



ARIZONA ARTISTS GUILD

Newsletter

October



Elliott Kayser will be presenting at the AAG General meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

Elliott Kayser is a sculptor and current resident artist at the Mesa Arts Center. He received his Bachelor's degree from Alfred University in 2007, and his MFA in Ceramics from ASU in 2017.

Kayser's presentation will include a talk on how his approach to art, specifically how his ceramic sculptures explore America's relationship to agriculture, economics, and community health, and the consequences of our departure from agrarian life.

AAG COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Community outreach is the cornerstone of the Arizona Artists Guild's activities, and is the main focus of our organization. We recognize the impact that art has on people's lives and its potential for facilitating healing, which is immeasurable.

AAG's Community outreach programs include the following:

Veterans Art Outreach, The Mosaics, and The Girls.

ART SUPPLY EXCHANGE SALE

Ceramic Glazes, Frames, Paint, Paper and more!

Art Supply is open 9 am to noon Mondays and 5 pm to 9 pm AAG Meeting nights

AAG Membership News

AAG welcomes the following new members:

New Members:

Mark Christopher
Bela Fidel
Anna Gainey
Teresa Prevey
Marcos Ramos
Jane Sugrue
Kathryn Van Steinberg

Membership cards for 2017 are available for pick-up at Monthly AAG meetings.

The AAG Directory is only available to paid members as a PDF. Request your updated AAG 2017 Directory by email: membership@arizonaartistsguild.net. Be sure to write Membership Directory in the subject line and include your name in the email.

Golden AAG Memberships

If you are 90+ years old and have been a member of AAG for at least 5 years, you become a Golden Member of AAG. As a Golden Member benefit your annual dues are waived. Please contact the membership chair, Laura Cohen-Hogan, if you qualify.

Its time to Renew Your AAG Membership, Dues Remain the Same. Reminder: Please to-renew your membership for. Fiscal year for membership runs from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. You may renew online or by downloading the membership form for 2017. Renewal forms will be available at AAG. Thank you.

Art Supplies needed

Art Supply Exchange is one of AAG's most popular programs. Donated gently used art supplies are available at very reasonable prices. This fosters recycling and opportunities for artistic growth and exploration in new media that may otherwise be out of reach. If you are interested in donating or purchasing supplies email: ArtSupply@ArizonaArtistsGuild.net or call 602-944-9713.

Hours: Monday 9am-12pm, AAG meetings 5-9pm, or by appointment.

AAG meets the third Tuesday of the month at 5 PM for members and friends to socialize.

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AAG Presidents Message

Greetings.

I've been thinking a lot about rejection lately. As artists, we work in an industry that is based on judgement. For many of us, this is a contradiction to our own inner work as eloquently conveyed in the words of Brene Brown, *Comparison is the thief of happiness*.



Unpacking rejection, I realize, it is a matter of the heart. Being rejected by one you love, or from a show, stem from the same place in your heart. Although one has a greater impact than the other. When your heart is tethered to an external source or outcome, heartache is inevitable. There is grief in not getting something that you wanted. Facing rejection is a rite of passage of sorts, all artists, all humans, have to traverse its pain.

Every artist that entered the Sky Harbor Show experienced a form of rejection as no single entry was accepted in its entirety. Even for some who did get in, they experienced a sting of disappointment that the piece they really wanted to get in was not selected.

The Sky Harbor Museum show was a difficult show to jury. 309 pieces were submitted with no theme to unite the work. The reality is, it isn't so much that the work was judged against, it was about how your work conveyed in relation to others. The curators had to consider how it will hang together to create a cohesive exhibition that would not confuse the viewer. With 8 cases – each case becomes its own micro exhibition. However, all 8 cases have to unite in some way. Rejected or selected may have had nothing to do with the quality of your work and more to do with the scale, subject, color, medium, or some other consideration.

Despite all that, being rejected from a show hurts. I've assembled 5 tips for dealing with rejection. Be sure to read them on page 6.

I invite you to look at what you believe to be true for you. And then remember these wise words: "Sometimes not getting what you want is a stroke of luck" – Dalai Lama

And remember, peace begins where expectation ends.

Tess Mosko Scherer

AAG General Meetings Schedule

5:00 – 5:30 Building is open for Members to socialize.
 5:30 - 6:30 Pre-meeting Critique sessions for Members only, the public is invited to watch.
 6:30 - 7:00 Members socialize, eat snacks, vote for Artist of the Month and get your raffle tickets.
 7:00 - 7:20 Business meeting
 7:30 – 8:30 **Meeting Program** starts featuring Artists/ Presenters.

