



ARIZONA ARTISTS GUILD

# Newsletter

## December



There is no December meeting at AAG. The next AAG meeting will be January 17, 2017 and Joanie Walter will do a Sculpting demonstration.

The AAG Board members look forward to seeing all AAG members in January for the start of another exciting year of programs, demonstrations, workshops, and exhibitions. Have a great Holiday Season and an exciting creative New Year!

### AAG Calendar

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

The AAG calendar Web URL is:

<http://arizonaartistsguild.net/calendar/month>.

### 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 is open meeting nights at 5 PM for members and friends to socialize.**

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### AAG Membership News

AAG welcomes the following new members:

#### New Members:

Maria Marta Gimenez  
Isadora Hale Jenny Jardine  
Alex Pandi Ralph Sellers  
Eric Zeltner

#### New Juried Members

Rick Francisco Les Rudnick

#### Golden Members

James(Art) Cornwell Ina May Moore Ellsy Bird  
Jay Kemp Jeanne Ladewig-Goodman

**Membership cards for 2016** 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 2016 Directory by email: [membership@arizonaartistsguild.net](mailto: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 will 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 renew your membership for 2016-2017 by June 30, 2016. Fiscal year for membership runs from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. You may renew online or by downloading the membership form for 2016-2017. Renewal forms will also be available at the AAG building. Thank you.

### AAG's MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCE

AAG's most important resource is **YOU**, its members. Consider volunteering to help with any of AAG's events and outreach programs.

Remember to mention AAG, our Monthly meetings and AAG Exhibits to your friends.

## AAG Presidents Message

I received several requests for the passage I read at the November meeting, so I thought I would include it here. It was from Theodore Roosevelt's speech "Citizenship in a Republic." Sometimes referred to as "The Man in the Arena" speech, Roosevelt delivered it at the Sorbonne in Paris, France, April 23, 1910. I drew its reference from Brene Brown's Daring Greatly book which I highly recommend for anyone interested in living an examined life.



*"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better.*

*The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again,*

*Because there is no effort without error and short-coming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause;*

*Who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly..."*

As artists we open ourselves to critique and exposed vulnerability. It is not enough to do the work. It is only half the process. Showing the work is the other half. The exhibition is what completes it. Some may argue that it is enough to create for oneself. I allow the argument to stand, however it is my belief that art is intended to be shared, to be enjoyed, reveled, or contemplated. The exchange is the medicine of the art and the artist. The exchange is the medicine of the art and the artist, the gift that is given to the world.

However, as Creative's, we can consciously decide who can influence us by recognizing the wealth of their grit in relation to our own. Remembering to align ourselves with others who are in the arena doing the difficult work rather than playing it safe on the sideline leaves us open to honest feedback that promotes growth, development or our own insight to bloom

As an organization we continue to raise the bar as leaders in the arts community. AAG's commitment to the promotion of the arts and artists through education, exhibition and outreach continues to build our

## 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, and vote for Artist of the Month  
 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, Art Smith and the evening's presenter if they wish will critique the art in a timely fashion. At 6:30 the [Critique](#) ends and snacks will be available in the small studio. The business meeting starts at 7:00 with all information on a PowerPoint presentation. Members will see and hear about the latest AAG exhibitions and activities all within a 20 minute timeframe. The featured artist/presenter will start sharply at 7:30 and run till 8:30 and beyond if there are lots of questions.

## 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. If you are interested in donating or purchasing supplies e-mail: [ArtSupply@ArizonaArtistsGuild.net](mailto:ArtSupply@ArizonaArtistsGuild.net) or call 602-944-9713.

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

## AAG Presidents Message (Continued)

reputation and our reach. We are in the arena, making a difference and transforming lives. Thank you for for being a part of that be it through your physical and/or fiscal contributions. We couldn't do it without you. Please think of AAG for your year-end donation

On behalf of the board, I wish you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season. May the upcoming year be abundant with creative growth and expression.

