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Bud Heiss



Beautiful acrylic painting of the Arizona landscape by **Bud Heiss**

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.

Future Meeting Programs:

November: Bud Heiss on Photography for Painters

December: Holiday Dinner and Artist of the Year

January: Linda Gooch on Landscapes in Oil

September Meeting

TAG members celebrated the publishing of our "Images of Tempe" 2012 calendar. Artists brought in their competition entries for all to see, and the winning artists were recognized with a gift of one of the calendars. It was an evening filled with terrific food from Manuel's restaurant and much socializing. (Winners shown below.)



Jane Fagan



Donna Davis



Kate Foreman, Community Consultant for the Downtown Tempe Community, Inc. told the group about the exciting new Montage Art Studio on Mill. It is designed to benefit artists who are trying to take their art to the next level and to enter the retail market.

The new space is at 740 S. Mill Ave. Artists interested in studio space are asked to call 602-355-6060 or visit their website www.millavenue.com/montage.



Sandi Lunsford



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OCTOBER MEETING



Debra Jones, noted portrait artist (people and animals) did an exciting presentation with pastel and water-color.



Six MCC students receive awards



Donna Davis was thrilled to win a 24" x 48" canvas from Arizona Art Supply in the prize drawing.



Outreach committee member, Yvonne Thomas presented \$100 gift certificates from Arizona Art Supply, Jerry's Artarama, Utrecht, and TAG to 6 Mesa Community College art majors. Recipients were chosen from digital entries of the students' work. The students brought their work to show TAG members and to talk about their art journey.

Winners are Susan Pew, Ben Manzanares, Jeff Curtis, Lena Felder, Anna Martin, and Emma Ringness.

September

Artist

of

the

Month

Title of Work: Infanta

Gail's Statement:

This small commissioned portrait (11" x 14") of very small child was painted in acrylic from a family photograph. Her pose and dress reminded me of the paintings by Velazquez of the infantas of Spain. Her dark eyes and tremulous expression were a challenge to capture. I began the portrait with an underpainting of a vibrant pink-orange that carried through to the finished piece.



1ST PLACE - GAIL BOYD

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.

Pamela Thompson-Lefkowitz - 2nd Place



Jean Hemp - 3rd Place

*October
Artist
of
the
month*

**1st Place -
Sharon Cottle**

Title: Serenity

Sharon's statement
about her work:

"This painting is an
11 x 14 oil. The colors
and the serenity of this
picture spoke to me.

I also wanted to use a
limited palette."



Tied for 3rd Place -
Wilma Dilley



Penny Watkins - 2nd Place



Tied for 3rd Place -
Debi Stone

WHAT'S NEW WITH TAG MEMBERS??

Sandi Lunsford was juried into the Arizona Watercolor Association's Fall Membership Exhibition by Jerry Stitt, AWS, NWS.

The show is hanging at Fountain Hills Community Center until October 30. Sandi won the Jack Richeson & Co. Merchant Award with the same painting, "Going to the Fair - No Right Turn", that is in the 2012 TAG Calendar.

Congratulations, Sandi!! That is a beautiful painting!



Here is **Ernie Nickels'** latest sculpture - a public art project for the Mitchell Park West neighborhood in Tempe at 12th St & Roosevelt. The work was dedicated on Saturday, November 5, 2011.

Evelyn Gholson emails TAG:

Just wanted to let you know I will have my "wares" again this year at AZ Community Church Holiday Shoppe which will be held on Friday, Nov. 11 from 9AM – 6:30PM and on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9AM – 5PM. AZ Community Church is located at 9325 S. Rural Rd. in Tempe (just north of Corona High School) between Ray & Warner.

Would love to see you there!

Bud Heiss has a solo exhibition of new works at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum Gallery. The opening reception is November 5. The exhibition may be viewed through November 29.

TAG THANKS SONYA WILL

While many TAG members contribute their time and talents, we have one "unsung" member who quietly handles a myriad of jobs necessary to TAG's operation.

Sonya has been involved with TAG since its inception--helping organize the Guild into a very successful organization.

