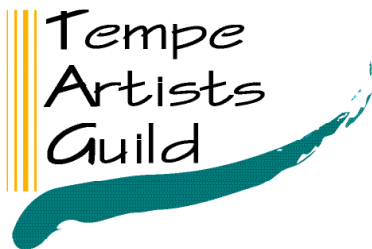


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2012 Artist of the Year Sandi Lunsford



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

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.)

January 17th Meeting features Matt Sterbenz,
Plein Aire Artist

February 21st Meeting features Paul Hopman,
Scratchboard Artist
www.paulhopman.com

March 21st Meeting features Chris Morningforest,
Mixed Media Artist

TAG's Featured Artist, Sandi Lunsford

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Sandi spent many years growing up as an "army brat", moving from place to place every year. Her main concern during this time was making friends before moving on again. Finally, landing in the small town of Duncan, Az., Sandi would go to the local "Art Gallery Drug Store" and watch Hal Empie, considered by many to be the Dean of Arizona Artists, paint his Southwest scenes. She was mesmerized but still did not pick up a brush.

Sandi went on to finish college and start a teaching career. She took her first painting class at ASU while working on her degree. "It was wonderful, and Dr. Earl Linderman took our class into the old Hayden Flour Mill where we set up our paints. He told me I had watercolor talent—and I was hooked."

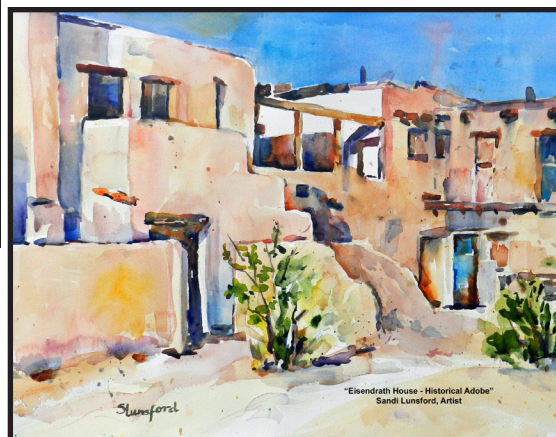
She continued taking classes and workshops whenever she could under wonderful watercolorists such as Carole Hillsbery, Julie Gilbert Pollard, Dick Phillips, Eric Wiegardt, among others including Tempe's Donna Levine. Sandi has participated in many local shows, taking honors in several. One group that has "pushed" her along the way is a critique group of ten artists.

"Watercolor is always a challenge, presenting new problems to solve with every flip of the brush," Sandi said. "It is equally rewarding and demanding. I think that is why I enjoy it so. As one watercolorist said, 'By all means, be a serious painter, but don't



take yourself too seriously. The whole business of putting little wet marks on fancy paper is pretty funny, really."

Sandi is thrilled to be retired from teaching and having time to hone her watercolor skills. She is married to Bill, has two sons and two wonderful grandchildren.



November Artist of the Month



Donna Davis is the November 2012 Artist of the Month, with her acrylic painting, "Abandoned on Oak Creek".

Donna says of her painting: "I took a photo of this abandoned and very old building when my husband and I were hiking on the west fork of Oak Creek outside of Sedona. I loved the holes in the roof and the sunlight and shadows in the broken windows. I don't usually paint landscapes, but was inspired by the beautiful setting."



Wilma Dilley won 2nd place.

Ruth Graham took the 3rd place ribbon.



The Montage Gallery Show was a great success! Approximately 135 people attended the November 18th opening reception. Several sales were made both at the reception and during the exhibition period.

The work of TAG artists was outstanding, and the gallery setting showed it off to its best advantage.

The quality of art produced by TAG's artists is getting noticed in the City of Tempe, and we've been invited to exhibit in other Tempe venues. Stay tuned for more opportunities in the future!!

Comments received:

"What a great reception at Montage today!!! I was so impressed with the fancy refreshments, the wonderful music, the festive mood!"

"Just an outstanding group effort that turned into a fabulous reception!"

"I want to thank you for the great job all of you did hanging the artwork at Montage. It looks fantastic!"

"Just fantastic!!! ... Everyone I talked to really enjoyed it!... Great job everyone!.."

"What a beautiful show and a marvelous reception!"

"Thanks to the Committee for all the work and for giving us the opportunity of having this nice show! It was a good show, well hung, good variety."

"CONGRATULATIONS! The reception was perfect. The show was very professionally hung. You are all doing so well."

Artists exhibiting in the Montage Gallery Show:

Marti Beson
Elaine Dehghanpisheh
Gail Boyd
Donna Davis
Deena Pace
Sonya Will
Doralee Ewing
Nancy Matus
Janet Fagan
Bud Heiss
Ruth Blaut
Sharon Cottle
Dorothy Janca
Sandi Lunsford
Yvonne Thomas
Penny Watkins
Jean Hemp
Deborah Oldfield
Pamela Thompson-Lefkowitz
Evelyn Gholson



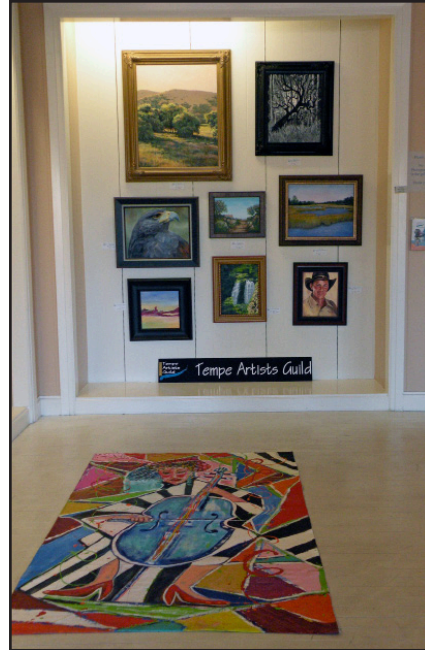
Keyboardist, Jack Kaske, provided "music to view art by".





