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Tempe Artists Guild

From the President's Pen

Fagan's Footnotes

A little over 5 years ago a few fledgling artists sat around Howard Simpson's kitchen table to plan for the new Tempe Artists Guild. Howard's enthusiasm and vision spurred us on. We imagined a vital organization that enabled members to improve their art, to display their work in art shows, to support art students in various art programs, and to make connections with other people who have an interest in creating art. Tempe Artists Guild, we hoped, would become a welcoming and supportive association.

Only 12 people attended our first formal meeting in the art room of the Pyle Center. TAG was small, but it was determined to persevere.

Look at us now! TAG has over 60 active members. It sponsors about four successful art shows each year. At our workshops and monthly meetings members learn how to improve their skills and grow as artists. Student artists benefit from our outreach programs. Through field trips, potluck parties, art shows, and meetings members meet great people and enjoy sharing the trials and tribulations of creating great (and not so great) art.

I am so proud to be part of Tempe Artists Guild, to watch it evolve, to see it blossom. The members of the group inspire me to grow as an artist. As president, I hope to foster the camaraderie, creativity & ingenuity of all TAG's members. I want to continue the tradition of fine leadership set by former presidents Howard Simpson, Donna Davis and Gail Boyd.

Janet Fagan

TAG's new Executive Board for the March 2012 to February 2013 term:

(Standing from left, **Barbara Clark**, Secretary & **Jean Hemp**, Treasurer; seated from left, **Janet Fagan**, President & **Ruth Blaut**, Vice President)



Officers

President

Janet Fagan
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Ruth Blaut
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Barbara Clark
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Art Shows

Donna Davis
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Community Outreach

Yvonne Thomas 480-215-0257
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Field Trips

Yvonne Thomas
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Meeting Setup

Darrell & Sharon Cottle
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Membership

Ruth Graham
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Newsletter/Webmaster

Donna Davis
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Other Positions

Arizona Art Alliance Rep

Dorothy Janca
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Art Critique

Bud Heiss/Duane Slater

Photographer

Bud Heiss

**March 1 began TAG's 6th exciting year.
Don't forget to renew your membership!!**

*January
Artist
of
the
Month*



Howard Simpson - 1st Place
"1926 Farm Boy"
Colored Pencil

Howard loves old trucks, cars, and farm machinery, and has reproduced many wonderful images in colored pencil on sueded matboard.



Wilma Dilley
2nd Place.



Betty Cappello
3rd Place

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 their 1st and 2nd choice; 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.

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.

February Artist of the Month

Pamela's Statement on her painting:

This was done initially from life at a Portrait Studios put on by Portrait Artists of Arizona. I did some finishing in the studio with a total time spent around 3 hours. Working from life was always frightening to me, especially in a group setting, and I avoided it for the better part of my life. Everyone has told me, to be a good portrait artist you must practice from life!, and "Practice makes perfect". I'm not perfect, but I have definitely seen tremendous growth in my work, more confidence painting in color; and I now truly enjoy painting and drawing from life--something I never thought would happen. I highly encourage anyone who is currently working strictly from photos (like I used to do), to get into an open studio somewhere and work from life.



Pamela Jonas - 1st Place
"The Red Hat" - oil on canvas panel



Donna Davis - 2nd Place



Darrell Cottle - 3rd Place

TAG Spotlight on Darrell Cottle

Every organization needs a set-up person to see that our facility is ready for meetings and that our speakers have the equipment ready for their presentations. TAG is fortunate to have Darrell Cottle in this role. Not only is he always willing to help with anything needed, he is also an excellent artist.

Darrell was born in Ogden, Utah. He was president of the Boys Association and president of the ski club in high school. He was on the National Ski Patrol at Snow Basin Ski Resort and was a life guard at the city pool.

Darrell has always enjoyed doing things with his hands. He worked part time for a local body shop and learned to weld. In the 70's he started doing small metal sculptures as a hobby and sold them at craft shows. After graduating from college he went into sales and in 1968 he moved to Tempe with Menley James, a division of Smith Kline Laboratories. He and his wife, Sharon, were married in 1972.

After retiring, he and his wife decided to take a class with Donna Levine. They have been taking these classes since 2005. He has won several ribbons as artist of the month from TAG for his water colors and acrylics. His puppy, Halo, is a favorite subject. He has shown his work at the Desert Foothills Art Show and at The Farm at South Mountain. Last year he gave a program for TAG on framing our art. It is such an asset for us to have such a willing, helpful worker as a member of TAG.



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

WELCOME NEW TAG MEMBERS!

Elaine Dehghanpisheh joined TAG in January. She applies her talent to several media: oil, acrylic, watercolor, and photography.

A big welcome back to **Sandy Merrill**! Sandy draws and enjoys watercolor painting.

Many thanks to all who have renewed their membership before the March 1 due date. It's a joy to be part of such an enthusiastic organization. Thanks for making my job with TAG fun, and welcome to **Ruth Graham** as your new membership chair.