Please help us keep to the schedule so that our featured [Artists/Presenters](#) will have time to share their work and knowledge in a more relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. Those members wanting to participate in the [Critique](#) need to bring artwork for artistic input. AAG Past President David Bradley and Ann Osgood will critique the artwork. At 6:30 the [Critique](#) ends and snacks will be available in the small studio.

Arizona Art Alliance News

The Arizona Art Alliance's mission is to promote the visual arts through collaboration with member organization, strategic partnerships and community involvement. You will not want to miss the Alliance's fall show "Art in pARTnership III". Come share the reception on October 14th from 4:30-6:30 with many AAG artists who are participating. Located at the Holland Gallery of Fine Art, 34250 N. 60th St., Bldg B, Scottsdale, AZ 85266.

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Rose at www.ke-arose@juno.com

Remember AAG in your Estate Planning

Please remember AAG in your Estate Planning. AAG does invaluable work through outreach and scholarship programs primarily funded through the generosity of member and private donors.

For more information call Tess Mosko Scherer at 928-300-7185

AAG Calendar

Check out the AAG calendar on the AAG web site for all upcoming events.

The AAG calendar Web URL is:

<http://www.arizonaartistsguild.net/p727/>

AAG's greatest resource is its members!
Please help AAG grow by being an AAG volunteer.

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AAG Sculptors' Group

The November 6, 2017 Sculptor's Group Meeting from 7-9 PM will be at Dragon Pottery, 25037 N. 17th Ave., AZ 85035.

John Manley will present a clay discussion and Presentation of his work plus a demonstration on large (thrown) vessels.

John Manley has been creating his unique style of functional pottery, world class sculptural vessels, and a prolific assortment of kiln designs since 1988,

AAG - LIFE DRAWING

OPEN SESSIONS: MEMBERS \$10.00 DRAWING FEE
NON MEMBERS \$15.00 DRAWING FEE

NO INSTRUCTION

MODEL RELEASE FORMS AVAILABLE FOR PHOTOGRAPHS -(at model's discretion)

Easels, tables provided or you may bring your own.

Bring supplies and coffee is provided

October and November

ALL TUESDAYS - 9:30 AM - 12:30

LONG POSE

ALL THURSDAYS - 9:30 AM - 12:30

SHORT TO LONG POSES

(except holidays)

Email Walt Wieder if you have any questions at

wwieder@uuma.org

AAG - OPEN STUDIO

AAG OPEN STUDIO: MEMBERS FREE

NON MEMBERS \$10.00 DRAWING FEE

October and November

Mondays 9 AM - 12

Wednesday 6-9 PM

Email Alicia Plogman if you have questions at

aplogman@cox.net

AAG Calendar Highlights**Open Studio:**

Mondays 9AM - 12

Wednesday evenings at 6 PM

Life Drawing:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30 AM -12:30

Sculptors' Group Meeting:

October 2, 2017 - 7:-9:00 PM

AAG Critique Group:

October 4, 2017 - 6-9:00 PM

AAG Monthly Meeting:

October 17, 2017- 5-9 PM

Sky Harbor Museum Exhibit Reception:

October 22, 2017- 2-4 PM

AAG Workshop - Intro to Social Media

October 27, 2016, 10 AM - 1 PM at AAG

AAG Veteran's Program:

October 28, 2016, 10 AM - 2 PM at AAG

For details please see the AAG Calendar at:

<http://arizonaartistsguild.net/calendar/month.php?date=20160201>

Artist of the Month



1st Place
Rosemarie Sleeping
Mark Christopher



1st Place
Sacred Datura
Ralph Sellers

AAG Community Outreach Fine Art Exhibitions

The Arizona Artists Guild in partnership with the Beatitudes Foundation present on-going fine art exhibitions for their residents and guests. AAG juried members show for three months at this venue. The Beatitudes is located at 1610 W. Glendale Ave, Phoenix. The Current Exhibits include:

Beatitudes: September 7 to December 6, 2017



Ann Howey Falvey



Ivan Halvorson

Exciting News: AAG has designated a space for the 2017-2108 monthly winning art to be displayed for their month. Additionally, each Artist of the Month winner receives a ribbon, a cash prize of \$25, and the opportunity to compete for Artist of the Year.