Sharon Cottle, Jean Hemp, and Donna Davis relax after hanging the show.

Right, Bud Heiss paints in front of the gallery during the Tempe Festival of the Arts



TAG members' artwork at the Montage



NOVEMBER MEETING

Joann Mathews was our program presenter in November. She demonstrated her unique approach to producing her wonderful watercolor paintings.

Joann is an excellent and enthusiastic teacher, and we look forward to her workshop on Saturday, January 19th, when she will show us the technique of doing batik on rice paper.



Gail Boyd was the winner of a \$25 certificate from Utrecht.



Sharon Cottle took home a \$25 certificate from Jerry's Artarama.



Ruth Graham won a \$25 certificate from Arizona Art Supply.



(At left) Debra Jones led the critique at the November meeting.

Sharon Cottle shares this information: "I subscribe to the newsletter, clicks. robertgenn.com/risky-cliff.php, It is full of wisdom about art. The website is www.painterskey.com, for members who may have an interest."

Welcome to our newest TAG members!

Jim Amrine, who is a photographer.

Kimberly Calvert, who works in watercolor, photography, and glass. Kim is also a member of the Arizona Glass Alliance

(We hope you find what you're looking for with TAG, and will get involved in volunteering in the organization.)

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

DECEMBER MEETING



Festive, Fun, Friendly, Fantastic Food! That describes our annual TAG holiday party. Members, friends and family joined in to celebrate the season.

There was a short business meeting, nominations of new officers, and voting for Artist of the Year. The evening was capped off by a White Elephant gift exchange.

Door prize winners were: Teena Prentice, \$25 gift certificate to AZ Art Supply, Sharon Cottle, gift certificate to Jerry's Artarama, Jean Hemp & Barbara Clark, \$50 gift certificate each to AZ Art Supply.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!



Kat Kurgan looks excited about her gift choice!



Jean Hemp got into the "stealing" part of the game.



Dorothy Janca examines her selection closely.

Field Trips in 2013

January 25: Celebration of Fine Art, Scottsdale

March 1: Fine Arts Expo, Scottsdale

(Check website for details: www.tempeartistsguild.org)

MEMBER NEWS

Dorothy Janca and Deena Pace represented TAG at the Holiday Show at the Arizona Art Alliance. We look forward to additional member participation in future shows.



TAG Members Win Awards!

Deborah Oldfield took 1st place and Donna Levine received 3rd place honors in acrylics at the Arizona Art Alliance "Honoring our Veterans--and America" exhibition. Congratulations, Deborah and Donna!!

At left is Donna's painting, "Winter Light - Colorado".

TAG MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN "WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE" EXHIBITION

Gail Boyd has agreed to participate in the 2012 "Water Under the Bridge" exhibition at the Tempe Public Library from March 29 to July 24. Three of Gail's bridge paintings done in connection with TAG's Images of Tempe project will be shown in this exhibition.

Heiss Has Classes at AZ Art Supply

Bud Heiss is now teaching classes in oil, pastel, or acrylic every Sunday from 1-4 pm at the Arizona Art Supply classroom in their Phoenix location.



Four Exhibit at FV

TAG members, (from right clockwise), Janet Fagan, Donna Davis, Wes Ridley, and Bud Heiss, exhibited work in the gallery at Friendship Village in December. Janet, Donna & Wes are Bud's students..



TAG HAS BEST YEAR FOR OUTREACH TO ART COMMUNITY!

2012 was the best year since its founding in 2007 for TAG's outreach program!

TAG contributed \$2,500 to local art students. The Guild continued its Master of Fine Arts Scholarship to an ASU student. Rory MacLean, a figurative artist, received \$1,000 to help fund his first year in the ASU School of Art.

In conjunction with the City of Tempe and Jerry's Artarama, TAG contributed \$1,000 toward a \$2,500 project to provide permanent frames for Tempe's high school art students who exhibit annually in the Art6 show. TAG also teamed up with three local art stores, Arizona Art Supply, Jerry's Artarama and Utrecht, to provide six Mesa Community Art Students with \$100 gift cards to purchase art supplies for their classes.

In addition to the \$2,500 donated in support of community art students, TAG supported local artists by compensating them for presenting programs at most of the monthly meetings of the Guild and for holding workshops for members. TAG also sponsors field trips to visit studios and exhibitions of local artists.

TAG members deserve a collective pat on the back for the support they provide to art students and artists in their community.

New Opportunity for TAG Members

Beginning with the March 1st membership renewal timing, members can now advertise their personal website on TAG's site for only \$15 per year!! Just give us the name of your website, write your check for \$50 (dues + ad fee), and we'll do the rest.

Annual dues for TAG remain at \$35 annually--what a bargain!

TAG's 7th Annual Valentine's Show!!

at

The Farm at South Mountain

**Friday through Sunday, Feb. 8th, 9th, & 10th
from 9:00 - 3:00**

OPENING RECEPTION: FRIDAY, FROM 4 - 6

**This is our most popular show of the year,
so don't miss it!!!**