Ruth Blaut

Outreach News

TAG members enjoyed meeting Benjamin Phillips, our ASU scholarship winner, at the January meeting. Benjamin presented an enjoyable program on his work in the graduate sculpture program at ASU Herberger Institute. He told about his travels to Italy to study, and his sculpture work on the psychology of uncertainty and vulnerability as it relates to the aging body. (See photo in January meeting news.)

I have enjoyed being your Outreach Chairperson for the past year and am now happy to pass the baton to Yvonne Thomas assisted by Gail Boyd. It will be exciting to see who our new scholarship winners will be for 2012.

Sandi Lunsford



Outgoing TAG President, **Gail Boyd** opens a "Thank You" gift from the TAG board at the February board meeting. She also received a gift card and beautiful plant from TAG members at the February meeting.

Field Trips

Our next field trip for TAG members will be to the **ARIZONA FINE ART EXPO** on Friday, March 16th. We will meet at the Pyle Center to carpool. Meet us there at 9:30 to join in a fun day & enjoy some great art. We will have lunch together at the cafe at the EXPO.

We had 12 people who went to the **CELEBRATION OF FINE ART** in January. It was a great way to see a lot of new art & to meet the artists. This is one way we get some of our program artists for our TAG meetings.

Mark your calendar for March 16th & plan to join us.

On Saturday, March 10th several of our TAG members are going to be in an art show at Cottonwood Lake in Sun Lakes. The show will be from 9:00 until 2:00. This location is off Riggs Road just west of Alma School. We invite all of you to come see our artist members & their artwork.

Yvonne Thomas



Bud Heiss was one of the artists commissioned by the City of Tempe to paint an electrical box in downtown Tempe. At left is a photo of his finished work.

JANUARY MEETING

At their January meeting, TAG members were treated to a demonstration by **Linda Glover Gooch**, a local plein air oil painter who often paints Arizona's foremost outdoor treasure -- the Grand Canyon.

Linda began her painting career at the age of twelve in California and has lived in the West all of her life. She now resides in Mesa and has a studio in Tempe. You can find Linda on the rim of the Grand Canyon teaching a plein air class this coming September 17-21.

Linda paints two main subjects: outdoor landscapes and indoor still lifes with flowers. She is a master at capturing the light outdoors and in the studio. If you missed her demonstration, you can see a video of her plein air technique at the Canyon on www.goochstudio.com.



Outreach Scholarship Winner,
Benjamin Phillips
with one of his sculptures

February Meeting



Members enjoyed Red Rohall's wonderful and informative program at the February meeting. Red paints detailed, realistic oil paintings of the interiors and exteriors of roadside attractions such as old time diners, vintage motels, ice cream stands, and the 'Main Streets' of small towns. As the painter of Roadside Americana, Red's award winning paintings are highly sought after among collectors.

Future Meeting Program:

March 15th - Bela Fidel will demonstrate the technique of ENCAUSTICS. It should be a fascinating program!

Valentine's Show at The Farm

TAG held its annual Valentine Art Show at The Farm at South Mountain on February 10-12.

A highlight of the event was the artists' reception on Friday from 4-6, featuring refreshments, music, and merriment.

It's estimated that close to 100 people attended the reception.

More than 22 TAG members volunteered to set-up, take-down, & work to help make this show successful.

Special thanks go to Sharon & Darrell Cottle who organized the reception, and Deborah Oldfield whose colorful "tarp art" drew people to our doors.

Over 1/3 of TAG's membership participated in this art show in one way or another.

That's an outstanding statistic and says a lot about the Tempe Artists Guild.



Artists checking in their work for the show



Darrell & Sharon Cottle enjoy the reception



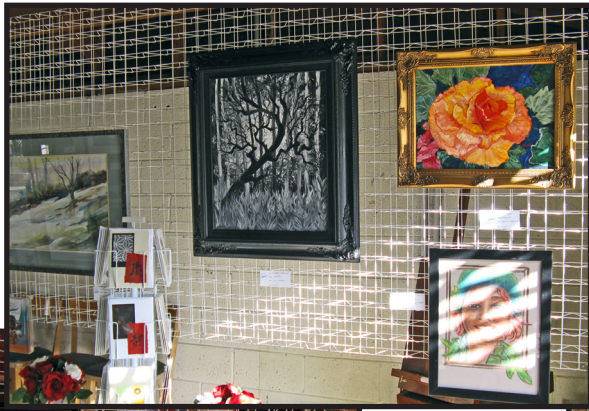
Musician, Jack Kaske adds to the atmosphere



Dorothy Janca and husband, Bill set up her display of jewelry



The art displayed by TAG artists just gets better each year!





Beautiful weather led to a great turnout and the best sales ever in TAG's 6th show at The Farm



Upcoming Exhibitions for TAG in 2012:

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.) Check out the museum at: www.tempe.gov/museum