*Doris Masko Scheres*

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**AAG Sculptors' Group**

Monday, December 5, from 7PM-9PM, the AAG Sculptors' group will meet at the Mesa Community College, Southern and Dobson Campus, located at 1833 W. Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ. Go to the Art and Communication Bldg, Room AC2S.



Sandra Luehrsen will do a presentation on her work and process

Sandra Luehrsen was born in Chicago, Illinois. She earned BA and MA degrees at Northern Illinois University and an MFA at Arizona State University (ASU). In 1999, Luehrsen left a position as assistant dean of the ASU Graduate to start her own art business. She also teaches 3D design at Mesa Community College and presents clay workshops. Luehrsen exhibits her ceramic sculpture and digital artwork locally, nationally, and internationally.

**AAG - LIFE DRAWING**

OPEN SESSIONS: MEMBERS & NON MEMBERS

\$10.00 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

**December and January**

**ALL TUESDAYS - 9:30 AM - 12:30**

**LONG POSE**

**ALL THURSDAYS - 9:30 AM - 12:30**

**SHORT TO LONG POSES**

(except holidays)

Email Josie if you have any questions at

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**AAG - OPEN STUDIO**

**AAG OPEN STUDIO: MEMBERS FREE**

**NON MEMBERS \$10.00 DRAWING FEE**

**December and January (except Jan 30)**

**Mondays 9 AM - 12 (No open studio Jan 30)**

**Wednesday 6-9 PM**

Email Alicia Plogman if you have questions at

aplogman@cox.net

**AAG Calendar Highlights****Open Studio:**

Mondays 9AM - 12 (**No open studio Jan 30**)

Wednesday evenings at 6PM

**Life Drawing:**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30AM -12:30

**Sculpture Group Meeting:**

December 5, 2016. 7-9PM

**AAG Winter Exhibit:**

November 14, 2016 - January 7, 2017

**Winter Exhibit Reception:**

December 11, 2016. 2PM

**AAG Monthly Meeting:**

NO AAG meeting in December

**AAG Veteran's Program:**

December 17, 2016, 10AM - 2PM at AAG

For details please see the AAG Calendar at (click):

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

**A quote by Carl Sagan**

*Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were, but without it we go nowhere.*



### Artist of the Month



1st Place  
*Mystic Evening*  
Alicia Plogman



2nd Place  
*Gazelle*  
Melanie Mead



2nd Place  
*Kokapelli Kiss*  
Lynda Burruss

### 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:** December 7 2016 - March 1 2017.



Darlene Ritter



Linda Thiel

### New Evening Open Studio

The AAG has a new evening Open Studio at the AAG building each Wednesday of the month from 6 - 9 PM, except Holidays. All AAG members are invited to attend.

### Remember AAG in your Estate Planning

Please remember AAG in your Estate Planning. The next time you're at AAG check out the plaque we have that shows

### Call for Art

#### Sonoran Art League, *Small Works Art show*

The Sonoran *Small Works Art Show* is a Juried Fine Art Show open to all Arizona artists. The Exhibit is at the Red Truck Trading Company in Cave Creek, AZ Show date: December 10, 2016 – January 8, 2017

#### The Arts Beacon

The Arts Beacon is a locally produced free service to artists and the community that has a calendar of events, call to artists and reviews of local art shows.

### + AAG Artist Highlight Feature +

**Pat Scheurich** has work in the Tempe Library, Youth Department, in a show titled, Botanical Garden to run Sept. 16, 2016-Jan. 11, 2017. The address is 3500 S. Rural Rd. Tempe, AZ 85282 (480) 350-5500

**William Hartill** has been juried into “Seasons and Holidays Show” at WHAM West Gallery. The exhibit runs from Nov. 1st - Dec. 30, 2016, hours are, Tues – Sat, 10AM – 4PM. Artist Reception is Nov. 11th 2016, 5:00 – 8:00PM. The gallery is located at the Wham Community Art Center 16560 Dysart Rd, Surprise, AZ 85378 (623) 584-8311

