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TAG's 2011 Artist of the Year!



Duane Slater
"COCONINO SNOW STORM"

A Letter from TAG's President

Dear Members,

Before my term as President ends in March, I want to say thank you for the support and hard work that makes our Guild the vibrant and thriving art group that it is. TAG is especially fortunate to have a competent, energetic and enthusiastic Board to guide its efforts.

The best way to see what TAG accomplished in 2011 is to look back at our newsletters for the year. What I see is joy in the faces of members. Joy in learning about, making and exhibiting art with our fellow members. Joy in giving to our local art community -- its art students and professional artists.

I can be more specific by recalling three remarkable 2011 TAG exhibitions at The Farm at South Mountain, the Arizona Art Alliance, and the Gallery at Desert Foothills Church; \$1,500 in donations to art students at ASU, MCC and Ward Elementary School; nine informative and exciting meeting programs and two workshops by professional artists, Bud Heiss' member exhibition and Darrell Cottle's framing workshop; great field trips, critiques, artist of the month competitions and so much more. The images of Tempe made by TAG members for the Guild's 2012 fine art calendar was a considerable achievement in itself.

But, the joy I see in the faces of members when I look at the newsletters sums up 2011 in the best way and 2012 promises to be as enjoyable. Exciting meetings and field trips are being planned. Our fun February show at The Farm is on the calendar. TAG members can look forward to an exhibition of their images of Tempe at the Tempe History Museum in September. This body of work will be part of Tempe's celebration of Arizona's Centennial.

So, let's welcome our new officers in March and make some good art in the new year!

Gail

OUTREACH NEWS

We are looking forward to meeting our ASU scholarship winner at the January meeting. Benjamin Phillips, who is in his final year in the graduate sculpture program, received the 2011 Tempe Artists Guild Scholarship for \$1,000.

He will give a short presentation on his accomplishments during the year. Ben also received the Nathan Cummings Travel Grant and spent time studying his art in Italy this past summer. It will be exciting to hear from this creative young man.

Submitted by Sandi Lunsford, Outreach Chair

A Report on our Calendar Project:

We are happy to report our "Images of Tempe" calendar was a success! It involved a lot of work contributed by a lot of people.

We ordered 150 calendars to be printed, and sold all of them except for the ones given to the contest winners and the 2 outside judges.

Gail Boyd generously purchased a few to donate to select City of Tempe officials.

Tally to Date:

Total Sales: \$2,712.00
Total Expenses: \$2,015.24
Profit: \$696.76 (which will go to our Community Outreach Program)

Thanks to all who made this project a success!!

Submitted by Sonya Will, Treasurer

Tempe Artists Guild meets the
**3rd Thursday of each month at
6:30 pm.**
(Critique at 5:45)

The Friendship Village of Tempe
2645 E Southern Ave
Tempe, AZ 85282

Located between Loop 101 and
Dobson Rd, just west of Banner
Desert Medical Center.

**Congratulations
to all of our
Tempe Artists
Guild
Artist of the
Year
Winners!!**



Sandi Lunsford won the 2nd Place honors with her watercolor, "Going to the Fair-No Right Turn".



Janet Fagan took 3rd Place in the Artist of the Year competition with her "Harris Hawk" oil painting.

Happy New Year to all fellow artists!

You may renew your membership for 2012 at any time. Although the TAG fiscal year starts on March 1, if you renew before that date your membership will be good until March 1, 2013.

With the election of new officers, there will be opportunities for participation on various committees, so join the fun of becoming more involved! Your artist friends are welcome too!

Ruth Blaut
Membership Chair

Our thanks to
**Arizona Art Supply, Jerry's Artarama,
Aaron Brothers, and Utrecht** for their
continuing support of the Tempe Artists
Guild.

November Meeting



Bud Heiss presented a very practical program on successfully using photography as the basis for your art work. He explained how to compose a successful picture, how to download it into a program on your computer, then how to manipulate it to use in your painting. He helped members realize how simple and useful the process can be.

Bud also talked about how to successfully photograph your paintings.



Janet Fagan, Art Show Chair, tells the group about what exciting shows are coming in 2012.



A happy trio of members receive their door prizes from **Sonya Will**. On the left is **Pamela Thompson-Lefkowitz**, below is **Bonny Sloane**, and to the right **Darrell Cottle** gives Sonya a hug as he accepts his prize. Congrats to all!



Recap of TAG's 2011 Programs

- January - Sue Hunter (impressionistic pastels)*
- February - Spencer King (rapid fire gesture drawing)*
- March - Sondra Wampler (fine art photography)*
- April - Nancy Chaboun (still life in oil)*
- May - Donna Levine (abstract expressionistic acrylic)*
- June - Richard Hall (contemporary realism in oil)*
- July - Larry Charles (quick draw portraits)*
- August - Darrell Cottle (mini workshop on framing) & potluck*
- September - Celebration/reception for "Images of Tempe" calendar*
- October - Debra Jones (portraits in pastel & watercolor)*
- November - Bud Heiss (working with photos)*
- December - Holiday Party*

We also hosted 2 workshops in 2011: Sue Hunter on pastels and Carole Hillsbery on watercolor.