Winning works return for the May meeting, where members vote for artist of the year. The Artist of the Year wins a cash prize of \$100.

All artists are celebrated at a show and reception for their work at the September Meeting. Celebrate last years' winners on Sept 19, 2017.

-AmazonSmile.

AmazonSmile works exactly like Amazon. If you already purchase through Amazon, please log in through **Smile**. **Amazon.com**. Be sure to select Arizona Artists Guild as your charity. A percentage of each purchase will go to AAG **at no cost to you**. **When you click the order button, it will list what charity you selected.**



+ AAG Artist Highlight Feature +

Melanie Harman has work in the Arizona Watercolor Association Fall Exhibition. The exhibition will be at the Scottsdale Artists' School at 3720 N Marshall Way, Scottsdale AZ 85251. The exhibition is September 15 – October 14, 2017. AWA is hosting a reception at the AAG building during its regular monthly meeting on October 12, 2017 6:45pm.

Ann Osgood has a solo exhibition for *Earth Songs*, September - August 2017, at the 9 The Gallery, located at 1229 Grand Ave in Phoenix, Arizona, AZ 85007. Call (929) 260-4999 or Email: www.9thegallery.com

Joan McGue has a piece of artwork named, *Quake for You*, at the Holland Gallery, located at 34250 N. 60th St., Bldg. B, Scottsdale, AZ 85266. The exhibition runs, 9-30-2017 to 10-26-2017. The exhibition is open daily; and the hours vary. The reception is on 10-14-2017 from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm.

Sandy Salomon and **Joan McGue** have work in the exhibit, *Arizona: From the Outside*, which runs from September 12 – November 2, 2017. The exhibit is at Shemer Art Center which is located at, 5005 E. Camelback Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85018. The exhibit is open Tuesday – Saturday 10 AM-3 PM.

David Lloyd Bradley and **Barbara Lacy** have been recognized by the Arizona Art Alliance Hall of Honors. <http://azartalliance.com/about-us/volunteer-hall-of-honor/>

AAG's Veteran Art Program

AAG's Veteran Art program introduces our Veterans' to a variety of art, mediums and technique. The Veterans enjoy working in all the different mediums that we have exposed them to and produce great artwork. The Veteran's grasp new art concepts quickly and produce work in many new mediums that are unique and of high quality. The Veterans especially enjoy meeting and working with accomplished artists. I encourage all AAG members to consider doing a short art program for our Veterans.



Saturday, September 23, 2017, AAG Veteran's session was a unique program presented by Charlotte Fischer. Charlotte did a watercolor program on creating a series of artworks of plants from seed form, to leaf forming, to final flowering. The Veteran's especially enjoyed the step by step approach that Charlotte used. The Veteran's produced some really nice artwork using the wet on wet style that Charlotte taught them..



This program is supported by AAG donations and funding from the Arizona Arts Alliance. It's designed to provide meaningful art instruction to Veterans of US Military Service for free. Since June 2014, this program has helped, on average, 15 Veterans each month, learn how to be an artist.

Ceramic Classes for Veteran's

Arizona Artists Guild is proud to partner with Paradise Valley Community College to offer a ceramics program to Veteran's and their family members. Upcoming sessions are: **Ceramic Tile Mosaics**, on September 9 & 16, October 7 & 21, 2017 and **Sculpting with Clay**, on November 4 & 18, December 2 & 16, 2017.

Please Help Support The AAG's Veteran Art Program!

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Arizona Artists Guild's WINTER JURIED EXHIBIT, November 19, 2017 - January 16, 2018

November 17, 2017	Drop off artwork at AAG between 9 - 12 AM
November 17, 2017	Notification of non-accepted work, 3 - 5 PM
November 17, 2017	Pick-up non-accepted work, 3 - 5 PM
November 18, 2017	Pick-up non-accepted work, 10 AM - 12 PM
January 14, 2018	Closing reception and awards, 2 - 4 PM
January 16, 2018	Artwork pick-up after closing on monthly meeting
January 17, 2018	Artwork pick-up, 6-9 PM

Open Media Art Classes

AAG is excited to welcome Open Media Art Classes with Mark Christopher. The classes will be on Mondays, 10-2, they began on July 24, 2017 at AAG.

For more information Email Mark at: MarkChristopherArt@gmail.com and check out his web site at: www.MarkChristopherArt.com .

