up and we are looking for space to meet in person. How many of you would be interested in a real face to face meeting? Send a note to [Mesaartonline@gmail.com](mailto:Mesaartonline@gmail.com).

**Keep On Creating!! Lorelee Stickel Harris, President**



## Things to do in June

### Summer Challenge

The Corrigan's are putting together a video again this summer. What they need from you: a good quality photo of your favorite piece of work and a blurb on why it is your favorite. Elizabeth Scriba will be providing music for this video. Send entries to [malcall2artists@gmail.com](mailto:malcall2artists@gmail.com)- deadline 15 June.

### Future Meetings

Think about ideas for venue, structure and time of future membership[ meetings. Share your ideas with the membership at the meeting on Tuesday 8 June.

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**Demos** - **NEEDED!!!!!!**

**Art Shows** - **NEEDED!!!!**

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## **Membership Meeting** - Tuesday 11 May 2021 at 6pm

Location: wherever you are - it's a Zoom Meeting. Send and email to mesaartonline with the subject May Zoom Meeting. You will receive your official invitation before 6pm Tuesday. Click on the Zoom link to get into the Waiting Room. Socializing begins at 5:30 and the meeting at 6. Winner of the Artwork of the month will be announced.

Our guest "demo-ist" this month is Brie Bartz, who is a local artist working in mixed media: collage, acrylics, oils, spray paint - lots of layering and vibrant colour. Do you use friskit? Brie will show you how.



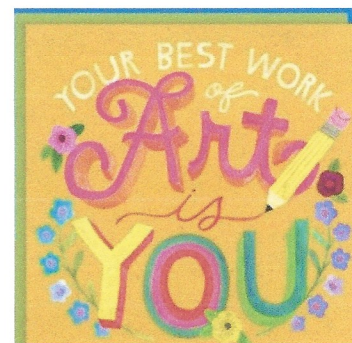
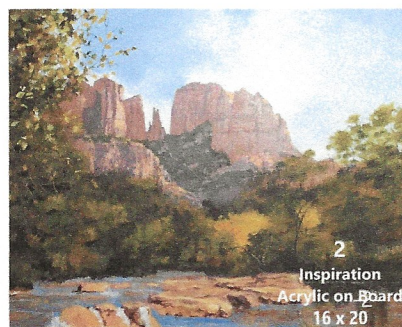
### VETERANS ACTIVITIES IN MAY

- May 13 - Disabled Veterans of America at Main and Stapely
- Ceramics with Mike Grill
- Beaded Bracelet with Linda Jones
  - If you want to participate, please contact us at [mesaartveterans@gmail.com](mailto:mesaartveterans@gmail.com)
  - kits are available but need to be made up
- May 20 - Veterans Class at the Resource Center
- Rock Painting - we have been asked to help decorate
- Garden the Resource Center is sponsoring -
- Join us - rocks and paint will be provided

### Canyon Winds Art Changeover

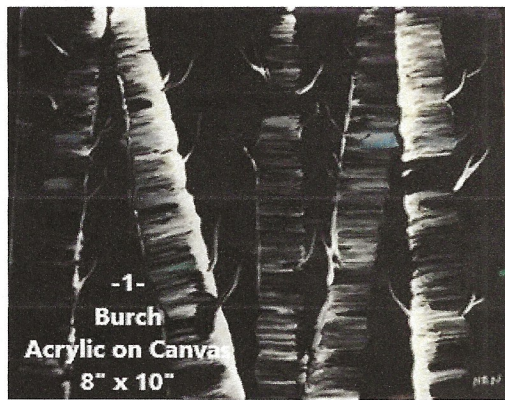
Thursday, 27 May is the date with pick-up at the end of August. For further information, Contact Vivian Stearns-Kohler 480-216-8734 This artwork will be in the July/Aug Newsletter

## **Entries for June Art-of-the-Month.** Voting info below



Have you sent a message requesting your invitation to the monthly meeting next Tuesday to [mesaartonline@gmail.com](mailto:mesaartonline@gmail.com)? Have you voted for the Art of the Month for June at [MALArtMonthly@gmail.com](mailto:MALArtMonthly@gmail.com) - deadline Monday 7 June at 6pm.

