

Artwork of the Month -September
Sheryl Stradling – “Kendo”



November 2020



My artwork, *Kendo*, is part of a series I'm doing on martial arts. Kendo means “the Way of the Sword.” Kendo is a modern Japanese martial art based on the Samurai tradition of swordsmanship. I'm interested in martial arts because I practice Tai Chi Chuan. My goal in doing a series on martial arts is to express the essence of each martial art as I understand it. In *Kendo*, my intent was to express its vigor, precise and quick movements, and the united flow of spirit, sword and body as one.

Upcoming Shows!

Vets at OneOhOne November 11th 2020
ARTIST SUNDAY November 29 at 101
MAL Holland Show February 2021

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's November. Time to give thanks. What am I fearful for? Family and friends of course. But I am very grateful to the board members, the league members, the instructors, and our veterans. Without you we would not have been able to keep the league going. We're not sure what the future will bring, but with our great team we will survive this.

I hope all of you are safe and well and that you will keep on creating.

Don't forget the veteran art show reception on Veteran's day, November 11th and Artist Sunday on November 29.

Please promote these shows on your email lists and social media. Thank you for being part of our creative community!

Keep on Creating

Loralee

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www.mesaartleague.com/_pdf/Membership/MAL-Membership-Scholarship-Contest.pdf

Upcoming Shows!

Vets at One Oh One in November 2020

Reception – November 11, 10 am to 4pm

ARTIST SUNDAY November 29 at 101 Gallery

Mariposa Point Assisted Living of Mesa

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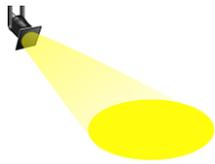
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Holland -- February 2021

VOLUNTEER TO HELP MAKE THIS ONE OF OUR BEST SHOWS

If you are interested in helping out, send Lorelee a note.

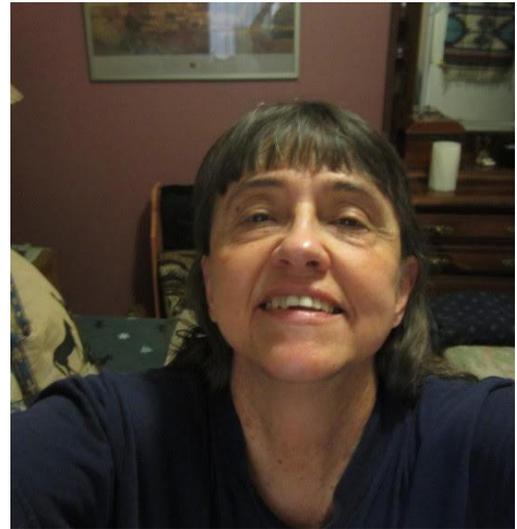




Spotlight of the Month on **Maryann Schisler**

Maryann has not yet had the opportunity to meet the membership at our monthly meetings and awaits the day we can once again meet physically. Let's welcome her!

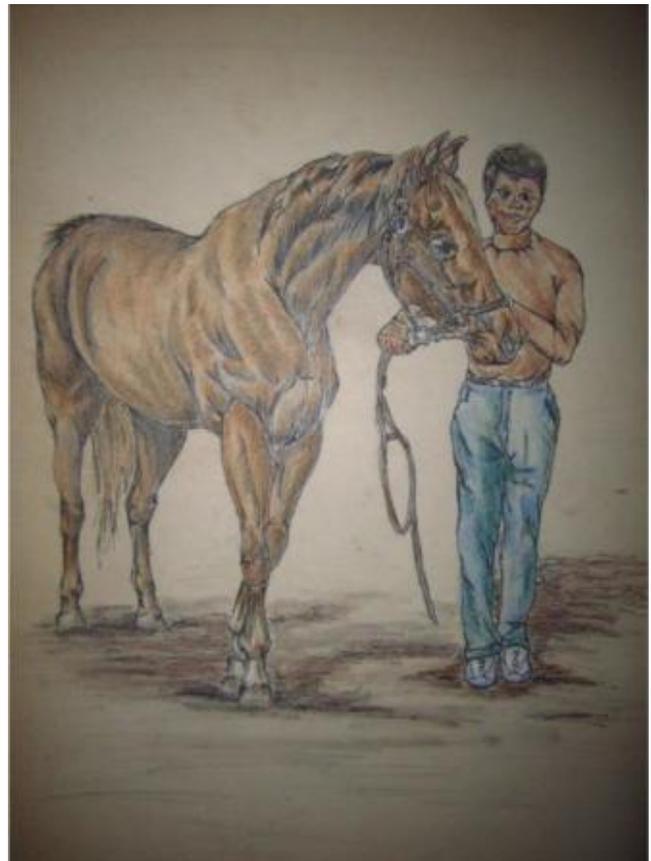
Maryann would like you to know this about her: I once found a little notepad. When I turned the pages, I found little sketches...faces. The pad belonged to my mother. That's when I found out where my "gift as an artist" came from. She would always advise me to stay within the lines when I would work in my coloring book with my precious crayons. My 24 ct. box of crayons was my joy and my world.



