

Tempe  
Artists  
Guild

Janet Fagan, Artist of the Year, receives a large ribbon for her oil portrait of her little dog Friday, called "Leading the Way".

## Janet Fagan is TAG's 2014 Artist of the Year!



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Tempe Artists Guild meets the *3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.*  
(Critique at 5:45) [See Upcoming Events Page in this newsletter](#)

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2645 E Southern Ave, Tempe, AZ 85282  
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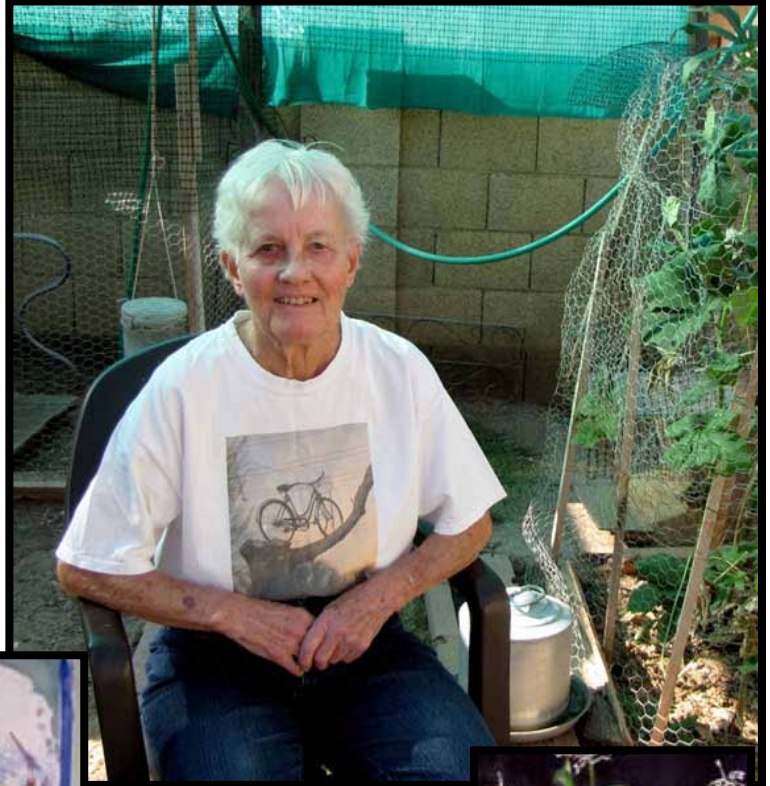
# NANCY GORAN IS OUR FEATURED ARTIST!

Nancy came to art as a senior by taking drawing classes with Donna Levine at the Pyle Center in 2000. She drew with colored pencils and her first entry into the Senior Show in 2001 was two nudes of her husband Gary, done in colored pencil.

Nancy started to take watercolor in about 2004 and feels she has much more to learn so is still taking classes. In 2011 Nancy bought five chicks and started drawing and painting them. She enjoys having the chickens and made painting them a project. She created a series of wonderful chicken paintings with a chicken collage hanging in the current Senior Show on the second floor of the Tempe Library.

Most of Nancy's paintings tell a story and are both lovely and interesting.

Her latest painting project is sweet potato leaves and Nancy is using this project to become adept at perspective and layering. She says it's easy to get lost in the middle of one of these paintings.



Nancy and Gary have been married 47 years after a very small wedding in the courthouse in San Francisco. They have a son who lives in Tempe and a daughter in Spokane.



# Penny Benjamin Peterson Workshop on Abstract Painting



In early November, Penny Benjamin Peterson led a fabulous two-day abstract acrylic painting workshop, where she taught TAG members how to use a myriad of tools, mediums, and layering techniques to create unique, colorful, textural works of art.



Fun was had by all!

# NOVEMBER MEETING

Wildlife artist, Ann Peyton, volunteered to handle the November critique.



In November, Susan Norton-Scott presented our program.

The name of Sue's presentation was "Questioning the Questions," which encompasses her unique artistic point of view. "By changing the questions we ask, we open ourselves to innovative responses, and redefine ourselves in the process." After presenting digital images of her surrealistic art, she unveiled three large mixed media pieces to the group. Most memorable was "Puzzling Out Phosphorus." That work was created for a scientist/artist conference at ASU and featured moving puzzle pieces that clearly demonstrated the phosphorus cycle and the problems that are occurring due to mining that element. The main message of Sue's presentation was to be willing to take artistic risks and step outside established routines and comfort zones.



