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TAG to Exhibit at Pavilions in September

The **Tempe Artists Guild** has its members' exhibit at the Arizona Art Alliance's gallery at the Pavilions at Talking Stick, 9079 E. Indian Bend, Scottsdale (101 & Indian Bend) *September 7th to 18th.*



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.

*THE PURPOSE OF ART ITSELF IS TO
STIMULATE THE APPRECIATION OF LIFE
AND TO INTENSIFY THE JOY OF LIVING.*

DUNCAN PHILLIPS

Pictures from the May workshop with Sue Hunter



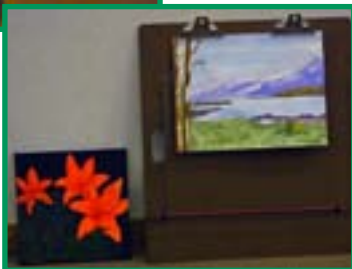
Sue Hunter demonstrates pastell over a watercolor



Happy workshop attendees, Nancy, Betty (above,), and Deborah (left)



Artwork in various stages of completion



Ruth (left) and Donna (above) in the initial process of creating their masterpieces.

TAG's next workshop will be at the August meeting, where **Darrell Cottle** will show members how to properly frame their work. Darrell will have picture wire, D-rings, backing paper, and the necessary tools available, and will help you put together your artwork. This is in preparation for the Pavilions Gallery show in September and the Desert Foothills show in November.

May
Artist
of
the
Month



1st Place - Bud Heiss

Bud's Statement on his painting:

The painting is an acrylic on masonite, measuring 18x18. It is titled "Sunset at Boyce Thompson".

It depicts a scene at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum just before sunset. The faint, warm colored light and bold rock formations inspired the painting. I try to capture a specific place at a specific time of day in most of my works.



2nd Place (tied) - Deborah Oldfield



2nd Place (tied)
Ray Nutaitis

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.



2nd Place (tied) - Gail Boyd

JUNE

ARTISTS

OF

THE

MONTH

1ST PLACE (TIED) - RUTH BLAUT

Ruth's statement about her winning painting titled "Jennifer":

"This portrait entitled "Jennifer" was painted in oils using a live model. It was an opportunity to use different brushstrokes to suggest varying textures in the hair and skin. Integrating color throughout the painting was also a challenge."



1ST PLACE (TIED) - ALAN CARROLL

Alan's statement about his winning colored pencil drawing titled "UH OH":

"My goal was to see if I could capture the action and all of the detail involved in photograph used for the drawing. I was very pleased with the final product."



1ST PLACE (TIED) - DARRELL COTTLE

Darrell's watercolor painting is titled "Halo at her Best". He says:

"As you know she is our new puppy; and what a joy! It's been 18 years since our last dog (Fancy)."

This little gal is a hoot--we love her."



2ND PLACE - PENNY WATKINS

Presenting a dynamic program at the May meeting, was abstract expressionist, Donna Levine.



Members enjoyed the presentation and interaction during Donna's demonstration, and loved the resulting painting!



Richard Hall's realistic, but unique perspective on capturing common objects on canvas captivated the members at the June meeting.



Bud Heiss gave a member's presentation at the June meeting on his beautiful landscapes, rendered in acrylic. He shared a little of his approach to painting with meeting attendees. Bud also teaches painting at various locations, including Friendship Village.

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

TAG News Clips

Outreach Update from Sandi Lunsford, Outreach Chair

TAG Outreach Committee is thrilled that all of our art stores are on board to work with us again this year! Jerry's Artarama, Utrecht, and Arizona Art Supply have each agreed to donate \$100 gift certificates to support giving art supply awards to Mesa Community College second year art students. TAG will also purchase matching gift certificates--thereby granting six awards of \$100 to eligible students for the Fall semester. We hope to be able to present the winning students with their art work at our October TAG meeting.

Andrew Pielage, a former member and friend of TAG, will have an exhibition of his photos of Tempe in the downtown Tempe Post Office beginning on July 8th. His night scenes of the Tempe waterfront are brilliant and show a city all grown up and ready for fun.

Check out his show when you stop by the Post Office.

Welcome New TAG Members!

Alan Carroll joined TAG in May. His favorite mediums are drawing and colored pencil. His rodeo picture won first place at our June meeting. Congratulations, Alan!

Jean Hemp joined TAG in June. Jean's favorite medium is acrylic. She heard about TAG from one of our members. Jean indicated several areas of interest on her application, so we look forward to utilizing her talents!

We're happy to welcome Alan and Jean to TAG!!

