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A Newsletter of the Tempe Artists Guild

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Newly elected officers: Front row: Jean Hemp, President, Back Row: Gail Boyd, Treasurer, Yvonne Thomas, Vice President. Not pictured, Ruth Blaut, Secretary



Acrylic painting by featured artist, Ruth Graham.

DUES ARE DUE!!!

Don't miss any of TAG's exciting upcoming events, meetings, and activities!

Dues are only \$35 and will pay your membership from March 1, 2014 until February 28, 2015. Tempe Artists Guild meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. (Critique at 5:45)

Friendship Village of Tempe Recreation Center 2645 E Southern Ave Tempe, AZ 85282 (Located between Loop 101 and Dobson Rd, just west of Banner Desert Medical Center.)

From the Ex-President's Pen

For the last two years I have had the honor of being president of Tempe Artists Guild. Working with Executive Board members, Yvonne Thomas (Vice President), Jean Hemp (Treasurer), Barbara Clark (Secretary), and members of the Board of Directors has been a pleasure. Their enthusiasm, dedication and hard work has made my job so much easier.

Whether involved with outreach, the newsletter, publicity, meeting setups, art shows, programs, membership, or field trips, the Board of Directors used its ingenuity, creativity, time & sense of humor to accomplish TAG's goals. What a great group of people!

Thank you!! Janet Fagan



Janet Fagan, outgoing TAG President

Thanks, Janet!!

Janet Fagan's second term as President of TAG ended March 1. Janet has been a TAG member since its inception 7 years ago and served in many capacities during that time.

Since taking the reins 2 years ago, she has proved to be a wonderful spokesperson for TAG. Janet's warm and welcoming personality has made all members feel a part of the group. She keeps the general meetings on track, informal, fun, and most of all brief! At board meetings, Janet listens to all input and works towards a consensus.

We thank Janet for leading TAG these past 2 years, and are happy she will remain involved as the Art Show Co-Chair.

(She was presented with a beautiful bracelet by the board at the Feb. meeting.)

Exciting Workshop in May!

Get ready for Julie Gilbert Pollard's 2-day watercolor workshop May 30th & 31st. Julie has taught internationally and is an extrememly talented artist. The cost of the workshop is a bargain at \$100. Money is due by our April 17th meeting.



Note to non members: This workshop is open to the public. Please contact Yvonne Thomas at ythomas@q.com if you would like to attend.

Class size is limited, so get your money in early to assure your place.

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Ruth Graham Featured Artist



Although Ruth Graham was an art major in college, she put away her paints until she retired to Arizona four years ago. She was still a busy artist, making beautiful quilts and wonderful beadwork jewelry.

Ruth grew up in Chicago. She worked mainly in oil paints in college but felt that she was much better at drawing. After college, Ruth moved to Arizona where she met her husband. They lived in Arizona for eight years, then moved to Washington, D.C. She returned to Arizona as a single parent but moved back to the D.C. area so her son Jamie could be closer to his father. She remained in the Arlington, Va. Area as she was working for the Hotline of the Office of the Inspector General for the Postal Service. She enjoyed this work. On 9-11 she could see smoke from the Pentagon from her office, a very rough day. She moved back to Arizona four years ago, and thanks to her friend Sharon Abbott she joined one of Donna Levine's painting classes. She has also taken Donna's drawing class.

Ruth works primarily in watercolor and acrylic but has recently become enam-



Ruth did a series of animal paintings in the above style, both in watercolor and acrylic. The color mixing in these paintings is outstanding! ored with transparent acrylics used with modeling paste and stencils. She is producing beautiful work using these products.

She is now showing her work in the new Meritus show and the Alliance show.

Ruth volunteers at her church, conducting a Chalice Circle discussion group in her home every other week. She is also a worship associate. She has a wonderful studio in her home where she does a lot of her creating. She also reads a lot.

Ruth has been in TAG for four years and is currently membership chairman. We are fortunate to have this talented, active lady in our guild.



Above: After attending Pat Stacy's workshop on use of various mediums, Ruth began another series of paintings using stencils and acrylic modeling paste.

