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“Last Snow”
An oil painting
by **Sharon
Cottle**, our
Featured Artist
for this edition of
TAGlines.

(See p.4 for
more insight on
Sharon and her
art.)

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

May 17th Program: Bettie Lake on “Zen Doodling”

((Bring sketch pad, pencil, and fine-tipped felt pen to meeting.)

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.

*March
Artist
of
the
Month*

Janet's Statement:

My original colored pencil painting of this scene replicated a photo of Tracey riding her horse to round up cattle on a foggy morning in Washington.

She was in the center of the picture with cattle everywhere. I was never quite satisfied with the results of my efforts.

Bud Heiss suggested that I change the photo's composition to improve my work. So I eliminated some of the cattle, then turned the horse and rider around so they faced the opening in the fence. The revised composition made better sense. The results were pleasing and my painting told a story. Now I'm satisfied.



Janet Fagan - 1st Place
"Round Up on the Baker Ranch"
Oil painting



Gail Boyd
2nd Place



Deborah Oldfield
3rd Place

April Artist of the Month



Debra Jones - 1st Place
"Almost Five"

Medium Charcoal on Stained Paper

Debra's Statement on her art:

"Living in the Southwest and growing up in the Rocky Mountains, my portraits are not from the quiet East Coast tradition. We are proud of our individualism and have a different kind of history. Our history is younger, sturdier, and our people show recent wisdom in faces telling their OWN stories, not just the legends. That is what I try to convey in my portraits. Inspired by the strong coffee in the traditional cup around the campfire, my series of "Tin Cup Portraits" honor these faces of the West."

I specialize in portraiture and the people and animals of the American Southwest. Fascinated by the culture and soul of the modern West, not simply the shadows of past lives, my work is inspired by the modern Native American people as well as the modern day cowboy.

Since leaving home in Colorado, I consider myself a semi-native with 30 years in the Arizona desert. My portraits of people and their four-legged families hang in homes throughout the US, Canada and as far away as Thailand.



Sandi Lunsford
2nd Place



Gail Boyd
3rd Place

TAG Spotlight on Sharon Cottle

If you have wondered who that busy lady setting up refreshments at our monthly TAG meetings is, it is Sharon Cottle, our featured artist for this quarter.

Sharon is fairly new to painting but has already made an impact with her art. She has been in several of TAG's shows, most recently at The Farm at South Mountain. She has won several ribbons in the TAG artist of the month show.

Sharon was raised in a small farming town near El Paso, Texas. She worked as the airport manager for Avis-Rent-a-car before moving to California in 1961 where she worked for a travel agency. She had a daughter while living in California.

Sharon returned to El Paso and her managerial job with Avis in 1969. In December of 1972, Sharon and Darrell were married. In the mid 70's she took about 6 months of art classes from a teacher in Apache Junction but did not really pursue art at that time.

After retiring she and Darrell wanted to find something fun that they could do together. Enter Donna Levine and the Pyle Center. She feels there is so much to learn and so much fun learning (ignoring those days of frustration). She deems herself very lucky to have found this enjoyable pursuit.

She enjoys all of the friends she has made in art class and at Tempe Artists Guild. Her only regret is that she did not start painting 40 years ago.



Art Tips

Having trouble with the caps on your paint tubes getting stuck and hard to open? Place a small square of plastic wrap over the tube before replacing the cap, it keeps the paint from drying on the inside of the cap and sticking to the tube. Much easier opening! - Meredith, Tarboro, NC (From Jerry's Artarama Website)

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For inexpensive palette paper, simply use a roll of waxed paper. It works as well as the palette paper you buy at an art store, but is much less expensive to use.

WELCOME NEW TAG MEMBERS!

Sharon Abbott - Welcome back to Sharon who has rejoined TAG! Sharon has a unique style using various mediums.

Debra Jones - Debra's art includes watercolor, oil, and drawing. She is an accomplished artist & is well known for her exceptional portraits of people and animals.

JoAnn Mathews - Welcome back to JoAnn! JoAnn is an art instructor and award winning artist who works in watercolor, oil, & pastel.

Sandy Merrill - Welcome back to Sandy also! Sandy works in various mediums.

Mike Wilson - Mike also returns to TAG after a hiatus. He enjoys drawing, and painting in acrylic and watercolor.

We hope all of you will find what you're looking for with TAG and will volunteer to help where you can.

Field Trips

On March 17th TAG members met at the Pyle Center for our field trip to the Arizona Fine Art Expo. Some of us carpoled and were joined by others who met us at the Expo. Thank you so much to those of you who volunteered to drive.

We got to see a lot of great art and watch the artists at work. No matter how many times we go to different art shows, it is always so interesting to see the ideas and styles of the artists.

It is an added bonus for us to see our local Tempe artist, Donna Levine, at her booth at the show. She is a very talented and accomplished artist.