DECEMBER PARTY



Over 60 members and their guests attended the TAG Holiday Potluck Party this year.

Highlights of the evening were, of course, the FOOD, piano music provided by Michelle Fettig, daughter of Tom Fettig, Artist of the Year selection, and a white elephant gift exchange.

As you can see by the photos, all were lookin' good and havin' fun!!

Future Meeting Programs:

January 19th : Linda Gooch on landscapes in oil

February 16th: Red Rohall on realistic oil paintings of roadside attractions



November
Artist
of
the
Month



Ruth Graham - 1st Place

Ruth says:

My acrylic painting is titled, "Feet".

This painting came about by accident. I was wearing my sequined sandals in class and someone suggested that they would make a good painting. I photographed myself on a plain carpet and on my oriental carpet. I liked the design on design aspect of the shoes, legs and carpet and painted them. This was an enjoyable painting to complete and challenging with its problems. I am pleased with the final product.

Artist of the Month Rules

At each monthly meeting, attending TAG members will individually judge and vote by written ballot for the Artist of the Month. A TAG member appointed by the President will tally the vote and announce the winner. 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. DO NOT QUALIFY! 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. 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, no 3rd place ribbon will be awarded.) At the December meeting, 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.

Deborah Oldfield won 2nd Place in November.



Margaret Hansche took the 3rd Place ribbon.

ART SHOW UPDATE

Desert Foothills Art Show

The Desert Foothills Art Show will end this month. All participants should remember to pick up their art on Tuesday, January 24 between 10:00 and 11:00 AM. If you are unable to get your work yourself, please arrange to have someone else get it for you.

The Desert Foothills Lutheran Church is located at 29305 N. Scottsdale Road.
Phone: 480 585-8007

Artists' Studio at The Farm Show

Our 6th annual show at The Farm at South Mountain will be held February 10, 11, 12. There will be an opening reception on Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. ***This is our favorite show of the year, so don't miss it!!***



TAG Show at the Alliance Gallery at the Pavilions

TAG will have its next 2 week show at the Alliance Pavilions Gallery from June 13 to June 24, 2012. This show is open to all TAG members, not just juried members of the Alliance.



Tempe History Museum Show

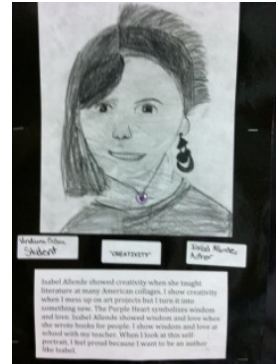
The exhibit will feature our ***"Images of Tempe"*** body of work, but will likely include other work as space permits. We will have an opening reception on Friday, Sept. 7, from 6:30 to 8:30. (Drop-off of art is Wed., Sept. 5 and pickup is on Mon. Oct. 22.) <http://www.tempe.gov/museum/>

WHAT'S NEW WITH TAG MEMBERS??

Sue Norton-Scott Teaches Tempe 5th Graders

Sue travels to 6 schools and sees 17 classrooms of fifth graders to present her 4-hour workshop called "Self-Portrait with a Twist". The Tempe Schools Studio Artist Program is funded by a grant from the City of Tempe and Tempe Elementary Schools. There are 6 artists total, and this is Sue's third year.

Check out www.tempe.gov/arts/studioartists to get more information on the program.



Artwork by one of Sue's students



Bud Heiss and 5 other artists have been selected to do public art projects for the City of Tempe. Each artist will complete a painting to be used for the design on Tempe's Public Library Cards. Also, each artist will paint scenes on a traffic control box located along Mill Avenue. Bud will paint three landscapes on his box at 4th & Mill. (One of his landscapes is shown at left.)

Upcoming Field Trips

Our TAG field trip in Jan will be to the Celebration of Fine Art in the white tents. We will be carpooling from Pyle Center at 9:30 AM on Friday, January 20th. This will be the day after our January TAG meeting. I will have a signup sheet there or you can call me at 480-215-0257 to let me know you would like to join us.

Yvonne Thomas, Field Trip Chair

Art Tip from Jerry's Artarama Website:

I like to use old muffin tins to mix separate colors of acrylic paint, and add a bit of retarding medium since it's very dry where I live. Muffin tins let me mix more paint at one time than old film canisters, which I've also used. When I'm done painting for that session, I cover the muffin tin with 2 layers of plastic wrap, and the paint stays wet and workable for quite a long time. It's easy to find old muffin tins at garage sales or thrift shops. - Jodie, Borrego Springs, CA