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# Newsletter

# **Art Happenings at AAG**



General Meeting January 21, 2020 John Erwin

John is a juried member of the Arizona Artist Guild, the Arizona Watercolor Association and a Signature member of the Contemporary Watercolorists of Arizona. He is a co-founder of

the Pinnacle Peak Painters critique group and a member of the 22×30 Critique Group. He also coordinates the Evening Open Studio for the AAG. He has taught for over 40 years and now teaches watercolor, sketching and printmaking. He has been an instructor at the Shemer Art Center.

# Upcoming General Meeting Schedule of Presenters

18-Feb-20 Bill Lunquist | Charcoal/Oil

17-Mar-20 Scholarship Recipients Presentation

21-Apr-20 Fiona Purdy | Pet Portraits

19-May-20 Outreach Exhibition and Reception

# **Open Studio**

The Open Studio provides room to work on large pieces, camaraderie, and lively conversation about art and the creative process. Meeting weekly



on Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings. AAG members and non-members are welcome to attend.

# Ongoing Events at AAG

# **Sculptors' Group Meeting:**

First Monday of each Month, 7-9:00 PM

# **AAG** Monthly Meeting:

Third Tuesday of each month, 5:30-8:00 PM

# **AAG Board Meeting:**

Second Monday of each month, 6:30 - 8:30 all are welcome to attend. Contact Ivan Halvorson at info@arizonaartistsguild.net for information.

# **Open Studio:**

Mondays 9AM - 12 Wednesdays evenings 5-7 PM

### Life Drawing:

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30 AM -12:30 PM

### **AAG Critique Group:**

First Tuesdays 5-8 PM (full) First Wednesdays 6:00-9:00 (full)

# Advanced Drawing With Ivan Halvorson

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 pm

# Digital Media Lab with Tess Mosko Scherer

2nd Friday of each month, 10 AM - 1:00 PM

# **Outreach Programs:**

### AAG Veteran's Art Program:

Fourth Saturday of each month, 10 AM - 2 PM

# Survivors of Suicide Art Class

Fourth Saturday of each month, 3:00-5:00 PM

For details please visit ArizonaArtistsGuild.net

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The ramps to 7th Ave. from the 101 will be closed for 3 months. Westbound and Eastbound.



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# A note from the President, Ivan Halvorson



Let's kick this New Year off with a bang. What was your New Year's resolution? Mine was to improve my drawing skills. Perhaps I can learn to draw more like the great masters. Take a look at Vincent Van Gogh's - The Potato Eaters. With total and absolute dedication to his craft, Vincent produced

this masterpiece in a dark room with oil lamps for light. Just imagine what you and I can do today with electricity and all the modern conveniences.



AAG is a good place to develop your skills. There is Open Studio twice a week where you can do your art work with other artists and learn from their experiences. Then there is life drawing every Tuesday and Thursday with live models. Plus AAG has educational demos and workshops every month. And the coffee pot is always on so get involved.

Arthur Norby's sculpture workshop has been postponed. Be sure to check the website for updated information. In the workshop, he will show you how to take a sculpture from the armature to a finished product. On January 10, Tess Mosko Scherer has a digital media lab. There you will learn to use the World Wide Web to your advantage. And on February 20, John Erwin (Watercolor John) will teach the art of watercolor painting. This promises to be a fun filled educational workshop. His fast, free and elegant painting style will be a great learning experience.

I would like to congratulate all the people who attended Artstravaganza. It was a total success. This proves art can be fun and educational. And special thanks to the people who made it happen. David Bradley's raku kiln lighting up the night sky is an experience we will never forget. Many people took home beautiful works of art and memories that will last a lifetime.

I would like to remind you to check out AAG's website -ArizonaArtistsGuild.net - stay informed and get involved.

Plus, be sure to enjoy your own art work because creative happy people generally have better health and live longer.

In closing let's look forward to a fun filled, exciting, productive and educational 2020 at AAG.

Be sure you are at the General meeting on January 21, 5PM. We will celebrate last year's successes and talk about next year's plans. Plus there will be an exciting free live demo by Watercolor John. It does not get better than that! See you January 21, 5PM at AAG.