Maryann Schisler



Nice Throw - Charcoal



Pencil and Pastel - Untitled



It was and became always, my peace of mind.
After some time, I tried my hand at acrylics. Though I could blend with pastels, acrylics showed me a whole different world! Blending colors and adding intricate subtle lines, shadings, mixing one color to find another shade; another world had emerged and off I went!

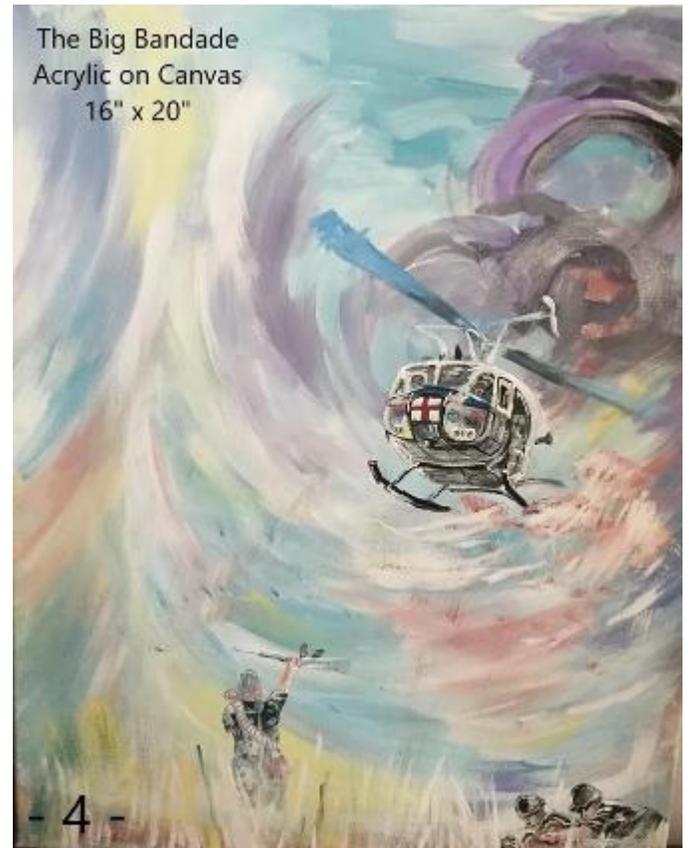
But my artwork and I kept to ourselves. Too busy surviving, job, family and so on! I finally would show a person or two my work. They would ask me why I did not show? I did manage to sell a couple of pieces along the way! Now here I am connected with my very first Art League! Let's see what happens!

