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One of Gail
Boyd's "Orchid"
series (Gail is
our featured
artist in this
issue.)



From the President's Pen:

The TAG Team

Most organizations complain that the same ten people do all of the work. Tempe Artists Guild must be the exception to the rule.

Even though TAG's Board of Directors is composed of the ubiquitous ten members, many others pitch in to make its activities successful. At every meeting members greet guests with open arms and introduce them to fellow artists in the group. At critiques members suggest constructive ways to improve the artist's work. Art shows are successful because so many people exhibit their work, help set up and take down paintings, lug art back and forth to each participant's home, and simply enjoy the fruits of their labor. Because so many people collaborate to give life to the Tempe Artists Guild, members have created a team of artists who become friends: "The TAG Team".

Thank you for your help!

Janet

**Tempe Artists Guild's
Board Members and
Committee Chairmen**

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Art Critique

Bud Heiss/Duane Slater

Photographer

Bud Heiss

Publicity

Janet Fagan

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

**July 19th Program: Sharon Sieben doing a demo on using a palette knife
(www.sharonsieben.com)**

**August 16th Program: "Jungalbook", a special performance by member
Barbara Wood's theater troupe, a silent auction, and a potluck dinner**

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.

WELCOME NEW TAG MEMBERS!

Carmen Bieber - Carmen paints in acrylics.

Lena Felder - Lena received one of our MCC student gift certificates last year. She paints in oil and would like to begin pen and ink drawing.

Ann Dellis - Ann has worked in watercolor, mixed media, ceramics, and has done cartooning. She heard about TAG through Janet Fagan.

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

**TAG Member Heads Tempe
Municipal Arts Commission**

Nancy Goren, one of the founding members of the Tempe Artists Guild serves as Chairman of the Tempe Municipal Arts Commission. Nancy has served on this commission for several years, and has been an asset to TAG in this position.

The Mission of the Commission is to create an atmosphere in which the arts can flourish and to inspire Tempe citizens to recognize the arts as essential to the whole life of our community.

The Commission advises the Mayor and City Council on all art and cultural development, encourages arts organizations and artists in their pursuits, and supports cultural diversity as it adds to the richness of the community's artistic life. One of their biggest projects in the past was the development of the Tempe Center for the Arts.

Thank you, Nancy, for your service to Tempe and its community arts.



Tempe History Museum Show

September 7th to October 21st

Reception: Friday, Sept. 7, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

We are excited about our first TAG show in a Tempe public gallery!! You still have time to produce a work with "Tempe" as its theme, if you haven't already done so. We will likely have space for around 25 pieces of 2-dimensional art.

Drop-off is Wednesday, Sept. 6th and pick-up is Monday, Oct. 22.



*May
Artist
of
the
Month*

Sandi's Statement:

I have been working on portraits in Carole Hillsbery's class. It has taken me out of my comfort zone to use greens, blues, oranges, and other bright colors to make flesh tones--so it really has been a learning experience. This watercolor is of my son, Matt, and is the fourth one of a series. I will always be a lifelong student of watercolor; there is just so much to learn!

**Sandi Lunsford - 1st Place
with her watercolor, "Matt"**



**Elaine Dehghanpisheh
2nd Place**



**Donna Davis
3rd Place**

*June Artist of
the Month*



Deborah Oldfield - 1st Place
"Peace and Prosperity"
Acrylic

Deborah's Statement:

My painting, "Peace and Prosperity", is of a female dressed up and ready to go out on the town. She depicts one of my urban characters.

I use primary colors because of their intensity. I have a love of colors which is evident in all my paintings. I enjoy painting in a style that embraces modern urban art.



Donna Davis - 2nd Place



**Pamela Thompson-
Lefkowitz - 3rd Place**



Photos of TAG Show at The Pavilions at Talking Stick Gallery June 12 - 24



TAG Spotlight on Gail Boyd



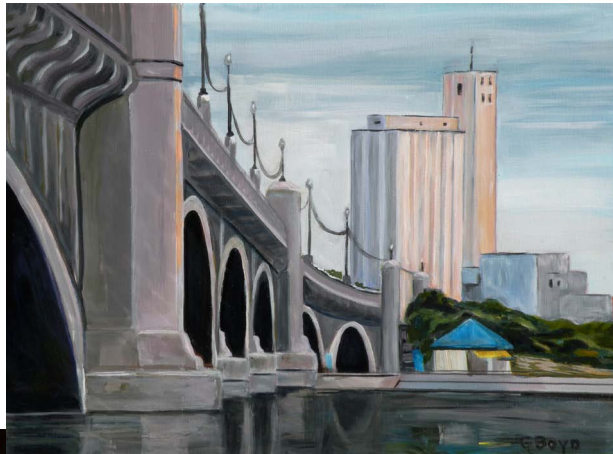
Gail with one of 4 commissioned paintings she did for a client

The featured member artist for this TAGlines issue is **Gail Boyd**. Gail is a past President of TAG. Presently, she is the Chairman of TAG's ambitious Outreach program that reaches out to support art students from elementary school to the ASU Master of Fine Arts program. Gail took art classes whenever she could in school, and designed and did the artwork for her Detroit high school's year books. Except for a class here and there, she gave up art after high school to get a law degree and practice law. After retirement, Gail returned to her early love of making art. She enrolled in Donna Levine's art class in 1996 and has been attending her classes and making art ever since then.