As Pablo Picasso stated, "Every act of creation is first of all an act of destruction." Sue encouraged us to be willing to question the questions and sometimes draw outside the lines!

# FIFTH YEAR FOR MCC STUDENT ART SUPPLY AWARDS SPONSORED BY TAG

There is no award more appreciated by art students than a gift card for art supplies. At the November TAG meeting, six Mesa Community College students received just such an award from TAG and three local art stores: Arizona Art Supply, Blick's Art Materials and Jerry's Artarama. Each art store generously matched a \$100 gift card purchased by TAG for the awards.

Eleven art students of MCC instructor Leo Di Fraia submitted applications with artwork for the six \$100 art supply gift cards. The winning students were Alex D'Romero, Ashya Flint, Katie Pearce, Mackenzie Kunding, Ange McNeese and Sean Dirks.

TAG members enjoyed visiting with the students, learning about their plans and seeing their artwork. This is the fifth year for the MCC Student Art Supply awards sponsored by TAG. Here is some of the students' exceptional work submitted this year:



**Ashya Flint,  
Charcoal drawing of female nude**



**Katie Pearce,  
Acrylic still life painting**



**Mackenzie Kunding,  
Charcoal study of Charles Darwin**



**Ange McNeese,  
Charcoal drawing of Cupid**



**Alex D-Romero,  
Charcoal head of black woman**



**Sean Dirks,  
Ceramic sun**

# Karen Curran is November's Artist of the Month!



Karen Curran's 1st Place painting titled "Napa"

Karen says:

"This 18"x24" acrylic painting was inspired by a photo I took last year while wine tasting in a charming old castle in Napa Valley. All of the brickwork made this painting a challenging lesson on two-point perspective. At first, I thought I might use my creative license and forgo the brickwork, but my husband said it just wouldn't generate the same feeling. So, forge on I did. Who doesn't like a good challenge...right?"



Veronica Francis took 2nd Place



Donna Davis took 3rd Place

## Lucky winners of the November raffle prizes were:



**Sonya Will**  
\$25 Jerry's Artarama gift  
certificate winner



**Evelyn Gholson**  
\$25 AZ Art Supply gift  
certificate winner



**Ruth Graham**  
\$25 Blick gift  
certificate winner



**Deborah Oldfield**  
\$25 Affordable Framing gift  
certificate winner

*As always, thank you to **Arizona Art Supply**,  
**Jerry's Artarama**, **Affordable Framing**  
and **Blick** for their support!!!*

*(When you visit their stores, please let them know  
they're appreciated!)*

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# DECEMBER MEETING



Magician Gary West

After the Holiday Potluck dinner, magician Gary West entertained TAG members and guests with a fast moving, colorful magic show.



Tom Gaitan and Jean Hemp volunteer to help Gary West in the show.



2014 Artist of the Month group photo.

Artists from left to right: (back row) Nancy Goren, Alan Carroll, Barbara Wood, Janet Fagan, Barbara Clark, Teena Prentice, Jean Hamrick; (front row) Gail Boyd, Sandi Lunsford, Karen Curran; (not present for photo) Evelyn Gholson



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**Congratulations, Janet!**



\$25 door prizes were awarded to: Gail Boyd (Affordable Framing), Donna Davis (AZ Art Supply), Sandi Lunsford (Jerry's Artarama), and Jean Hamrick (Blick).



AZ Art Supply donated art bags to all. Barbara Wood and Ruth Blaut were each lucky winners of two hidden \$50 gift certificates from AZ Art Supply.



# A Message from the President



It has been very gratifying being president this past year. A president is just one person. When we have a crew of amazing women, each contributing in their own way, their input and support, we have an awesome team! I thank every one of them!

Yes, there is a lot of behind-the-scenes-work that goes on, to provide smooth and interesting meetings for all our members and guests.

From the speakers, shows, demos, workshops and yes, even the snacks, to make each monthly meeting as fascinating as possible. I include here that your ideas and comments are very important and appreciated to continue to keep up the needs and interests for TAG.