After taking our time to see so much great art we met at the café for lunch. This is always a fun time for some very interesting conversation along with some good food. Another safe and enjoyable field trip was had by all.

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, MAY 18th FOR OUR NEXT FIELD TRIP TO THE PHOENIX ART MUSEUM! New exhibits at the museum include "And the Land Grew Quiet" by Mathew Moore, "The Sea" in the fashion gallery, Gustave Bauman, Artisan Printmaker of the Southwest, and W. Eugene Smith photos in the Photography Gallery. The group will meet at 9:30 at the Pyle Center on Southern and Rural to carpool. Lunch will be at the museum café.

Contact Yvonne Thomas if you wish to attend or have questions.
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Outreach News

TAG CONTINUES TO BROADEN ITS SUPPORT OF TEMPE ART STUDENTS

TAG donated \$1,000 in March to fund its fourth Arizona State University Scholarship awarded to a Master of Fine Arts Student. The Guild's Outreach Committee will soon select the scholarship recipient from a group of graduate students admitted by the Herberger Institute's School of Art. It is a highlight of the new year when the scholarship winner attends a TAG general meeting to talk about his or her art study and work at ASU.

At the present time, there is a marvelous art exhibition called Art6 at the Tempe Vihel Center for the Arts showing the artwork of students at the six Tempe high schools. In 2013, this Art6 show will celebrate its 40th year exhibiting high school student art. TAG has pledged \$1,000 to help support the 2013 Art6 exhibition. TAG will support the six schools applying for a Tempe Arts Grant this fall. There will be other contributors from the community including Jerry's Artarama. The purpose of the grant is to purchase reusable frames for the Art6 student art.

With the pledged support of the Art6 show, **TAG can proudly say that it supports art students at the elementary, high school, community college and college levels.**

Gail Boyd

March Door Prize Winners:

Lucinda Naegele - 3 canvases from Jerry's
Yvonne Thomas - \$25 gift certificate from Jerry's
Teena Prentice -- \$25 gift certificate from Arizona Art
Darrell Cottle - \$25 gift certificate from Arizona Art
Pamela Thompson-Lefkowitz - \$20 gift certificate from Utrecht

April Door Prize Winners:

Gail Boyd - \$25 gift certificate from Jerry's
Barbara Clark - \$20 gift certificate from Utrecht
Yvonne Thomas - \$25 gift certificate from Arizona Art
Ruth Blaut - \$25 gift certificate from Arizona Art
Elaine Dehghanpisheh - \$35 gift certificate from Arizona Art

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

Upcoming TAG Art Shows

Pavilions Gallery at Talking Stick

June 13th to June 24th

Drop-Off for Art: Monday, June 11 from 11:00 – 1:00

Take Down & Pick Up: Monday, June 25th from 9:00 – 11:00

Details:

- 17 panels are available
- No entry fee
- The Alliance takes 30% commission on sales
- Originals and giclees are acceptable
- Stands are available for 3-D work (No larger than 38" in diameter)
- Jewelry case available (2' x 5') for TAG's use
- TAG provides tags with logo and sign indicating it's a TAG show
- All participants must complete a Hold Harmless Agreement. Download form from: http://www.azartalliance.com/forms/shows_2012/hold_harmless.pdf
- Artists may display business cards/bios in clear plastic hanging holders
- Participants do not need to be juried members of the Alliance
- Art Show Chairperson and one other TAG member will jury entries for quality of work and cohesiveness

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.



Photos above show front of the Museum and the inside entrance to the gallery area. The gallery is in the Community Room at the front of the Museum, and a beautiful space for exhibiting our art.

MARCH MEETING



Bela demonstrates techniques while TAG members examine some of her work.

Our March program was a very interesting presentation by **Bela Fidel**, an instructor at the Shemer Art Center. Bela demonstrated how she goes about making her encaustic paintings using colored hot wax.

Several members expressed an interest in her workshops, so she has offered a \$60 discount for those who wish to take a two day Encaustic Workshop at her studio. This would lower the cost of the \$330 workshop to \$270, which would cover all materials. If interested, you may contact Bela at belafidel@hotmail.com



Bela's colorful collection of waxes create their own art!

APRIL MEETING

Our April program, called Resource Night, was a great success. **Bernadette Mills**, Director of the Scottsdale Artists School, had an interesting slide presentation of the history of the school and events and opportunities they have available. **Rob Brinton** of Matage framing shop in Mesa showed examples of different glass, mats, and frames and the merits of each. TAG member, **Katherine Kurgan**, pulled out all the stops in showing us many exciting materials available at Arizona Art Supply. Many thanks to them for sharing their expertise with us!



Bernadette Mills,
Director of Scottsdale Artists School



Rob Brinton of Matage Framing
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Kat Kurgan of Arizona Art Supply