



THANKS TO DONNA DAVIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON TAG BOARD

Donna Davis, a charter member of our Guild is leaving the TAG Board because she now lives in Sun City West. However, she will continue to be our fellow member and participate in activities. The TAG Board and membership thank her for her friendship and participation over many years.

Donna is an ardent supporter of the Tempe Artists Guild and served on the Board since its inception in 2007. Along with Howard Simpson, Janet Fagan and other charter Tempe members, she was instrumental in starting this art group. Donna was the first Secretary of TAG and became its second President, after Howard's term.

She got the TAG website up and running and has written our marvelous TAGlines for many years. Donna's leadership and strong support were constantly evident as the TAG organization and activities unfolded over the years. There isn't an aspect of TAG that she has not helped to take shape. Her help in organizing TAG shows over the years is especially noteworthy.

THANK YOU, DONNA!

Tempe Artists Guild Board

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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PENNY WATKINS IS OUR FEATURED ARTIST!

Penny Watkins did some oil painting about 45 years ago and then didn't make art again until she took a drawing class with Donna Levine 12 years ago. The next semester she took painting and has been putting acrylic colors on canvas ever since. Penny says painting is her recreation. She's still taking classes with Donna and has taken classes with Bud Heiss. This summer she will be taking a workshop in Scotland and is looking forward to the trip and the workshop. Her favorite subject is big flowers.

She shows her work at Meritus, Friendship Village, TAG art shows and regularly participates in the Pyle Center's senior art show. Penny's painting is for herself – it gives her great pleasure and she enjoys "smooshing colors on canvas."

Penny has a large wonderful family. She has five children, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. The fifth great grandchild is due in April and will be named Penelope after her.



JANUARY MEETING

Gail Boyd graciously led the January critique.



GUEST SPEAKER BRUCE STAM presented an informative program on the materials and equipment he uses for plein air painting. He demonstrated the procedures he has determined to be the most efficient in the field. Bruce travels extensively during the summer, mainly in national parks where he finds the most appealing natural subjects and an atmosphere of tranquility in which to paint. He generously shared a plethora of tips for the serious plein air painter. Bruce has an arrangement with Jerry's Artarama to paint in locales which are posted on the Jerry's website, for those wishing to join a group for plein air painting every other Saturday.



LISA SARGENT is January's Artist of the Month!



"Desert Pinks"

24" x 30" Acrylic on Canvas, 2015

Lisa says:

"This painting was inspired by photos from a kayak trip down the Colorado River last year. I made a decision to create this piece using some of the techniques learned during a previous Penny Benjamin Peterson workshop, focusing on developing a looser style as I have a tendency to get caught up in small details on many of the pieces I create. I enjoy working with vibrant colors so was pleased that this painting captured the bright color of the desert flowers while maintaining a somewhat impressionist style."

Lisa Sargent's 1st Place painting titled "Desert Pinks"



Becky Spradling took 2nd Place



Alan Carroll took 3rd Place



There was stiff competition for Artist of the Month!

Thank you to Sonya Will for all you do! We appreciate you!



Gift certificates were won in the January drawing by:



Terry Gott won \$25 from Jerry's Artarama!



Becky Spradling won \$25 from Arizona Art Supply!



Barbara Clark won \$25 from Affordable Framing!



Ruth Blaut won \$25 from Blick!

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!)

FEBRUARY MEETING

Thank you to our guest critiquer, Leo di Fraia, for an insightful, energetic critique!



The February program was presented by artist Kathleen Hope, who is currently showing at the Scottsdale Celebration of Fine Arts. She generally works on board in mixed media with cement and encaustic. Kathleen shows at two galleries, teaches workshops, and does commission pieces in collaboration with art consultants and designers. Her work is often large, abstract, and contemporary. She likes to work on porous surfaces and uses a cement mixture, experimenting with materials while carving, scraping, and getting her hands dirty. Her inks, dyes, and other materials are usually purchased at building supply stores. She finishes her pieces with encaustics or varnishes. Kathleen's work is very interesting.



MOLLY CAMERON is February's Artist of the Month!



Molly Cameron's 1st Place painting titled "Desert Cactus Blossom"

"Desert Cactus Blossom" 18" x 24" Oil on Canvas

Molly says:

"The desert in bloom inspires me to paint the awesome beauty of it all. That's why I refer to myself as 'South West artist'. Although I enjoy painting most anything or tryyyy...ha! Thanks to all my fellow artists...they, too, inspire me. Go artists at TAG!"



