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From the President's Brush

Happy Spring, TAG members!

Wow, can you believe it—we're beginning our **3rd year of existence** as the Tempe Artists Guild? And what a long way we have come thanks to our enthusiastic and talented membership and a solid group of movers and shakers in the organization!!

Since our last newsletter, we held our annual show at The Artists' Studio at "The Farm" at South Mountain in February, and our first Petersen House Art Festival, "Art at the Red House", in March. Several of our members also participated in the Arizona Art Alliance Show in March. (By the way, **14 TAG members** are now juried into the Alliance.)

Our meeting programs continue to get better and better, with more exciting ones to come. Because we have so much we want to learn and do, we have decided to hold meetings throughout the summer this year. The emphasis for the summer months may be less on formal programs and more on getting together to share food, fun, and art.

I love seeing all of you at the meetings, field trips, in classes, and at shows, so keep on participating and growing in your art!

Celebrate life—make art!



Thank You Sponsors!



Membership Update

Sonya Will, Membership Chair

Our newest members:

Elizabeth Pericles, Frank Hebert, Diana Gilmore, Ernie Nickels, Jean Turner Smith, Debra Oldfield, John Behrend, Richard Nearing and Maria Janfrancisco.

Welcome to TAG!

Everyone, please renew your membership for 2009 if you have not. It is \$30.00 per year send payment to:

Tempe Artists Guild

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Thank you.

Monthly Meetings

Tempe Artists Guild will meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. at:

Friendship Village of Tempe Recreation Center

2645 E. Southern Ave.

Tempe, AZ 85282

(Located between Loop 101 and Dobson Rd., Just west of Banner Desert Medical Center.)

Meetings begin at 6:30 PM. After a brief business meeting, TAG has an art related program, Artist of the Month/Year Competition. Coffee, tea and cookies are served during each meeting. An Art Critique is before meeting at 5:45pm.

Guests are always welcome
Map available on our website

Member News

Gail Boyd has an ongoing sale of her work on display at the gallery, "Art on Boston" where she has had continual successful sales and commissions.

Ernie Nickels received \$100 for 3rd place for his sculpture display at the Peterson House Festival.

Barbara Wood's art scarves are available for sale at "The Farm" at South Mountain where her work is being shown.



Dorothy Janca received a **First Place ribbon** at the **Spring AAA show in Peoria** for her jewelry.



Jo Campbell received a Merit Ribbon, for her Photograph at the same show.
Great work ladies

More wonderful glass sculpture to see at the Chihuly exhibit.



In February, members took in the annual Scottsdale Art Walk after having dinner at Los Olivos Mexican Restaurant. The Art Walk gave the members an opportunity to tour the galleries and speak to the artists about their art and the business of art. Viewing art with fellow artists enhances the gallery experience. A highlight of the walk was seeing TAG member, Dave Flitner, demonstrating his technique for creating amazing light in the Arizona landscape.

Field Trips



We met at **Los Olivos** for dinner before the Art walk.

Food, art fellowship and fun at the Botanical Gardens.



The TAG field trip on March 26th was a huge success with the largest number of trippers yet. Seventeen members saw the Desert Botanical Garden complemented with the breathtaking glass sculptures by Chihuly. The trip was timed to see the exhibition in daylight, at sundown and after dark. The group also enjoyed a light supper in the Garden Cafe.

TAG field trips take members all over the Valley and outside the Valley as well to see art, artists and learn about how to do art and the business of art. In January, members spent a delightful day at the Fine Art Expo in Scottsdale seeing some magnificent art and talking to artists about their work. A highlight was a visit with Donna Levine, Pyle Art Instructor, who was showing at the Expo this year.

Field trips scheduled for April and May will take members out of the Valley and into cooler climates to see the cool art in Wickenburg and Prescott. On Friday, April 24, members will meet at the Pyle South Parking Lot at 8:45 a.m. to begin the trip to Wickenburg. The Desert Caballeros Western Museum is exhibiting the work of western women artists. The show called Cowgirl Up!! This should be a real kick. The admission charge is \$6.00. Trippers will have lunch at the nearby Sandwich Saloon. June we will be seeing "Cezanne & American Modernism" at the Phoenix Art Museum.