Ivan Halvorson

### **AAG - LIFE DRAWING**

MEMBERS \$10.00 | NON MEMBERS \$15.00 NO INSTRUCTION

Easels and tables provided or you may bring your own. Bring supplies | coffee is provided

9:30 AM - 12:30PM **ALL TUESDAYS - LONG POSE ALL THURSDAYS -SHORT TO LONG POSES** 

> (except holidays) Walt Wieder - wweider@uuma.org

# **AAG - OPEN STUDIO**

MEMBERS FREE | NON MEMBERS \$10.00 Easels and tables provided or you may bring your own. Bring supplies | coffee is provided

Mondays 9 AM - 12PM

Alicia Plogman aplogman@icloud.com

Wednesday Evening 5-7PM John Erwin salesxisw@aol.com

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# 2019-2020 Guild School of Art Workshop Schedule Be sure to mark your calendars!

# <u>2020</u>

TBA Trevor Swanson

Wildlife Painting 10-4 pm \$70/80

TBA Arthur Norby

> 10-4pm \$70/80 Sculpture

January 10 Tess Mosko Scherer

> Digital Media Lab 10-1 \$35/\$45

February 21 John Erwin

> Watercolor 10 - 4pm \$70/80

February 14 Tess Mosko Scherer

> Digital Media Lab 10-1 \$35/\$45

March 13 Tess Mosko Scherer

> Digital Media Lab 10-1 \$35/\$45

April 4 Bill Lunquist

> The Portrait 10 -4pm \$70/80

April 10 Tess Mosko Scherer

> Digital Media Lab 10-1 \$35/\$45

May 8 Tess Mosko Scherer

> Digital Media Lab 10-1 \$35/\$45

Visit ArizonaArtistGuild.net for detailed information and to register for the upcoming workshops.

Direct questions to Workshop Chair: Carmen Timm at ctimm0128@gmail.com.

# **Upcoming Sculpture Group Presenters**

### 2020

February 3 Mike Butzine | Neon March 2 Bobby Zokaites | metal April 6 Alexi Divilliars | found object

May 4 Dave Knorr



Sculptor's Group Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2020 Jane Kelsey-Mapel

7:00-9:00 pm | Location: AAG

Jane will present a power point presentation of her work followed by a demonstration of her clay sculpting techniques. There should be time for a short critique of members work afterwards. Please be sure to bring work for the critique.

Jane Kelsey-Mapel is a Phoenix based artist. She exhibits her ceramic figure sculpture nationally and has had work featured in U.S. and international publications such as "Ceramics Monthly" and "Sculpture" magazine from Beijing, China. Her work is held in numerous public and private collections including the Racine Art Museum, Racine, Wisconsin, the City of Phoenix Collection of Contemporary Arizona Ceramic Art at the Phoenix Airport Museum and the Arizona State University Art Museum Ceramics Research Center.

Jane holds a Master of Fine Arts in Ceramics from the University of North Texas and a Bachelor of Arts in Art from Arizona State University. She has taught both full time and part time at universities and colleges in Texas and Arizona and currently teaches ceramic figure sculpture at the Shemer Art Center and the Mesa Arts Center.

In speaking about her work, Jane says "What really drives my art is a desire to communicate. I'm fascinated by the challenge of transforming an abstract idea into a concrete visual image. I create figures in clay and mixed media with the intention that they transcend the inanimate nature of their materials. I seek to create a psychological presence in each piece that elicits an emotional response from the viewer."

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# Artist of the Month



First Place Deena Hunkler Sanks Moby Dick



Second Place Karen Weingartner Spike

# Beatitudes: Vision of Possibilities

1610 W. Glendale Ave, Phoenix.

AAG juried members are eligible to exhibit at The Beatindes for a three-month long exhibition. Contact Melanie Harman for details: baileyrider@cox.net





Ellen Nemetz and Les Rudnick December 5 - March 4, 2020



Exhibition schedule: March 5 - June 3, 2020 Lynda Burruss and Norman Wilson

June 4- September 2, 2020 Alex Pekala and Tom Deny Open to all current members in good standing, Artist of the Month competition takes place during each monthly meeting. Members vote for one piece of art entered in the Artist of the Month competition. Each Artist of the Month winner receives a ribbon, a cash prize of \$25, and the opportunity to compete for Artist of the Year. Once an artist receives the Artist of the Month distinction they are ineligible to enter for the remainder of the year, until the May meeting.