Upcoming TAG Meetings

March 20th Meeting: Jim Garrison will give a program on setting up a still life. Jim is a well recognized artist and educator. See his work at www.jgarrison-artbox.com

April 17th Meeting: Liz Kenyon, pastel artist, will give the presentation. See her work at: www.lizkenyon.com/ lizkenyon.html

May 15th Meeting: Amery Bohling will present the program. She owns a gallery on Main St. in downtown Scottsdale, teaches weekly classes at Scottsdale Artist School & paints plein air with several artists at the Grand Canyon



Evelyn's Statement:

My mosaics are made with "found objects". $\mathcal I$ found this miniature motorcycle replica and decided it would make an interesting mosaic. About the same time, a good friend was traveling to Dallas to visit her brother. He was a prior Harley owner, had since sold his Harley but still had a few Harley momentos, which he graciously gave me. Chandler Harley-Davidson and Chandler Custom Cycles also gave me some pieces. \mathcal{I} actually made this mosaic as I of 5 mosaic submissions for potential jurying into the Sedona Arts Fine Art Gallery. I learned this past week that I have been "juried-in" and my work will be in the gallery beginning April. 9 am thrilled! This mosaic is #176 and \mathcal{G} m currently working on #184. \mathcal{I} can't believe \mathcal{I} 've made that many mosaics since *9* retired in 2007!!!



Evelyn Gholson, January Artist of the Month, with her mosaic, "Ready to Ride".



Alice Van Overstraeten - 2nd Place Winner



Janice Thomasella - 3rd Place Winner

February Artist of the Month

Barbara's statement on her acrylic painting, "Out Back":

The painting is from a photo I took in an alley in Prescott. Old alleys are always interesting, and I especially liked the beautiful "random scramble" of shapes and lights and darks in the shed and in the junk.



Barbara Clark - 1st Place



Barbara Wood with her 2nd place artwork

Ruth Graham won 3rd place.



January Meeting



Duane Slater leads critique.



JoAnn Horner received a \$25 gift certificate from



Elaine Dehghanpisheh won a \$25 gift certificate from Jerry's Artarama.

Frances Colley took home a

from Blick.

set of pastels and pastel paper



Lewis Lehrman did a wonderful demonstration for our January meeting. He brought his slide presentation titled, "Traveling with Brush and Pen." His sketches took us with him and his wife Lola on their many travels around the world. Lew explained to us that sketching brings back many more memories and personalizes their travels more than a photograph.

Lew's enthusiasm for his travel memories showed in his passionate presentation. The sketch books that he brought to share with us were interesting, exquisite, and fun to see. What a fascinating record they have of their travels.

If you are aware of an organization that would enjoy his program, please either visit or share his web site

www.lewisblehrman. com. He also teaches at the Scottsdale Art School.



As always, thank you to Arizona Art Supply, Jerry's Artarama, Affordable Framing and Utrecht/Blick for their support!!!

(When you visit their stores, please let them know they're appreciated.)



Janet Fagan took home a \$25 gift certificate from Affordable Framing.

February Meeting

During the February Temple Artists Guild meeting, we had a silent auction to raise funds for our many outreach programs. We give scholarships for college students majoring in art and grants to area schools in order to enhance their art programs.

Thanks to each of the TAG members and suppliers for your donations, your help in displaying the items, and the buyers who made the night a tremendous success.

Due to your participation and generosity we raised \$533.25!



Sue Norton-Scott tells of her work in developing creativity in elementary students.





Doralee Ewing won the \$25 certificate from Affordable Framing.



Taylor Marques, TAG's ASU scholarship winner, shows her work to TAG members.



Above: Meeting attendees take advantage of the bargains at the silent auction.

Grace Soderberg (left) won a \$25 gift certificate from Jerry's Artarama.

Yvonne Thomas takes home a \$25 gift certificate from Arizona Art Supply.

Alice Van Overstraeten (right) won a \$25 gift certificate from Blick.





Field Trip to Mesa Art Center Coming March 28!