Maryann Schisler – Untitled Pleces

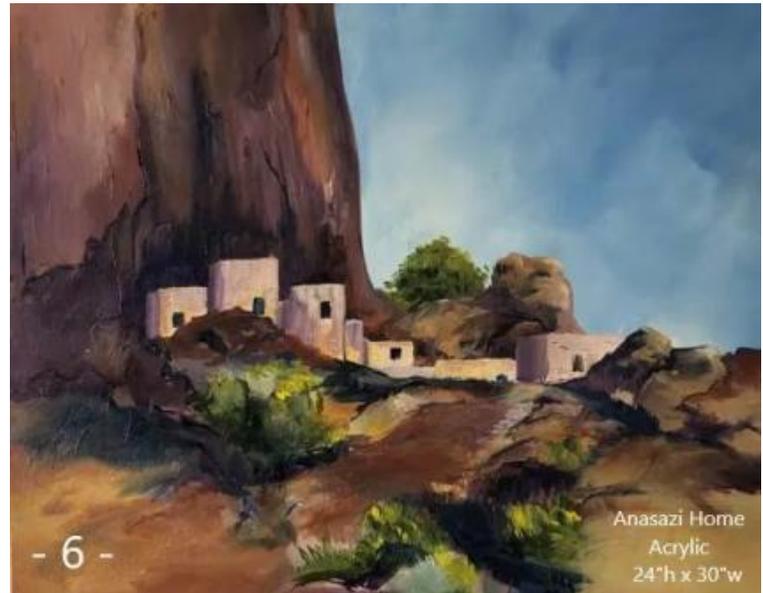
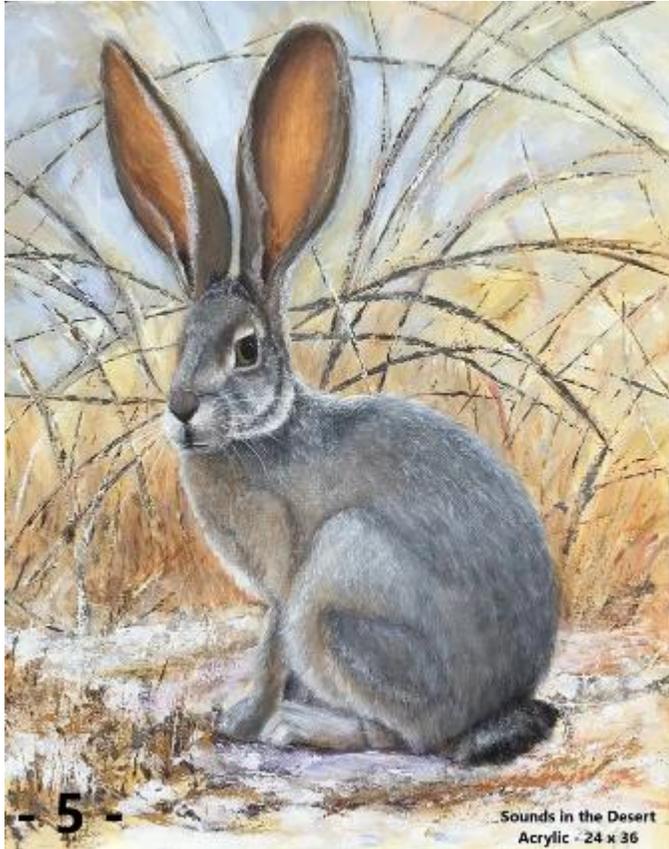
Somewhere along the line I discovered charcoal pencil and light and dark shading came in. The charcoal pencils soon took over and with both, I began sketching everything I saw that was interesting to me. I would sit in our back room next to our stereo player, listen to my music and lose myself in my artwork. I was eleven years old. From there I just kept on sketching. My sketching turned into colored pencils, then to pastels. My artwork became more intricate with shadows, lights, darks. Muscle structure and veins emerged! I wanted my work to look alive! My "ART" was my solitude from the commotion and noise around me!"



October Artwork of the Month



OCTOBER ARTWORK OF THE MONTH



Artwork of the Month online!

The pieces that are now on the website are the ones for the month of October

Voting will start on November 1st to November 9th

Please send your vote to

MesaArtOnline@gmail.com,

Votes will be counted after October 9th

at 12 pm & results revealed

November 10th at the monthly meeting!



Sheryl Stradling, Artwork of Mo. Cont.