**William Hartill** has three piece of work accepted to The Gallery Show TINY WORKS | TINY DANCES II. Opening Night is First Friday December 2, 2016, 6pm – 10PM and the artist reception is December 16, 2016 6PM – 10PM. The gallery is located at, 1229 Grand Ave., PHX AZ 85007

**Joan McGue**'s Artwork named, *Brain Freeze* has been accepted into the Sonoran Small Works Art Show. The exhibit can be viewed, Dec 10 – Jan 8, 2017, from Monday-Saturday 10 AM-5 PM and Sunday 12-5 PM. The Reception is on December 10 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM at the Red Truck Trading Company, |6501 Cave Creek Road, Suite 1, Cave Creek, AZ 85331

**Joan Baron** has artwork in the Sonoran Small Works Show, at the Red Truck Trading Company 6501 Cave Creek Rd Ste 5 Cave Creek, AZ. The exhibition starts on 12/10/2016 with hours from 10AM – 5PM. There is an reception on 12/10/2016 from 6-9PM

**Constance McBride** has an exhibit called A Show of Hands, at the Bokeh Gallery at the Monorchid, 214 E. Roosevelt St., Phoenix, Arizona 85004. She will give an Artist Talk on the Third Fri 12/16 (hrs 6-9PM). The exhibition runs 12/02/2016 - 12/17/2016 and the hours the exhibition is open: M-F 9-5 / Sat-Sun 9-3. The reception is on 12/02/2016 from 6PM - 10PM.

**Art Smith** has an Solo exhibit titled, The Collected Short Poems, at the Church of the Beatitudes, located at 555 West Glendale Ave. The reception for this show is December 10, 2016 from 6-9PM

### AAG's Veteran Art Program



Each month AAG's Veteran Art program exposes our Veterans' to multiple types of artwork and technique. The Veterans' greatly enjoy working in all the different mediums that we have exposed them to and continue to produce great artwork. Their ability to grasp new art concepts and work in new mediums is remarkable. The Veterans' especially enjoy meeting and working with accomplished artists.

Saturday, November 26th John Erwin did an exceptional, fun filled, very informative program on various techniques he uses to create his artwork. He captured the attention and imagination of all Veterans' who attended and the Veterans' created some exceptional artwork.

Although AAG always has a noon meal for the Veteran's like last year we had a Thanksgivings feast all contributed by generous AAG members. There was plenty of food and we were able to give the Veterans' take home food.

This program is supported by AAG donations and funding from the Arizona Arts Alliance. Its 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.





## AAG Participated in the Herberger Theater 7th Annual Festival of the Arts



AAG members Sharon Geels, Marsha Wright, and Mark Woehrle represented AAG in the Herberger Theater 7th Annual Festival of the Arts at the Phoenix convention center on November 4th.

AAG members handed out literature on the monthly programs, workshops, and exhibits the Arizona Artists Guild has plus information on the AAG Veteran Art program.

Many of the individuals and family's that attended the Herberger Festival of the Arts showed interest in the art programs and events that AAG sponsors. It's another example of AAG's interaction with area residents.

### Arizona Art Alliance News:

"INTERPRETATIONS II" a Juried Fine Art Exhibit and Sale sponsored by the Arizona Art Alliance will be held this spring at the WHAM WEST GALLERY in Surprise during the month of March, 2017.

This show is open to all members (Alliance juried or not) in good standing of any affiliated AZ Art Alliance Member League. The theme "Interpretatons" is open to inspire all Artists to interpret what they see, feel and hear, and apply it to their artwork. ALL ARTWORK WILL BE JURIED. This exhibit is open to all 2D and 3D artwork ...all jewelry artists please apply.

Please see the prospectus at the Alliance website: [www.azartalliance.com](http://www.azartalliance.com). Deadline is December 20, 2016. Each artist must use the online system to apply. Contact Kathy Rose at [kearose@juno.com](mailto:kearose@juno.com) if you incur any problems.