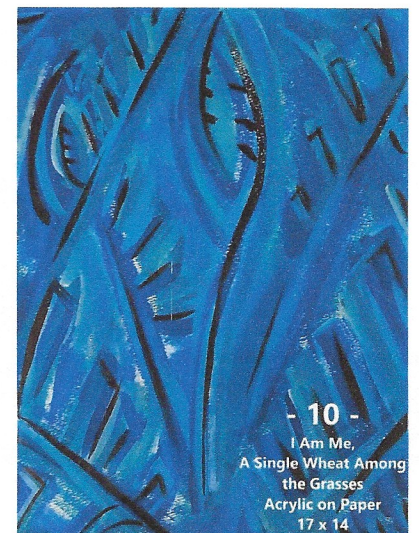
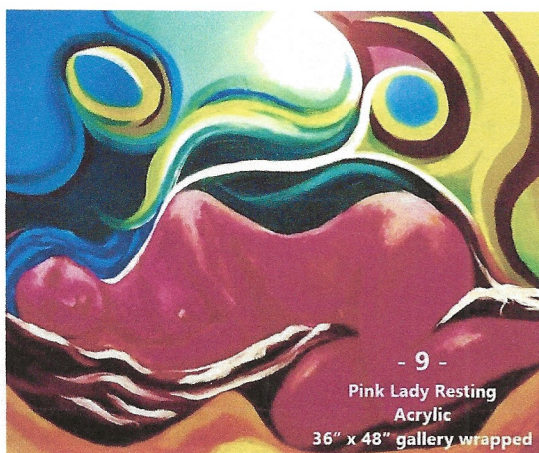
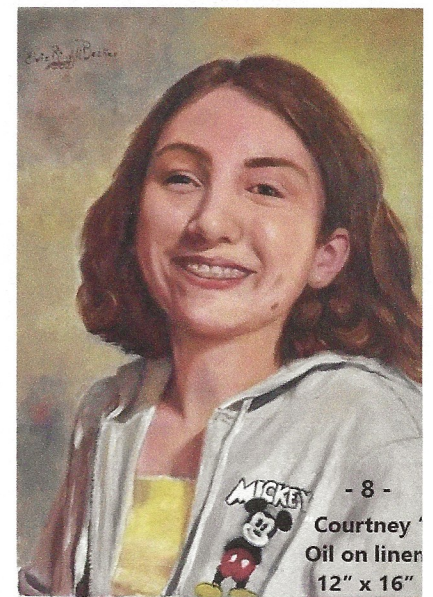
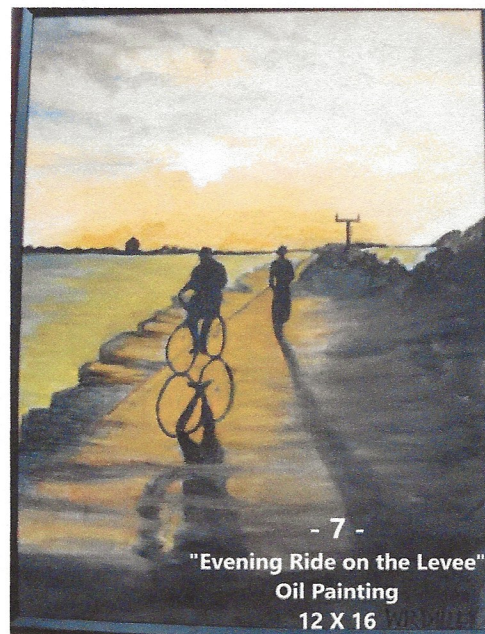
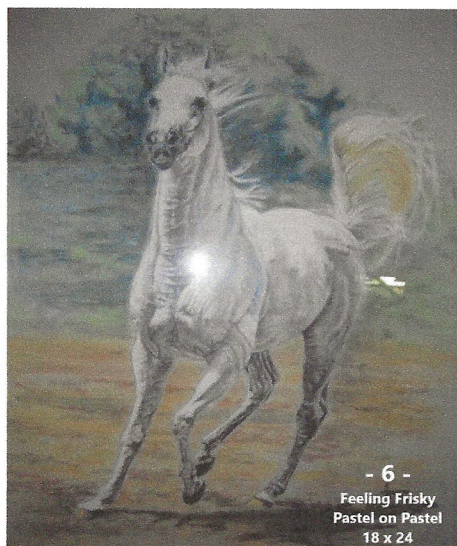
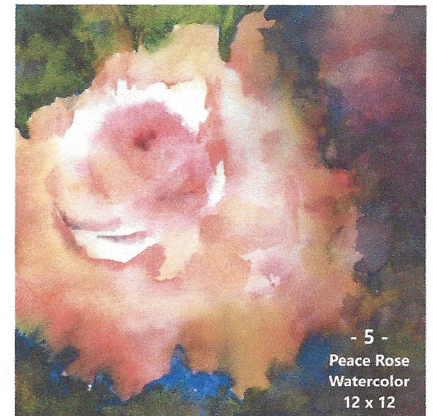
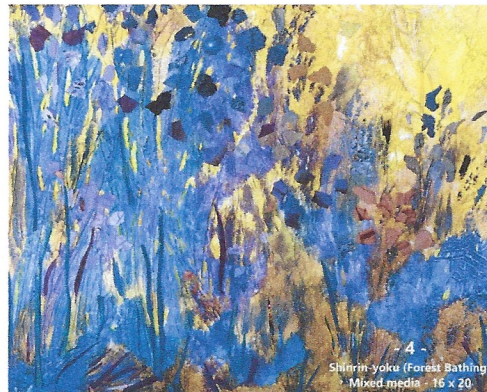
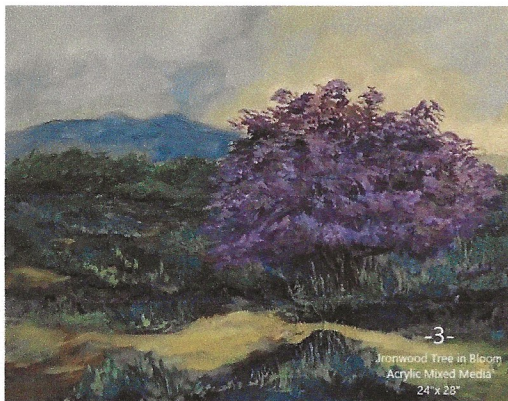
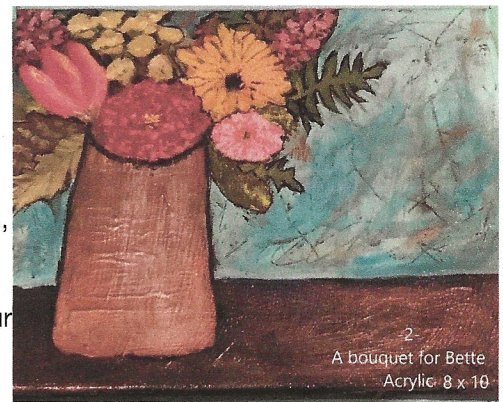