Five tips for Dealing with Rejection by Tess Mosko Scherer

There are many essays written on Rejection. Essentially the message is the same; that rejection taps into our number one greatest need, the need to belong. With that comes our greatest fear, of not belonging. How you deal with it allows you to grow or to stagnate. Rejection has the propensity to build grit and resiliency or can cause continued pain, insecurity, and even anger. Below are five tools to help you navigate the terrain of rejection.

1. Acknowledge your emotions. As Pema Chodron says, "lean-in to your emotion, rather than disregard or discard them". This allows you to grow emotionally.
2. View it as an opportunity for pushing your limits. Don't be afraid to go for it, even if it may be a long-shot. If you don't get rejected you are living way too far inside your comfort zone. Keep putting yourself out there and living on or beyond your edge.
3. Speak to yourself with compassion. Rather than bashing the juror as well as yourself, give yourself a kinder more affirmative message. This is a great quote sent to me from Dan Prendergast; "It is not rejection. It's just a difference of opinion". – Sharon Loudon
4. Don't let the rejection define you. Keep it in perspective. Don't let yourself, your work, or value as an artist be defined by one show, one juror.
5. Learn from rejection. What did you gain? Turn it into an opportunity for self-growth. With each rejection, get stronger and better. Rejection can be a great teacher, to move toward something more.

Evening Open Studio

All AAG members are welcome to attend the Evening Open studio on Wednesdays from 6-9pm. The Open Studio provides room to work on large pieces, camaraderie, and lively conversation about art and the creative process.


ARTISTS INFORMATION


AAG Programs, Exhibitions, Workshops and the AAG Sculptors Group

AAG Programs: Critique 5:30 - 6:30 | Break | 7:00-7:20 Business | 7:30 - 9:00 Presentation
 October 17, 2017 | Elliot Kayser | Presentation on Ceramic Work
 November 21, 2017 | Seth Fairweather | Presentation on Glass Work
 January 16, 2018 | David Bradley | Reflections on the Balkans

2017 AAG Exhibition Calendar: visit ArizonaArtistsGuild.net for entry information

Artists of the Month: September 7, 10AM - October 1, 2 PM. Reception, September 19, 2017, 6-9PM

90th Anniversary Exhibition at Sky Harbor Museum: October 28, 2017 - May 13, 2018.

Reception at AAG, October 22, 2017, 2 - 4 PM

Winter Exhibition: November 19, 2017 - January 15, 2018. Reception January 14, 2018, 2-4PM

AAG Workshops: visit ArizonaArtistsGuild.net for more information

Tess Mosko Scherer: Introduction to Social Media, Friday, October 27, 2017, 10 - 1PM

Tess Mosko Scherer: Selling from the H.E.A.R.T, Friday, January 12, 2018, 10-4PM

Tessa Wendt: Sculptural Painting, Friday, February 2, 2016, 10-4PM

Travis Ivey: Painting from Photographs, Friday, March 16, 2018, 10-4PM

Sculptors' Group: 7:00 - 9:00 PM, See Website for location

October 2, 2017 | Constance McBride | Ceramic (interactive) presentation

November 6, 2017 | John Manley | Ceramic presentation

December 4, 2017 | Beth Shook | Drawing on Ceramic

AAG Events: visit ArizonaArtistsGuild.net for more information

Open Studio: Mondays 9-12 | Wednesdays 6-9

Life Drawing: Tuesdays and Thursdays - 9:30-12:30

Artstravaganza: Friday, December 8, 5-9PM

Veterans Art Program: Fourth Saturday of the month | info@ArizonaArtistsGuild.net for details

AAG Artstravaganza on December 8, 2017

Featuring: **Glass blowing, Raku Pottery, 3-D body scanning and printing, Alcohol Ink projects, and a Dinner Buffet**

The [Artstravaganza](#) is our primary fundraiser which has been designed to give you creative experience in mediums you might never get to explore. It is a great opportunity to try something new, and introduce your friends and families

Please Support The AAG Scholarship Fund!

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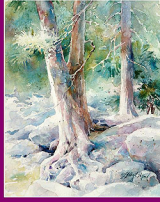
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Scheduling the AAG Building

If you wish to contact AAG for scheduling meetings, etc. at the AAG Building please email us. The email address is:

info@arizonaartistsguild.net

Auguste Rodan

To any artist worthy of the name, all nature is beautiful, because his (her) eyes, fearlessly accepting all exterior truth, read there, as in an open book.

**What is AAG's Greatest Resource..... YOU ARE!
Please help AAG grow, become an AAG Volunteer.**



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