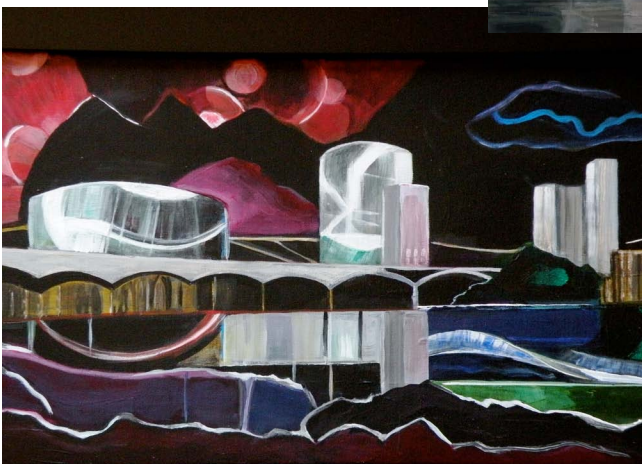
Over the last fifteen years, Gail explored several different media, many different subjects and several styles. Her present focus is painting in acrylic. Gail's subject matter ranges from portraits of children, cats and dogs to abstracts. Many of her abstracts in acrylic are based on her collage studies. Gail tends to work in series and recently did a series of images of Tempe. She is presently working on a series of orchid images. While she tends toward the abstract, many series involve a more representational approach.

Gail has shown her work at the former Art on Boston Gallery in Chandler, The Art Studio at The Farm, Gammage, and the Arizona Art Alliance Gallery in Scottsdale. Her largest work to date was a commissioned series of four canvases, each 4 ft. in height by 3 ft. in width. To quote Gail, "What I love most about making art is the 'flow'." When you are in the groove, you are unaware of the passage of time, and you are totally focused on what you are doing."

Paintings of Tempe, which will be part of the Tempe History Museum exhibit this fall.



Gail enjoying a TAG program on quick drawing



MEMBER NEWS

TAG Members Attend Workshop

On Saturday, May 26, **Frances Colley, Janet Fagan, Bud Heiss and Pamela Thompson-Lefkowitz** traveled to the Arizona Art Supply store in Phoenix to see TAG member & AZ Art rep **Katherine Kurgan** demonstrate the use of Dorland's Wax Medium to protect watercolor paintings. Using the wax medium eliminates the need for mats and frames on paintings. This, in turn, reduces the cost of your watercolor art. Kat's program was dynamic, informative, and very useful.



Member Donates Painting

Pamela Thompson-Lefkowitz will be donating a painting of a young Apache woman and her little girl to new Living Hope Crisis Pregnancy Center on the White River Apache Reservation on Saturday, June 16, as a part of the dedication of the new facility. She did the painting specifically for the facility. This is the only crisis pregnancy center on an Indian Reservation in the USA.

Heiss Sells Works

Three of Bud Heiss's paintings sold recently at the Cobalt Fine Art Gallery in Tubac, AZ.

Congratulations, Bud!!!

Also, **Bud** teaches four weekly classes at various locations. For Information, call him at 602-616-6895.

Ruth Graham, Donna Davis, and Janet Fagan (photo at left) attended the Tony award-winning play, "Red", at The Herberger Theater. It dealt with master abstract expressionist Mark Rothko in a dialogue between Rothko and his novice apprentice, and was based on true events.



Debi & Dan

One of our members, **Debi Stone**, passed away June 21 at the very young age of 50. Debi thanked God for each new day, while valiantly fighting a malignant brain tumor. She leaves behind her wonderful husband, Dan, and their 4 boys. The bright pink border is for Debi--she loved bright colors and brought color into the many lives she touched. We'll miss you, Debi.

Dani Garman Teaches Beginners' Classes

Dani is teaching classes for beginning painters in the far East Valley...near Superstition Springs Mall. The classes are limited to five students with each station having a table, floor easel and overhead light. She usually has a couple of 3-hour classes during the week, a Saturday A.M. class or whatever covers the demand. The fee is \$20 for the 3-hour class with no supplies provided.