Barbara Wood took 2nd Place



Ruth Blaut took 3rd Place

Gift certificates of \$25.00 each were won by a drawing in February, as follows:



Jerry's Artarama -
Janet Fagan



Arizona Art Supply -
Barbara Wood



Affordable Framing -
Jean Hemp



Blick Art Materials -
Diane Helseth

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MEMBER NEWS

Tag Welcomes It's Newest Members:

- Denise Carlin- a watercolor artist
- Diane Harrison - a watercolor artist
- Teresa (Teri) Prokes - a watercolor, acrylic, ceramics, and jewelry artist

Welcome! We look forward to getting to know you and seeing your artwork!

Membership dues of \$35.00 are due by March 1.



Molly Cameron sold a piece at Meritus (shown left).

A total of approximately 15 pieces of art have been sold at Meritus since the program began about a year and a half ago!

The next TAG/Meritus Show will run from February 27 until June 26.



Ruth Blaut sold a commissioned watercolor painting (shown left).

Kat Kurgan reminds members that Arizona Art Supply is having a new contest "Food for Thought". All art entries must involve food only and will be accepted until 5pm on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. Prizes will be given! Visit www.arizonaartsupply.com/contest for all contest rules and details on how to enter.

Ten people went with the TAG group to the Tubac Art Festival on Saturday, February 7, where over 140 artists were displaying their arts and crafts. The tour also visited the San Xavier del Bac Mission and the Ted DeGrazia Gallery in Tucson. Following are photos of the trip:

The white mission and the brown archway were taken at San Xavier del Bac Mission outside of Tucson.



Howard and Ruth Blaut at the DeGrazia Gallery in Tucson.



MEMBER NEWS CONTINUED...

TAG SUPPORTS ASU SCHOLARSHIP FOR SEVENTH YEAR -- NOW NAMED AFTER HOWARD SIMPSON

Since 2009, TAG has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship annually to a Bachelor of Fine Arts Senior or Master of Fine Arts student at the ASU Herberger Institute's School of Art. This year's scholarship supported at February's Board meeting is especially noteworthy. It commemorates TAG's founder and first president. The award is now called the Tempe Artists Guild Howard G. Simpson Scholarship.

The TAG membership enjoys hearing from each year's winning student at a Spring meeting. Claire Bauer, the 2014 winner, plans to attend the upcoming March meeting. Claire is studying drawing and painting. She currently helps teach children to draw in a Young Rembrandts class. Be sure to come and meet Claire.

TAG Outreach Update

It's finalized! TAG has partnered with the City of Tempe to create a unique grant benefiting sixth and seventh grade art students enrolled in the Tempe Academy of International Studies. "Global Icons: Modernizing Warhol's Portraits" supports a trip to the Phoenix Art Museum to view the special exhibit of Andy Warhol's Portraits. TAG member and PAM docent Barbara Wood will facilitate the museum experience. Upon returning to school, art teacher Kelsey Mapston will help students create silkscreen portraits of today's icons from around the world. The final exhibit of student work will feature research about the icons as well as their portraits. The grant will fund transportation, museum admission, and silkscreening supplies for the students. Stay tuned for more information about their progress and an invitation to see the student art show in May!



Sue Norton Scott playing the bass flute for guests on Jan. 30, 2015 at Friendship Villiage.

I hope everyone is excited for the upcoming Tempe History Museum Show from late August to early October. This will be our 4th year, that we have been invited back! Awesome!

This year's theme is **AZ: More Than 5 "C"s**. Get those brain cells churning and your paint brushes flying for topics beginning with "C" (Arizona related). Need examples: Cactus, Coyotes, Cats, Canyons, Children, Cardinals, Creeks, Clouds, Cows, Cake, Candles, use your imagination!

Looking forward to seeing the input and results!

Jean Hemp, President

Lisa Sargent and Karen Curran will be participating in the Art at the Lakes Show on March 7, 2015 (rain date March 14) in Sun Lakes.



Lisa Sargent's sample artwork



Karen Curran's sample artwork

Upcoming Events

UPCOMING TAG EVENTS:

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th

TAG field trip to the Celebration of Fine Art. Meet at the south parking lot of Pyle Center at 9:30 to carpool.

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/CONTINUING 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. 27-JUNE 26, 2015

TAG/Meritus Art Exhibit

MARCH 7, 2015

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

MARCH 10-JUNE 9, 2015

Desert Foothills Lutheran Church Art Gallery
29305 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85266

MARCH 27-29, 2015

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

APRIL 11-12, 2015

Phoenix Pride Art Expo
(register at phoenixpride.org)

JUNE 18-JULY 7, 2015

Becky Joy Italy Workshop
(RSVP to dianescholar@cox.net)

AUGUST 2015

TAG Art Show, **AZ: More Than 5 "C"s**, at the Tempe History Museum --- get prepared!