

TAGlines

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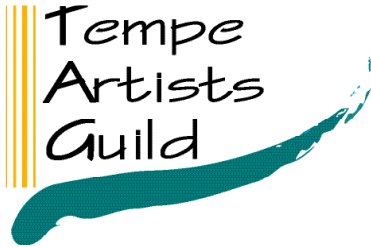
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A Newsletter of the Tempe Artists Guild

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

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.)

September 20th Meeting

Program:
Kelby Love on his wonderful paintings of animals

October 18th Meeting

Program:
Silent Auction of art-related items/ awards to MCC art students

(Bring your items for the silent auction to the September meeting.)



Donna Davis's colored pencil artwork, "Cactus Flower"

(Donna is our featured artist in this issue. See page 5 for her story and more of her artwork.)



"Images of Tempe"

TAG's Exhibition at the Tempe History Museum

September 7th - October 21st

Reception: Friday, Sept. 14, 6:30 - 8:30 pm



We are excited about our first TAG show in a Tempe public gallery!!

Please join us at the reception and bring friends and family!!

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Committee Chairmen**

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**Change
is
inevitable,
growth
is
optional.**

From the President's Pen:

"Fagan's Footnotes"

This afternoon I was reading a book of poetry, A Family of Poems, compiled by Caroline Kennedy. One poem brought to mind some members who are burning candles at both ends to enhance Tempe Artists Guild. See if you can guess who they are.

First Fig

My candle burns at both ends;
It will not last the night;
But ah, my foes, and oh, my friends---
It gives a lovely light!

Edna St. Vincent Millay

The first member is juggling the 2 art shows, is creating a 2013 calendar, organizes and publishes the newsletter, acts as webmaster, and is an integral part of TAG's Board.

The second person helps TAG with legal issues, heads the Outreach committee, assists with art shows, helps the treasurer with our budget and gives guidance to our organization in so many ways.

Then there's the member who arranges for each field trip and its enjoyable lunch, works on the Outreach committee, and keeps the Board on its toes by suggesting possible problems before they develop.

These are only 3 who donate their time. In the next issue I may include you.

These members willingly burn their candles for us. We benefit from their light. Thank you!

Montage Gallery Show

November 1st - December 14th

Twenty of TAG's very talented artists have submitted entries to the Montage Gallery on Mill Avenue in hopes of being accepted into an upcoming TAG show at the gallery. This is a beautiful gallery which has been in existence about a year. Our show will be located in one of the prime areas inside the gallery!

A reception will be held in early November, but a date has not yet been set.

This will be the first TAG show in a Tempe gallery; and at a perfect time of year - the weather will be great, it's right before the holidays, and the Tempe Festival of the Arts will bring more art enthusiasts to downtown Tempe!!

We're hopeful most of our members' work will be accepted, and that you will come to the reception or visit the gallery while our show is there. Bring your friends and family and support your fellow TAG artists!



July Artist of the Month

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.



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



Donna Davis - 2nd Place



Pamela Thompson-Lefkowitz - 3rd Place

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



Board meetings aren't all business! In July Sonya Will hosted the meeting in her home, She prepared a tasty brunch for the board members. They socialized and nibbled their way through the meeting while surrounded by Sonya's beautiful artwork!

Art Tip from Jerry's Website:

Use an inexpensive picture frame with glass for an oil palette. The frame will keep paint from sliding off the edge of the glass, making it easier to transport, and different colors of paper can be placed under the glass to match toned canvas for more accurate paint color comparisons. - Jan, Indianapolis, IN



WELCOME NEW & RETURNING TAG MEMBERS!

Chris Rollins- Chris is a returning member and we're delighted to have her rejoin. Chris paints in oil.

Sue Norton-Scott - Sue is also a returning member. She produces unique, conceptual pieces. Welcome back, Sue!

Betty Cappello - Betty has rejoined TAG. She was fighting a serious illness and is now recovering. Stay well, Betty!

Marti Beson - Marti is interested in watercolor and acrylics.

Deena Pace - Deena works in oil and mixed media.

Nancy Matus - Nancy does oil, acrylic, and sterling silver.

Peggy D'Errico - Peggy works in oil, acrylic, and ceramics.

Grace Soderberg - Grace is new to art and is beginning her journey in acrylics. She has several family members who are artists.

Cathie Thody - Cathy didn't indicate the medium she works in.

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

TAG Spotlight on Donna Davis



Donna was born and raised in Montana and moved to Minnesota after high school. She always loved art, so planned to minor in art in college. But, in her first college art class her teacher made a negative comment about one of her paintings, so she gave up on art and concentrated on getting a BA in Business & Economics. She didn't take art up again until she was close to retirement--30 yrs later!

After graduation from the University of Minnesota in Duluth, Donna pursued a career first in banking, then insurance. She spent 33 years with State Farm and is now happily retired! She and husband, Jim have been married 41 years, raised 2 kids and are thrilled to help care for their 9 month old grandson now.