TAG will host a field trip to the Mesa Art Center Galleries, One East Main Street on Friday, March 28. (There is no charge to visit the art center.) The 35th Annual Contemporary Crafts Exhibit will be in the main gallery; and there are three other galleries to explore.

Please meet at **9:30 am at the Pyle Center, if you want to car pool.** Otherwise you can meet us at the Center at 10:00. We'll plan to have lunch at "Inside the Bungalow", 48 N. Robson, which is within walking distance of the Center. (If you have questions, please contact Frances Colley.)

More information will be coming soon on a May field trip.

TAG MEMBERS HEAR ABOUT OUTREACH IMPACT IN THE ART COMMUNITY - RANGING FROM SECOND GRADE STUDENTS TO ASU STUDENTS

Taylor Marques, winner of TAG's ASU School of Art's \$1,000 Scholarship for 2013-2014, met with TAG members at the February 20th meeting. She talked about artwork accomplished during her senior year and showed the members her recent striking abstract pieces. Photos of Taylor's Senior Show focused on a huge wall-sized abstract expressionist work that she did during this past year. Taylor plans to combine her major in fine art painting with her minor in psychology to use art therapy for healing.

TAG has partnered with the City of Tempe to fund an art project benefiting four second-grade classrooms at Rover Elementary School in Tempe. TAG donated \$500 and the City matched this amount for a total Mini-Grant Project budget of \$1,000. Sue Norton-Scott, a TAG member and a retired elementary school teacher and artist, developed and carried out the art project titled "TEXTURE CUBE." She told the members all about this marvelous project, which was on display at the Rover Elementary School Art Walk held on February 21st.

Hearing from Taylor Marques and Sue Norton-Scott illustrated the very positive impact that TAG's outreach program has for art education in our local community. (Submitted by Gail Boyd, Outreach Chair)





Taylor Marques, winner of TAG's ASU art scholarship of \$1000

Member Opportunity

Beverly Walter, TAG member and Show Chair of **"Art At The Lake Show"** wants TAG members to know of this exhibit opportunity. The show this year is on March 15th from 9-2. This is the 6th year they've have had the show. It is a fund raiser for the Firefighter Emergency Relief Fund.

They have 90 artists in the show around one of the lakes in Sun Lakes. They have a band and a raffle with great gifts and donations. The Sun Lake Firefighters will cook their tasty hamburgers and hotdogs.

Directions: Take Alma School to Riggs road and turn right. Then turn right off Riggs Road onto EJ Robson Blvd to Brentwood Drive. You will see signs, fire trucks, etc. in front of the lake.

This show is open to all artists. (TAG members participating this year are JoAnn Horner, Alice Van Overstraeten, Teena Prentice and Karen Curran.)



"Texture Cube" at Rover Elementary School Funded by TAG and city of Tempe

Students with Norton-Scott's Texture Cube and at Art Walk

Member News

TAG Welcomes New Members

P Harriett Peeler, who is also a member of the Wyoming Art League does acrylic and pen and ink.

Janice Thomasella does colored pencil and pen and ink.

We look forward to getting to know you better and to seeing your work!!

Donna Davis Sells Work

Donna Davis sold 4 paintings at the recent TAG exhibit at Meritus Health Partners. Congratulations, Donna!

12 TAG artists are exhibiting in the current show which runs until May 30th.



Howard Simpson's colored pencail art is featured at LaBella's Gallery in Tempe.

Alliance News

The Arizona Art Alliance Gallery at the Pavilions will be closing. The upcoming show will be the last at the gallery. The month of May will be used to move items into a new location. The new place would be an office area with warehouse storage of about 2000 sq feet. Additionally an area for workshops would be included.

Over the period of time, the contribution of the De Rito Partners in free rent was in the area of \$1,000,000. Retail space is in demand, so we have been asked to vacate.

After $3\frac{1}{2}$ years, the gallery has been a success, but now it is time for a new market focus. The plan is to have 3 or 4 shows per year of about a week duration in various locations around the valley, or possibly the state, taking the summers off.

The last show is themed "How Sweet It Is" The celebration of the show will be April 26th

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