I am a lifelong artist. My art training and interests have evolved but I feel that I'm a nonobjective artist at heart. I created my first nonobjective piece in third grade with bright colors and geometric shapes separated by black lines. I learned to draw later! Although nonobjective art typically focuses on color, form, values and technique, the process is deeper for me. I work intuitively from the subconscious. Yes, I'm a pantsner! I typically don't know what a piece is about until it's well underway or complete. This is part of my fascination with nonobjective art.

I majored in art in college, culminating with a one-woman show. Nonobjective art was unpopular then, so the critics were harsh. It was a challenging but useful lesson! I turned to crafts during my marriage and childrearing years, with several crafts businesses where I made a variety of items including men's shirts, patchwork rugs, jewelry, bags, polished and painted rocks and many others. I returned to fine art in 2000 when I studied at Pratt fine Arts Center in Seattle, Washington. There I learned printmaking and mixed media techniques which I have continued to refine. I was in my first group art show at the University of Washington Medical Center.

My work has shown and sold in Washington State and California. Locally, it has been exhibited at ASU Gammage Auditorium and the ASU Come Home to English show, the Holland Gallery, Shemer Art Center, Sundust and OneOhOne galleries, the Arizona State Fair, and other local venues where my work has won many awards.

My art is inspired by nature, spiritual practices, Asian art and culture, architecture and my numerous interests. My art (and writing) are spiritual practices through which I strive to express a deeper meaning of life, the oneness of all and the beauty of the journey.



Join us on Zoom for the
**Monthly Meeting on
November 10th**– Send a note to
mesaartonline@gmail.com
with **November Zoom Meeting** in the
heading of your email – You will be
asked to download Zoom and given a
password to enter.

The meeting will begin at 6 pm.

November Artwork of the Month

Submit your piece for November
Artwork

from November 10th, after our meeting,
to November 30th at 6 PM



WANTED!

Members or Artists willing to provide a
20 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 to attend our Meeting!
Drawings are back!

Send to MesaArtOnline@gmail.com

NOVEMBER VET CLASSES!



October 10 Patricia Book
Leaves/Flowers with Soda Pop Cans
Save your soda pop cans!



November 24 - Linda Jones
Watercolor Ornaments
Paper Ornaments provided!

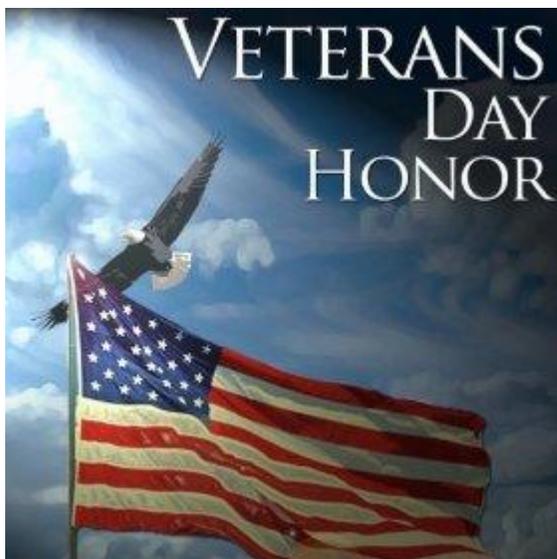
Please check out the website and Facebook
for the details.

If you are interested in participating,
send a note to mesaartonline@gmail.com
with

Veteran's class in the subject line.

Classes begin on Zoom at 10 am

December 8 & 22
Patricia Book
Learning to paint on porcelain!