Sonya, as Treasurer, takes excellent care of TAG's finances--paying bills, keeping records, making bank deposits, monitoring calendar sales, and all other duties that go with the Treasurer's job.

In addition, she picks up the Utrecht donation every month, helps with the raffle, gets TAG mail from the PO box, mans the incoming table at every meeting (big job!), has the check ready for the program speaker, works on the Outreach Committee and the Nominating Committee, helps with art shows, and participates in nearly every activity TAG is involved in. And this list likely does not include everything she does.

Please thank **Sonya** when you see her. **She's the Best!!**

TAG Spotlight on Bud Heiss

Bud Heiss, our featured artist, was fortunate enough to discover his talent and artistic desire when he was a sophomore in high school. Growing up in Nebraska, he had a teacher who recognized and encouraged his drawing and painting.

He studied at Kansas City Art Institute and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Nebraska before continuing his education at Loveland Academy of Fine Art in Colorado.

He works in all mediums but is working primarily in acrylic at this time. In his paintings he investigates light and shadow. He prefers early morning or late afternoon light, therefore, he usually paints from photographs he has taken. He paints an "idealized reality", moving things around, inventing a tree, deepening a shadow, always considering the relationships as he makes his adjustments. Bud has won many regional and national awards over the years; his most recent awards being at the autumn Arizona Arts Alliance show in Fountain Hills. He won "Best of Show" for his painting "Snow Angel" and received the "Directors Choice Award" for the entire body of work that he exhibited at that show.

Heiss currently has a solo exhibit at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum for the month of November. He teaches several classes in the East Valley.

TAG is certainly fortunate to have this gifted artist as a member.



Community Outreach News

After viewing the work of six wonderful ASU applicants, the TAG Outreach Committee has selected the recipient for the 2011 Scholarship Award. The scholarship winner is Benjamin Phillips who is working on his Master of Fine Arts in Sculpture. His most recent body of work contains 4' to 5' free standing sculptures of children and the elderly. It explores the metamorphosis of the human body as it transitions through various stages of age and experiences. We are looking forward to having Benjamin share his work with us at TAG's January meeting!

Our members were treated to meeting and seeing the artwork of six Mesa Community College recipients of TAG's Student Art Supplies awards. This is the second year that TAG has presented \$100 gift certificates in cooperation with Arizona Art Supply, Jerry's Artarama, and Utrecht. The gift certificates will be used by the winners to purchase art supplies for their classes at MCC. The winning students were Jeff Curtis, Lena Felder, Ben Manzanares, Anna Martin, Susan Pew, and Emma Ringness. We want to thank the three art stores for their generous contribution, and Dr. Ginger Leyendecker for her direction from Mesa Community College.

Submitted by Sandi Lunsford, Outreach Chairman

Welcome New TAG Members!

WE ARE VERY GLAD TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED TAG SINCE THE LAST TAGLINES:

Lucinda Naegele, who focuses on drawing and watercolor.

Debi Stone joined TAG in September. As a parent volunteer, Debi started and coordinated the Ward Traditional Academy Art Walk. Several TAG members volunteered their artwork and did demonstrations for the artwalk as part of our Community Outreach program

Marilyn Wachta heard about TAG while taking an art class from Bud Heiss at Friendship Village. Her favorite medium is oil.

Lou Weschler joined in October. His favorite medium is acrylics, and Lou also enjoys working with digital images.

We are happy to welcome back renewing members **Pamela Jonas** and **Duane Blossom**.

Isn't it great to have such an interesting variety of artists in our organization!!

We hope you enjoy all that TAG has to offer its members, and share your talents with the group!

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



Desert Foothills Art Show

On October 25 more than fifteen talented TAG artists transported their paintings to Desert Foothills Lutheran Church, 29305 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale.

TAG's art will be on display in the church gallery through January 24, 2012.

The variety of subject matter, media, and hues makes this an especially exciting and interesting art show. We should all be proud of our group and its accomplishments.



Art Tip from Jerry's website:

Having trouble with the caps on your paint tubes getting stuck and hard to open? Place a small square of saran 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