## May Artwork of the Month

Winner will be announced at the June Membership Meeting on Tuesday 8 June. Cast your vote before Monday 7 June, 6 pm, By email to [MALArtMonthly@gmail.com](mailto:MALArtMonthly@gmail.com).

Include the Entry Number in the body of your email. Entries 1-10 below.





## Meet Rosalie Trulli Vaccaro,

An accomplished MAL artist that you want to get to know!

"I should have been an accountant! Yes, I could have been an accountant! Numbers are safe.  $2+2$  always  $=4$ ! Life would be safe with numbers. I was good at math - yes siree.

"Instead, I've always had a passion to draw and paint."

She has a BFA plus 2 years and studied with some top master artists as well at the Florence Academy in Italy. Lots of study; lots of workshops!

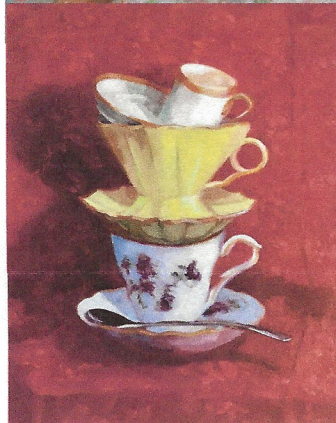
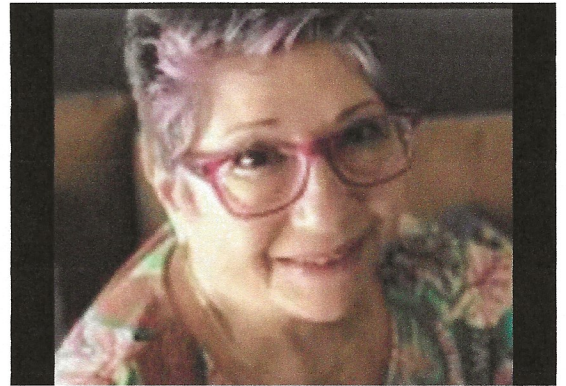
"Painting is not safe: not like numbers. Each painting you do uses a combination of all your skills and knowledge applied to a canvas or panel. Skills like composition, color, value and your subject matter. Imagining and expressing exactly what you have in mind for this painting to progress, brush stroke by brush stroke. Often it works too! That's when you win!

Many paintings and shows have made me persevere more, not less. A goal of reaching the next rung on a ladder is within your reach. I've been successful as a mother, a graphic designer, camera person and held many jobs in publishing and print, but my passion is and always will be painting.

In recent works, I have been mixing other media in with my oil paintings, using wax, paper, gold or silver leaf and Swarovski crystals. There new ideas have had me intrigued. Push for more! What's next? Of course, I don't want the life of an accountant, but there may be something said for the stability of it that I yearn for. It may come, maybe in the next painting or the next show or sometime in the future. So I will count my canvas  $2+2$  and keep on going!"

Rosalie's work has been in several exhibits and juried shows in New York, Connecticut, Florida and Arizona; she has won many awards and ribbons and is in many private collections.

Check her out at [rosalievaccaro.com](http://rosalievaccaro.com) or on Facebook and instagram at Rovagrafx.





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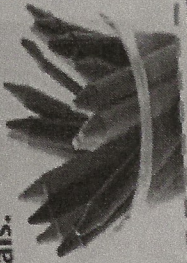
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