WHAT: VETERAN'S ART SHOW

WHERE: One Oh One Gallery – Downtown Mesa
101 W. Main St. Mesa, AZ 85201
Parking behind the One Oh One gallery

WHEN: RECEPTION: November 11, 2020 (Veteran's Day)
10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Other hours*	November 6-8	10:00 – 4:00 p.m.
	November 13-15	10:00 – 4:00 p.m.
	November 20-22	10:00 – 4:00 p.m.
	November 27-29	10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Hours subject to change

Check www.mesaartleague.com for updates

WHY:

The Mesa Art League sponsors FREE Art Classes for Veteran's and their families. See www.mesaartleague.com for meeting times and class information. The Veteran's Art Show will be showcasing art created from the Mesa Art League classes.



artists sunday

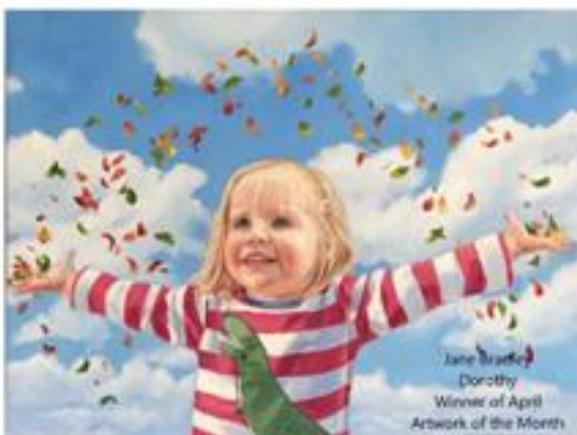
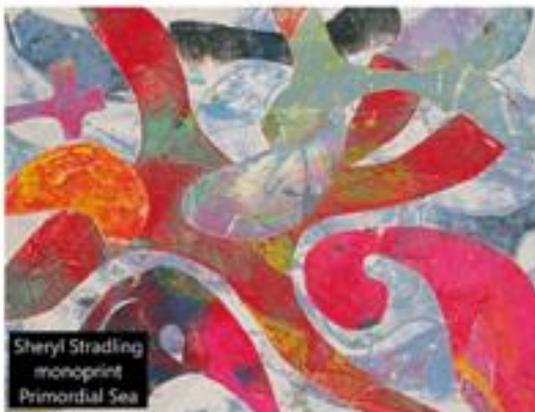
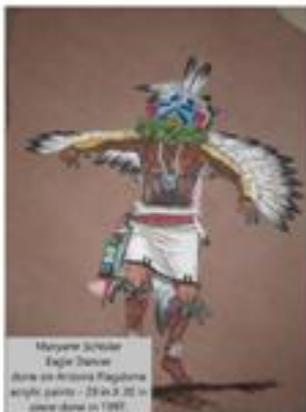
November 29, 2020

#ArtistsSunday #ShopArt

inviting professional artists
cities, counties and chambers
art agencies and organizations

The nationwide event, the Sunday after Thanksgiving,
encouraging consumers to shop with artists.

Artists Sunday is the nationwide campaign encouraging consumers to shop with artists and craftsmen. The powerful new effort is designed to make the Sunday after Thanksgiving the most profitable day of the year for artists. It follows Black Friday and Small Business Saturday, alongside Cyber Monday and Giving Tuesday, the largest shopping weekend of the year.



For Artists...<https://artistsunday.com/artists/>

For Partners...<https://artistsunday.com/partner/>



Mesa Art League is a partner in this Artists Sunday...more details to come...



Member's Online Blog!

While each of us have joined the Mesa Art League for different reasons, one of the many reasons is to network, share experiences and learn from each other. Therefore, initiated at this unique time of Covid-19 that keeps members from gathering together in our customary way, we created a Website Blog, amongst other things.

Each week we post a new question for our members to address. We encourage members to share thoughts, tips, techniques and even ask questions of your own. We hope to slowly make this a learning tool by taking different media and inviting members that specialize in that medium to give tips, brief instruction and even answer questions?

Check us out on our Blog Page of Mesaartleague.com or on our Facebook Group Mesa Art League AZ. You could also send responses and questions to: sc.malmembership@gmail.com and we will post for you. Hope to hear from you soon.

SELL YOUR ART!

Dear Members,

We have opened our own **Gift Shop...**
Check online under **SHOP...**

You set your own prices, decide whether to include shipping or price into your item and handle your own sales and taxes!

Send your pictures and submission form to MesaArtOnline@gmail.com to add your sale pieces.

Contact Linda Jones @ MesaArtOnline@gmail.com for further information.

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>

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