### The Power of Imagination by Remez Sasson

Imagination is the ability to form a mental image of something that is not perceived through the five senses. It is the ability of the mind to build mental scenes, objects or events that do not exist, are not present, or have happened in the past.

Everyone possesses a certain degree of imagination ability. The imagination manifests in various degrees in various people. In some, it is highly developed, and in others, it manifests in a weaker form.

Imagination makes it possible to experience a whole world inside the mind. It gives the ability to look at any situation from a different point of view, and to mentally explore the past and the future.

This ability manifests in various forms, one of which is daydreaming. Though too much idle daydreaming may make one impractical, a certain degree daydreaming, while not being engaged in something that requires attention, provides temporary happiness, calmness and relief from stress.

In your imagination, you can travel anywhere in the speed of light, without any obstacles. It can make you feel free, though temporarily, and only in the mind, from tasks, difficulties and unpleasant circumstances.

### AAG's Winter Exhibit

Do not miss seeing the AAG Winter Exhibition. The exhibit was open to all AAG members of the Arizona Artists Guild. What is so special about this show is that there is no theme. The only limitations to this show are the size constraints and your own self-imposed limitations. Although making something thematic to enter into a show is a good practice to stretch artistically, it's important to have an opportunity to enter a show with work that is just about your expression or interest.


**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  
January 17, 2017 | Joanie Wolter | Sculpting Demo

**2016 AAG Exhibition Calendar:** visit [ArizonaArtistsGuild.net](http://ArizonaArtistsGuild.net) for entry information

**Winter Exhibition:** Reception December 11, 2016 2-4 pm

**Body of Work:** Reception Sunday, April 30, 2017 2-4pm

**AAG Workshops:** visit [ArizonaArtistsGuild.net](http://ArizonaArtistsGuild.net) for more information

**Rachel Bess: Figurative Painting:** Saturday, March 4, 2017

**Joanie Wolter: Sculpture:** Saturday, April 1, 2017

**Sculptors Group:** 7:00 - 9:00 PM, See Website for location  
December 5, 2016 | Sandra Luehrsen | her work and process

**AAG Events:** visit [ArizonaArtistsGuild.net](http://ArizonaArtistsGuild.net) for more information

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

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

**Veterans Art Program:** Fourth Saturday/month | [info@ArizonaArtistsGuild.net](mailto:info@ArizonaArtistsGuild.net) for details

**-AmazonSmile.**

This is a relatively new concept created by Amazon. It works exactly like Amazon. If you already purchase through Amazon, please log in through **Smile.Amazon.com**. **You will notice it's the same merchandise only a different web address.** 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.** This is a great way of contributing to the guild. Spread the word, tell your friends.

**AAG Exhibition information****Winter Exhibition**

This exhibition was open to all current AAG members in good standing.

Exhibition dates: November 14 – January 7

Reception: Sunday Dec 11, 2:00-4:00pm

**Associates Body of Work Exhibition**

This exhibition is open only to AAG Associate members only. Associate members are required to submit three works that are consistent in medium, artistic style, and subject. Jurors will look for quality of technique and artistic concept originality that is consistent across all three works. Jurors will either accept all three works or none of the three. Acceptance of all three works in this exhibition counts as one exhibition towards juried member status.

Exhibition dates: April 22 - May 22, 2017

Drop off and jurying: Friday, April 21, 2017

Hanging: Saturday, April 22, 2017

Reception: Sunday, April 30, 2017

Pick up: after meeting presentation May 16 or during open studio Monday May 22, 2017

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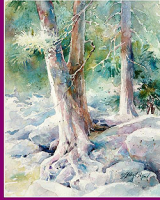
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## THANK YOU

Thank you [Arizona Art Supply](#) for your donations to AAG. I'd like to encourage our members to support the people who support AAG. Think about [Arizona Art Supply](#) when you need art supplies

## 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](mailto:info@arizonaartistsguild.net)

**A quote by Robert Fulghum, author of, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten**  
*I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief. And I believe that love is stronger than death.*

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



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