

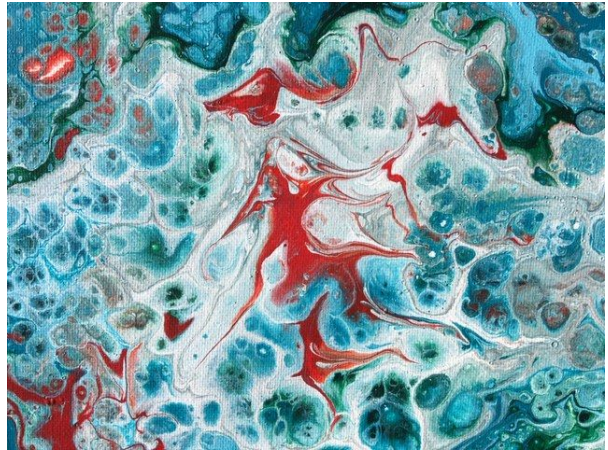
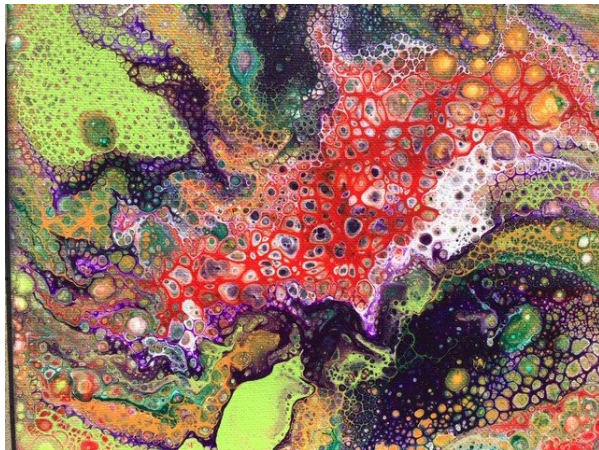
# **PFAA** Peoria Fine Arts Association

March 2019

**Next Meeting March 27 6PM  
Artist Critique 5:30**

## **Guest Artist: Lois Meyer**

This month's demo will be given by Lois Meyer, with the assistance of her sister, Dottie Pipe. Although Lois is a watercolorist and Dottie has been primarily a potter, they have recently been experimenting with acrylic pours. They have found it to be so much fun that they decided to demonstrate the technique to fill this month's demo slot, which had a cancellation. They will explain how you can play around with cheap acrylics that won't cost you much for experimenting, and they will hand out "recipes" for making the pour material, and demonstrate various techniques to get different results. If you have a small canvas (5x7 or 8x10) or some other small flat object you'd like to cover with a unique paint design, bring it along. There will be some mixtures available to try as part of the demo.



## President's Message

We have been working with the Arizona Broadway Theater and the City of Peoria to put on the wonderful exhibit we now have hanging at the ABT. The exhibit began on March 5<sup>th</sup> and will close on April 15<sup>th</sup>. I happen to have gotten tickets to take my daughter to see Mama Mia next month for her birthday and I'm excited the exhibit will still be there. You can stop in any time they are open to see the artwork. A big thank you to Lois Meyer who hung the artwork. For the artists who participated not only will the show be juried and awards presented but the Theater is giving each artist tickets to see a show.

Thank you to all who have been working together to help with all the details that need to be taken care of to have a successful association.

We are working on getting other places to exhibit. If any of you have any suggestions please email them to me or Janet Wandrey at [jwandr48@cox.net](mailto:jwandr48@cox.net). We have the Wham gallery booked for next December. That is a good time to sell small Christmas gifts, cards, and artwork besides displaying larger pieces.

*Mary Ellen Hawks*

## How to be a Better Artist!

*By Elaine Waters*

Today we are not going to talk about painting skies, trees in the wood, flower gardens or still life. Today we will talk about a LOT of things you should know about to be a better artist. Most beginning and intermediate level painters do not take the time to learn about and use these ideas, so here we go.

- Know what you are going to paint and have a strong feeling for that subject.
- Do thumbnail sketches or crop your photo resource so that your subject fits appropriately on your canvas.
- Be aware of your horizon line (eye line), placement of focal point in your composition, and the three basic parts of your painting: Foreground, middle-ground, and background.
- Think about the 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 division of your canvas and place your subject in one of those intersections.
- Think about your color plan and avoid using all the colors on your palette in your painting at one time.
- Understand warm and cool colors and use that understanding in your art.
- Use value contrasts in your art so that your paintings will have impact.
- Be aware of perspective issues in all paintings.... Even still life.
- Always be mindful of your light source and shadows, and be consistent with them in your paintings.

- Know the names of the colors in your paint box and be able to recognize them when they are on your palette . They aren't just red, blue and yellow.
- We all have value scales of black to white... so now make value scales of all the colors that you use the most.
- Know the primary and secondary colors on the color wheel , and know the compliments to those colors.

These may seem unimportant to you as you are working on your painting, but they ALL are incredibly important. Be aware of these things and you will be a better painter... Until next time!

### Artist of the Month



Bill Martin 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



Magda Gryparis 1<sup>st</sup> Place



Elaine Waters 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### Artist of the Month Guidelines

This event is held monthly, September through April, and Open to all members of PFAA.

- Limit is *one framed work of art* object each month.
- Artist awarded Artist of the month are not eligible for further competition in the yearly cycle.

## Member News

- Each month someone in attendance is drawn for a \$25 gift certificate to Arizona Art Supply.



- Please be sure to Support Arizona Art Supply since they support us with generous gift certificates and prizes.
- Each meeting 50/50 Raffle tickets are available from Jane Brown.

Contact Mary Ellen Hawks (mhawks22@cox.net) for now.

- To list a class that you teach or have taken that might be of interest to other members.
- To update our members on your sales and shows.
- To list a current show or event in the West Valley.
- To submit a biography of yourself we want our members to get to know about each other.

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