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. Visit ArizonaArtistsGuild.net for details.

### Welcome New Members:

Amy Haggard | Patti Harley | Kenji Honda William Kollar | Christine Leva | Linda Miller Robert Moscarello | Barb Nation | Caron Sada Jimmy Plogman | Dana Ragsdale | Tim Frazier Megan Rieker | Sharon Schultz | J. Logan Weber James Crossman | Cindy Kovack | Joseph Patterson

Congratulations New Juried Members
Mikii Bendotti | Veronica Francis | Britt Steinmann

**Membership cards** are available for pick-up at Monthly meetings. There's still time to renew for 2019-2020 membership.

The AAG Membership Directory is available to members. Request your updated AAG 2019: membership@arizonaartistsguild.net. 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.

## Juried Membership

An Associate member becomes a Juried Member after acceptance into three (3) AAG juried shows. Be sure to maintain a complete record of the title of the art and the exhibition title and date it was in. Download the application from the website or pick it up at AAG. Submit the application to the Membership Chairperson either in person or through the mail. Dues must be current to maintain 'Juried Member' status. Visit ArizonaArtistsGuild.net for more details or direct inquiries to creativeproject@icloud.com.

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# ARTSTRAVAGANZA!

Friday, December 13, 2019

Our annual fund raiser was as a huge success!! A good time was had by all in this fun-filled night of creativity, laughter, and color in artist-led activities. Thanks to all who came out to make it so much fun, and all who volunteered their time and resources to support our Outreach and Scholarship Programs. Here are just a few images from the night.

RAKU POTTERY FIRING WITH DAVID L. BRADLEY was so much fun. Participants experienced the magic of Raku! Each person selected a one-of-a-kind ceramic piece made by David L. Bradley. Each piece was glazed and fired on the spot. Everyone left with a beautiful one-of-a-kind sculpture.

### WATERCOLOR PAINTING WITH JOHN ERWIN

introduced many to the joys of watercolor painting. John led a watercolor painting activity creating a finished painting of chili peppers, a cactus and a few other unique paintings. John's lighthearted approach to teaching watercolor made this a fun-filled event with laughter and creativity abounding. Each person left with at least one finished painting.



# BLOWN GLASS ORNAMENTS WITH TJ MARCO OF PHOENIX **ARTS BY FIRE**

Each participant had the unique experience of creating a blown glass ornament. Guided by master glass artists each multi-colored glass ornament turned out unique and one was more beautiful than the next!



Carole and Marjie led us on an exciting adventure of color and flow. Everyone who embarked on this creative journey explored the endless possibilities of Alcohol Ink on various surfaces from ceramic tile, yupo paper, and more.



Alice Pelchat, assisted by Laura Cohen-

Hogan led you in an activity in creating contemporary mono-prints, creating free form images working with inks or paints on a printing plate resulting in a unique image printed on paper. The results were stunning!!!

















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# 2019-2020 Exhibition Update Be sure to mark your calendars! Deadlines are approaching!

# Winter Exhibition | November 15 thru January 12, 2020

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

Visit ArizonaArtistsGuild.net for the prospectus and details.

Drop off Friday, November 15, 2019 9 am to 12 noon

Notification November 15, 1 pm to 3 pm (pick up non accepted art)

Reception Sunday, December 08, 2019 | 2 pm to 4 pm Pick up Friday, January 17, 2020 | 10 am to 2 pm

### AWARDS:

Best in Show - Matt Werner "Go With God" Award of Excellence - Barry Farmer "Serendipity" Award of Distinction - Walt Wieder "Our Bog is Dood" Award of Merit - Linda M. Miller "Wall Shadows"

Ribbon: Honorable Mention - Betty Hahn "Land of Giants" Ribbon: Honorable Mention - Martina Lomas "Warrior I"

Ribbon: Honorable Mention - Anna Marie Peterson "Big Horn Sheep"





Congratulations to all the exhibiting artists of the Winter Exhibition. It was a strong show.

Pictured Above: Matt Werner with Go With God, Best In

Show. Award - Congratulations, Matt!