On a sad note, we lost some members this past year... Howard Simpson for one, the founder of TAG. Several others have moved away. They all will be missed dearly. We keep some in our prayers, while others we wish them many new adventures and lots of happiness. Life is very precious! The people we meet are precious, as with each member of TAG. I am privileged and honored to know all of you!

As with every year, there are changes... some challenging and some interesting. I always believe when one door shuts another door opens... when you still feel stuck, there's a window opening. Always have faith!

We are always looking for new avenues and adventures to keep our interests peaked and savor the creativity and inspirations of upcoming ideas for our art. It will be intriguing to see what 2015 has in store for TAG... stay tuned!

Wishing every one of you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays and yes...**Happy, Happy, Happy Creative, Fun & Prosperous 2015!**

Jean Hemp  
President

# MEMBER NEWS



**TAG members, Doralee Ewing, Frances Colley, Barbara Wood, Mike Wilson, and Janet Fagan (not pictured) enjoyed an outing to the Superstition Springs art group studios.**



## **TAG welcomes our newest members!**

Margaret "Margo" Brice, a watercolor artist, Arleen Gitelman, a drawing, watercolor, and acrylic artist, and we welcome back Veronica Francis!

**Welcome to TAG!**

Kat Kurgan is working to provide art supplies for a Make a Wish child with Leukemia who is from a military family. She asked the group for Walter Foster books or drawing materials to be dropped off at an AZ Art Supply store.

## **TAG Outreach Plans for Tempe Elementary School Art Project**

The TAG Board of Directors recently approved \$500 to be spent on a matching art grant with the City of Tempe to benefit students in the Tempe Elementary Schools. TAG Outreach Committee members are in the early stages of planning a field trip and related art project for a group of sixth and seventh grade students and their art teacher at Tempe Academy of International Studies.

The art students would travel to the Phoenix Art Museum to view the Andy Warhol Portrait exhibition in March, then return to their school and make their own silkscreen projects. TAG member Barbara Wood, a docent at the Phoenix Art Museum, would enrich their experience both at the museum and in the classroom. Planning involves writing a mini-grant and collaborating with representatives from TAG, City of Tempe, Tempe Elementary Schools, and Phoenix Art Museum. Together, we can make great art happen. Stay tuned for updates on this exciting project!



**Anne Marie Carrington will be exhibiting some of her work in the Cowboy Legacy Gallery in Old Town Scottsdale**



**Donna Davis sold the above painting, "Unseen Angel" at the exhibit at Meritus.**



**Deborah Oldfield also sold a large abstract painting at Meritus.**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **THURSDAY, JAN. 15th**

TAG meeting: Critique at 5:45 pm, Business meeting at 6:30.  
Program by **Bruce Stam** on plein aire painting

### **THURSDAY, FEB. 19th**

TAG meeting: Critique at 5:45 pm, Business meeting at 6:30.  
Program by **Katherine Hope**, on acrylics and cement painting

### **FRIDAY, FEB. 27th**

Pick up art and drop off new art at Meritus offices. A schedule will be drawn up as the date gets closer.

### **THURSDAY, MAR. 19th**

TAG meeting: Critique at 5:45 pm, Business meeting at 6:30.  
Program by **Dave Flitner**, a well known desert landscape artist

## UPCOMING ART SHOWS:

### **JAN. 16 - MARCH 29, 2015**

AZ Fine Art EXPO, Scottsdale, AZ  
\$10 season pass/\$8 senior/military  
10am-6pm

### **JAN. 17 - MARCH 29, 2015**

Celebration of Fine Art, Scottsdale, AZ  
\$10 season pass/\$8 senior/military  
10am-6pm

### **FEB. 4 - 8, 2015**

Tubac Festival of the Arts, Tubac, AZ  
Free Admission  
10am-5pm

### **MARCH 7, 2015**

Art at the Lakes, Sun Lakes, AZ  
Free Admission  
9am-2pm (rain date March 14, 2015)

### **MARCH 27-29, 2015**

2015 Spring Tempe Festival of the Arts, Tempe, AZ  
Free Admission  
10am-5:30pm