On Saturday, May 23, Memorial Day Weekend, a day trip is scheduled to take in the 35th Annual Western Art Show and Sale held in downtown Prescott and sponsored by the Phippen Museum. The Museum itself will feature a miniature masterpiece show of small works by featured Western artists. The Phippen believes the true spirit of the American West is preserved in its art. Members will have lunch at the Hassayampa Inn. Join us and view exceptional western art and engage in discussions with professional western artists about their work.

The bottom line or TAGline is that these trips are great fun -- so join up and see the art world with us.
See you there!

Gail Boyd



Art Shows

Gilbert Art Walk

The Gilbert Art walk was a great opportunity.

Although attendance was light, the event was a first of its kind in Gilbert.

The Park is very nice, and the water features are extraordinary. I cannot say enough about the volunteers; they were gracious and helpful. It would not have been the same without them.

The supply of tents was priceless; we would be lucky if we were to get another offer that includes tents.

TAG artists that participated were: Doris Chamberlain, Janet Fagan, Jo Campbell, Barbara Wood, Dorothy Janca, Sonya Will, Wilma Dilley, Dot Wilkens, Daphne Azzi, Cherie Colaw, Mary Jenkins. The setup was made easier on all of us with the gracious help from Howard Simpson.

We learned some lessons:

The pegboards take flight if you do not tie them down in windy weather, and the grids that Doris found are a wise investment.

Wilma Dilley sold a piece, and Dorothy Janca made some sales. Early traffic was a joy, a great crowd of people.

No one could resist the girl scouts and their cookie sales

The Farm

Valentine at the farm was a perfect venue. The weather was amazing, and the location is perfection. Renee sold some jewelry and we sold three paintings. I'm impressed with all sales in this economy. We will have more signage on the other side of the farm and more advertising next year. We will also be implementing, Mona's idea for, a visitor's choice award. Any one that has not participated yet, you are missing out.

Peoria AAA

AAA has done it again; they do a fantastic job of making it as easy as possible for artists to participate in a world-class venue. The buffet was better than last time. The setup was larger than last time, including external tents shown by additional artists. A live band was provided and what a hoot they were, toe tappin' I 'll tell you. The one and only Joanne Campbell won an award. Go Jo! Also Hurray for Dorothy Janca's First place Ribbon.

The Petersen House

Some of has been waiting a lifetime for this event. This home is an icon in Tempe. The support and organization from the City of Tempe historical staff was insightful and colorful. Music was provided for the soul and vendors provided nourishment for the body. The conversations with the judges were compelling and intimate.

Ernie Nickels sold a piece and won an award, and Renee and Dorothy sold some more jewelry. Go Ernie!

We will continually strive for improvements and there will always be room for improvements. Advertising and signage are foremost for us to tackle.

We are looking at opportunities to show in downtown Tempe.

Cherie Colaw

Sonya Will,
Wilma Dilley



Janet Fagan,
Barbara Weed
Await big
sales at the
Gilbert Art
Walk



Debra Oldfield buying art
from
Doris Chamberlain.
at " The Farm" Show.



Dorothy Janca's
First Place
winning Jewelry
At the Peoria AAA
Show



Donna Davis's set up

Gail Boyd demonstrating
her work

Both At the Petersen House



Programs

May:- Elliott Everson, president of the colored pencil society and artist, will be presenting a program about using colored pencil as a medium.

June- Joan Waters will do a presentation on Public Art and Metal Sculptures.

Other programs planned for the summer will be :

BBQ potluck with a Chinese Auction,

Making your Art into Greeting Cards, (this will be a workshop presentation.)

A 2 day workshop with Larry Charles is in the planning stages and will be a fundraiser for our community outreach program.

Report on Petersen House Show:

Tempe Artists Guild held their first show in collaboration with the City of Tempe at the Petersen House on March 21. The show, called "Art at the Red House", was also open to AAA juried artists. A total of 41 artists exhibited. All artists agreed it was a beautiful venue, which included free tours of the historic Petersen House, activities for children, food vendors, music, and a judged show. **Sandra Neuman Wilderman** was awarded the first place prize of \$300, **Bob Estrin** won 2nd place with \$200, and **Ernie Nickels** received \$100 for 3rd place. This will be a recurring event with the City, since all agreed it was a very successful first show. We hope to see even more AAA artists at future shows.