2011-2012 TAG Art Shows

Arizona Art Alliance Show

Sept 7-18, 2011

TAG's talented artists will display their fine work at the Arizona Art Alliance's Pavilion Gallery on the south side of Indian Bend Rd. in Scottsdale from September 7 through September 18, 2011.

Set up is on Sept. 5 between 10:00 & 12:00. Take down is on Sept. 19 between 9:00 & 10:00 AM. 17 panels are available to us in the gallery. Both original work and giclees are accepted. Artists with 3-D work must provide their own stands. The Alliance does not charge an entry fee but will take a 30% commission on any work that is sold. Participants do not need to be juried members of the Alliance.

This will be an opportunity to show the community how creative we are!

Desert Foothills Gallery

October 25, 2011-January 24, 2012

This beautiful gallery on Scottsdale Rd north of Jomax in Scottsdale is housed in the Desert Foothills Lutheran Church. It's an exciting place to exhibit our work and to expose TAG to a new group of people. Each TAG member may enter one or two of their best paintings.

Now that we have verification of the date, the art show committee will work out the details.

Submitted by **Janet Fagan**, Art Show Chairman

TAG Spotlight on Ernie Nickels

Ernie became interested in welding after inheriting his first welding equipment from his father-in-law who was a welder, gunsmith, and general all-around craftsman. After several welding classes at MCC, he's been working in abstract (primarily) steel sculpture since 1988/1990. Artwork for the garden is mostly allowed to rust naturally but interior pieces are powder coated to preserve the highly polished metal finish.

He practiced architecture and landscape architecture for more than 30 years after graduating from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Architecture. Now he has turned to the freedom of the world of art with his works of sculpture and free-hand sketches. Teaching at ASU included Sketching & Rendering, Working Drawings, and serving on juries for student work.

He has entered his work in several galleries and shows, including SunDust Gallery in Mesa and Schemer Art Center in Phoenix, in addition to commissions for private residences in Phoenix and Tempe. SunDust Gallery currently has at least 5 of his pieces on display. Representative sculpture and free-hand sketches are on his website: <http://www.erniesartwork.com>.

The common denominator of architecture, landscape architecture and art is the combining of form, texture, color, composition, play of light, space, scale, and balance with functionality and beauty. Many of Ernie's pieces are of recycled materials, and are best appreciated surrounded by nature in a patio or garden, or as a surprise focal point in interior spaces.

Gate for
Private
Residence
in Tempe



One of two
sculptures
of horses
for a
client in
Tempe.



Ernie working in his
shop

Art Tip

from Jerry's Artarama Website

Before adding the finishing touches to your artwork, take a picture with your digital camera using the black and white setting, or change it to black and white on your computer. You'll be able to quickly judge if your values are correct. Also, if you are sending a picture for a non-color publication, put these digitals on your computer screen to decide which ones will look the clearest in black and white. - Michele, Marquette, MI

Arizona Art Alliance News

The Alliance Gallery is making some changes which will benefit all members of TAG, **not just those who are juried**. They are now calling their gift shop the "Artist's Gift Shop" and have moved it to the front of the Gallery. They purchased a card rack and will install more shelving. It will be open to ALL Alliance members. Art work will be "reviewed" by the gift shop committee, so they don't get too much of one thing and also allow for seasonal items to be for sale.

A 2 foot square space will be rented on a month to month basis. If you are juried and paying for panel space in the Gallery, you will get a free space in the Gift Shop. More details will follow as these changes are made.

There are coupons from Jerry's Artarama and Utrecht in the July newsletter of the Arizona Art Alliance, so don't forget to print them before you visit those stores! www.azartalliance.com/newsletters

It is time to start thinking about the next **Holiday Show**. Panels will be \$50, and the dates will be Dec 1-24th. \$50 is a good price for a holiday showing.

The next jury deadline is set for August 30, but the chairman of the jury committee indicates that she is taking care of applications as soon as they come in so as to ensure that more artists are included in AAA shows and exhibits. She is also willing to help the artist with photos, and review 3-d works at the gallery if photos are a problem.



Field trip in August!!

Be sure to mark your calendar for **FRIDAY, AUGUST 12TH.**

We are going on a field trip to the **MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM.**

CARPOOLING from the PYLE ADULT CENTER AT 10:00 AM

LUNCH will be at the Museum restaurant.

There will be a SIGN-UP SHEET at the JULY 21ST TAG MEETING.

PLEASE JOIN US ON THIS VERY INTERESTING TRIP!

(If you want more info., please contact Yvonne Thomas)