Emphasis is placed on learning color: temperature, chroma, all the properties, and which colors make useful glazes. She covers a number of helpful techniques such as glazing and misting. Students also learn about their brushes and what strokes they are designed to make. She stresses value, shapes, composition... classes are based on using other works for studies to begin and then learning to take those elements to their own original paintings.

For further information please contact Dani by phone or e-mail: cinnebar3@yahoo.com or 480-380-3322.



MAY MEETING

Members brought paper, pencil, ink and eraser to the meeting to learn the practice of Zendoodling from Bettie Lake. It was an intellectual as well as an artistic challenge to learn a few of the design basics, then try to design your own Zendoodle. Zendoodling is used as a technique for relaxation and an aid to reduce depression and lack of focus in clinical situations--good for the mind and soul!

May Door Prize Winners



Dora Lee Ewing won paint from Utrecht



Dani Garman won \$20 from Utrecht



Donna Davis won \$25 from AZ Art Supply

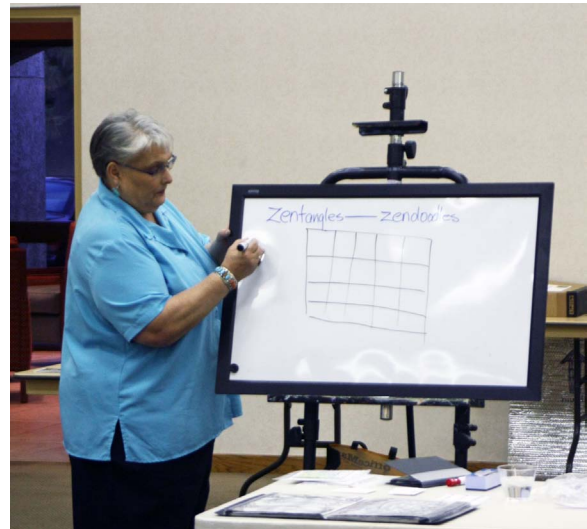


Wilma Dilley won \$25 from Jerry's Artarama



Sharon Cottle won \$25 from AZ Art Supply

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



Bettie Lake leads us through the process of Zendoodling.

Alliance News

The AAA is working, along with the Eternal Freedom Foundation of America (EFFA) on a month long display/tribute to veterans for this November. **Any veteran, male or female, juried artist or not, is eligible.** The alliance would like to assess the interest in this exhibit. The art can be military or Americana in style. Different weeks will focus on programs for veterans from specific eras of service, however the art in the gallery will remain static for the month of November.

The movie theater at the Pavilions will feature Act of Valor on its program. There are plans for a motorcycle ride in and a large tent in the parking lot out in front of the gallery for special exhibits. Since this is still in the planning stage, nothing is definite.

The Alliance would like a count of people interested in participating. Look for an application/questionnaire and more information on the Arizona Art Alliance website. In addition, a new calendar will be forthcoming with these changes in it on the website.

Dorothy Janca (TAG Member) will be the first featured gift shop artist on the June AAA newsletter.

In July, there will be a free seminar with Jan Wolfe on sales and marketing art.

The next gallery show will be "Beat the Heat" from July 5 to September 2.

june meeting



Susan Falcon-Hargraves showed a wonderful Powerpoint presentation of her art for our June program. Her group and animal portraits demonstrate a colorful, engaging style which makes her work stand out from the crowd.

Last year, she had the distinction of participating in the Top Ten show at the Artrom Gallery in Rome, Italy which was comprised of work by the previous top ten winning artists. Susan is currently teaching at Brio Fine Arts in North Scottsdale.



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Special Notice from Art Alliance President:

HELP EARN \$1,000.00 FOR YOUR ART GROUP!

As many of you may know recently there has been a life-size bronze statue installed in the AAA Pavilions Gallery by Hal Stewart entitled "Basket Woman", depicting a Pima Native American woman carrying a Pima Burden Basket (also known as a Kiaha) on her shoulders. This bronze statue is priced at \$40,000.00 and will be displayed for a number of months at the gallery. Upon the sale the Arizona Art Alliance would be entitled to a sizable commission. The Arizona Art Alliance is offering part of that commission to any of the art groups in the organization that would facilitate the sale by bringing in a buyer. Anyone from any AAA group who brings in such a buyer would earn \$1,000.00 for their group. The over 4,000 artists in the AAA have many connections and contacts among businesses, municipalities, civic organizations, associates and art collectors etc that may serve to produce such a buyer. Please give serious consideration to this opportunity to help the AAA and help your own group as well by assisting in this worthy project.

Thank You,

John Fontana, Board Chairman,

Arizona Art Alliance