Donna was one of the founders of the Tempe Artists Guild. She was TAG's first secretary, then went on to serve as president, vice-president, art show chairman, webmaster, and newsletter editor--sometimes at the same time. Being part of TAG



and associating with the enthusiastic and creative people who make up the group, have been some of the most rewarding experiences of her life.



Although, her first love was watercolor, Donna hasn't settled on any one medium. Most of her recent work has been in acrylic, but she loves colored pencil, and has tried pastel as well. She has studied with various teachers, mainly Donna Levine, Catherine Sawner, and Bud Heiss. Her work ranges from abstract to impressionistic to realistic.

Donna says, "Creating makes life so much richer!"

Arizona Art Alliance Update

Work is nearly done on enlarging the gallery space and creating a large workshop area from the smaller areas in the back room.

Veterans of all branches of service will be represented in the Honoring Our Veterans show in November. (TAG artists will be participating in this show.) Half of the gallery is planned to be devoted to art of vets, with the rest of the gallery art will be the show titled "For America – What a Great Country". Applications/Images are due on Friday, October 19, 2012 by 5 PM. There will be People's Choice Awards for both groups. Delivery of accepted art (for both exhibits) is Monday, October 29, 9 AM-1 PM

The North Scottsdale Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new classroom space will be on Thursday, Nov. 8, 5-7 PM. Phoenix mayor, Greg Stanton will attend, along with other dignitaries.

Artists Reception: Saturday, November 10, 2012, 6-9PM, as part of a Weekend of Events Honoring Our Vets

Artists ads are \$100 for ¼ page (2 1/4" x 3 7/8"). Ad requests should be emailed to Chuck at cumminsc@azartalliance.com with the checks mailed to our treasurer, Pat. Ads need to be portrait mode, 300 dpi.

Check their website: www.azartalliance.com for more information on Alliance happenings.

MEMBER NEWS

Bud Heiss at Boyce Thompson

Bud is preparing for his fourth solo exhibition at the Boyce Thompson Arboretum.

The show will run the entire month of November.

At right is one of his new paintings for the show, "Last Light".



Congratulations to **Sharon Cottle**, who recently sold two of her paintings, one of a rooster's head and the other a pastel beach scene!! Way to go, Sharon!!

TAG Members in Chandler Show

Marti Beson and Debra Jones have been accepted into "Go Figure", an exhibition of 2 & 3 dimensional figurative artworks at the Chandler Center for the Arts, 250 N. Arizona Ave, Chandler.

The Artist's Reception is Friday, September 7th between 6-8:00 pm.

The show will run from September 5 through October 27.

One Person Show

Yvonne Thomas will have a show of her miniatures the month of October at the Friendship Village Gallery.

TAG's Barbara Wood's Exciting New Venture

Barbara tells us:

We decided, as a family, to make our lives a little more exciting. So, in April we started a theater company! "The Arizona Family Theater, Inc. is focused on creative family bonding and community building using theatrical, experimental, and educational methods." Chandra (daughter) is Producer; Barbara (me)... the Artistic Director; Chip (husband) is Technical Director; and Jay (son) is our Webmaster.

Our first artistic project is a production of *Jungalbook* that opened at the Pyle Center in July and has been performing at senior centers, camps, school, and retirement communities. We have bookings through mid-November for *Jungalbook*. Two performances that will be open to the public will be at the Scottsdale Street Fair on Sunday, October 14 at 1 pm and the Pyle Center on Monday, October 15 at 6 pm. Please come see us!

Check out their website: <http://www.azft.org>

Barbara is the woman in red with the blonde wig shown below.



Above: Barbara appears in a play by the Arizona Theater Company.

D. Jones Donates Work

Debra Jones, Western portrait painter, donated to Home Plate Project through the Diamondback charities.

Each artist or group was given a "home plate" and told to be creative. Debra, who specializes in pets, people or anything with eyeballs, took the mascot and really brought the image HOME!

There was an online auction which ran through August.



In July, TAG member, Deborah Oldfield, invited several TAG artists to an art retreat at her beautiful home in Munds Park. The group learned to make rag rugs (from Deborah), took lessons in pastel, watercolor, and acrylic (from Sue Hunter and Donna Levine), and got psychic readings (from Jean Hemp.)

A great time was had by all!!!



FIELD TRIP NEWS

The next field trip for TAG will be to several of the art galleries in downtown Scottsdale in October. We will also join together for lunch. The date & signup sheet will be at the September TAG meeting. Come join us for a great art & social outing. This is a great way to get to know other members of TAG!

Submitted by Yvonne Thomas, Field Trip Chairman

july meeting

At TAG's July program, **Sharon Sieben** shared her exciting techniques using a palette knife to produce some very textural and unique paintings. Everyone who watched her demo was eager to try out her methods.



After her program, Sharon sent this email to TAG:

"I want to thank you so much for inviting me to share my passion for painting. It was great fun for me and the group seemed wonderfully receptive. I think you have a very dynamic club and do much to promote the arts."



Deena Pace won a \$25 gift certificate from Jerry's.



Sharon Cottle received a \$20 gift certificate from Utrecht.



Donna Davis won \$25 from AZ Art Supply

July Door Prize Winners