Dorothy Janca

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Artist of the Month

Pamela Jonas 1st



Howard Simpson



Dot Wilkins 2nd

April Winners

Ray Nutaitis 1st



March Winners



Donna Davis 2nd



Nancy Goren 3rd

Sandi Lunsford 1st



Charles Wilkins 2nd



Doris Chamberlain

February Winners

Tempe Artists Guild Artist of the Month Rules

At each monthly meeting of the TAG membership, the attending members will individually judge and vote for a "TAG Artist of the Month". The vote will be by written ballot. A TAG member appointed by the President will tally the vote and announce the winner.

Competition runs from January through November with Artist of the Year being chosen in December. Once an artist has won 1st place, that artist cannot compete again for the rest of the year.

Only TAG members can enter the competition and vote.

Art submitted must be the artist's original work (based on artist's own photos or ideas). Reproductions of another artist's work, or work copied from a magazine, book, calendar, copyrighted photo, etc. don't qualify.

Members will vote for one work only, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded. (In case of a tie, a ribbon will be awarded to each artist tied for either 1st or 2nd. In that situation, there would be no 3rd place ribbon awarded.)

At the December party all 1st place winners may submit their winning artwork for "Artist of the Year". If the work is no longer available, we will accept a photo of the work for the competition.

TAG Twitters

Special announcement about TAG meeting parking :

Many of you are aware that there have been several accidents outside of the Rec. Center where TAG meets. We go in when it is light and leave when it is dark (very dark) and although we look we sometimes don't see a car lurking in the murky shadows behind us. This has happened at least 4 times that I know of, involving at least 8 cars. If the parking spots are taken it is not really safe to park across the street behind cars that are going to be backed out. There is a solution!

Cars can be parked at the apartment building lot. Trams are usually waiting at the main entrance. If not, use the phone in the lobby to dial #8888. That connects you to security which sends a tram your way. There is no cost. Tipping is NOT permitted.

After the meeting call for the tram again and it will get you for the return trip. Lets do our part to keep Friendship Village safe for our meeting place host.



TAG Congressional Art Competition Judges

Duane Slater

Gail Boyd

and Mona Gilstrap

with Congressman Harry Mitchell

CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ART COMPETITION:

OUR TEMPE ARTISTS GUILD WAS ASKED BY CONGRESSMAN HARRY MITCHELL TO JUDGE THE DISTRICT 5 CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ART SHOW THIS YEAR. OUR JUDGES WERE GAIL BOYD, MONA GILSTRAP, AND DUANE SLATER WHO ARE MEMBERS OF TAG. THE WINNER WILL GO TO WASHINGTON DC TO COMPETE IN THE NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH ART SHOW. THIS IS A NATION-WIDE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ART COMPETITION

THE 1ST PLACE WINNER IS INVITED TO WASHINGTON DC FOR A RECEPTION HONORING THE WINNERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND THEIR WORK IS THEN DISPLAYED IN THE WHITE HOUSE FOR 1 YEAR. THE SECOND PLACE PIECE IS DISPLAYED IN THE CONGRESSMAN'S D.C. OFFICE FOR ONE YEAR. THE THIRD PLACE PIECE IS DISPLAYED IN THE CONGRESSMAN'S SCOTTSDALE OFFICE FOR ONE YEAR.

THE AWARDS PRESENTATION WAS HELD APRIL 18TH IN THE GALLERY AT THE ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AT PAPAGO PARK.

EVERYONE ATTENDING WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE QUALITY OF ART BY OUR LOCAL YOUTH



April TAG Meeting with Chris Saper demonstrating the art of painting, using a live, portrait model (TAG member Joyce White). Below are other TAG members observing her progress.



Coming up Youth Art Show at "The Farm" will be assisted by TAG members in the hanging and removal of art for the show. Local high school students will be the entrants. TAG will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place monetary prizes and provide refreshments for the May 9-10 event. Information can be found at; "The Farm" at South Mountain web-site.