# Body of Work | February 7 thru March 20, 2020

Drop off Friday, February 07, 2020 | 10 am to 12 noon (drop off at AAG)

Notification February 7, 1 pm to 3 pm (pick up non accepted art)

Reception Sunday, March 08, 2020 | 2 pm to 4 pm Pick up Friday, March 20, 2020 | 10 am to 2 pm









# AAG at First Studio | February 1 - March 28, 2020

Submit images Wednesday, January 15, 2020, by end of day. Submit via online portal at ArizonaArtistsGuild.net

Notification Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Drop off February 1. 2020 | 10 am to 12 noon (Deliver to First Studio)

Receptions 1st Friday and 3rd Friday | 6 pm to 10 pm Pick up Saturday, March 28, 2020 | 9:30 am to 11 am



Submit entry Sunday, March 01, 2020 thru March 27, 2020 (Via entrythingy)

Notification Friday, April 10, 2020

Drop off Friday, April 17, 2020 & Saturday, April 18, 2020 | 10 am to 1 pm, WVAHQ

Reception: Thursday, April 30, 2020 | 6 pm to 8 pm Reception, WVAHQ

Pick up Friday, May 22, 2020 & Saturday, May 23, 2020 | 10 am to 12 pm, WVAHQ



Exhibition and Reception during the May 19 general meeting.

### -AmazonSmile.

If you shop on Amazon, consider choosing AmazonSmile , which works exactly like Amazon, with a percentage of each purchase contributed to the charity of your choice. Be sure to select Arizona Artists Guild as your charity. At no additional cost to you, this is a great way to support the Outreach, Scholarships and programming at Arizona Artists Guild.





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# First Studio Exhibition and Marketplace Opportunity

Attention AAG Members, the deadline for the First Studio Exhibition is almost here! The final day to submit is January 15th, 2020. This is an exciting opportunity for all AAG artists to be on the First and Third Friday circuit in downtown Phoenix. First Studio is a prominent exhibition space with a large following. This is a great opportunity to showcase your art to new cliental. Additionally, the exhibit runs during Art Detour on Friday March 20 and Saturday March 21, 2020. If you have not participated in Art Detour before, this is a great opportunity! In its 32nd year, Art Detour has a huge following of art lovers and collectors who turn out for exhibits, shows and special events. With this in mind, First Studio is happy to host an Artisan Marketplace for AAG members during the Art Detour weekend.

March 20, 2020, Friday, 6-9pm, Arizona Artist Guild juried show Artist Reception + Artisan Market featuring: Art Demos, arts & craft sales, painting, pottery, jewelry and more!

March 21, 2020, Saturday 10-2, Artisan Market featuring: Art Demos, arts & craft sales, painting, pottery, jewelry and more!

The Artisan Market will be held in the large video production studio at First Studio. Ten artists will be showcased each date. This is a great opportunity to sell your work and present live demonstrations. Although it is not mandatory to participate both dates, we encourage you to participate in both if you can.

Prospectus and Entry forms for the exhibit are available online at ArizonaArtistsGuild.net. 'Call to Artists' page, entrants shall submit and pay online.

If you are interested in participating in the Art Market Place March 20, and 21, send an email to exhibits@arizonaartistsguild.net by Friday, March 6.

# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT AAG**

There are many ways to be involved at AAG. Below is a list of some of the opportunities available to you.

- -Artstravaganza Chair for 2020
- -Newsletter Editor
- -Social Media Manager
- -Scholarship Chair
- AAA Liaison

If you are interested in any of the above opportunities and would like additional information, call Tess at 928-300-7185 or email admin@arizonaartistsguild.net

### CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Northern Arizona Watercolor Society's 25th Annual Watermedia Exhibition.

Deadline for entries: January, 26th, 2020 Exhibition dates: March 5th - 20th Venue: the Sedona Arts' Center

Juror: Barbara Nechis

We are a watercolor society that encourages creative expression in a wide variety of watermedia. The work may be in any style and either two or three-dimensional. For complete Prospectus got to: www.naws-az.org/exhibitions-shows

Don't Miss Out. Stay Connected!!

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facebook.com/AzArtistsGuild and Instagram @arizona\_artists\_guild and sign up for our e-blast at arizonaartistsguild.net/eblasts Become a member today at arizonaartistsguild.net/membership-form

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## AAG LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Artist of the Month:

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# **VP's Meeting Logistics**

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# **AAG's Community Outreach Art Programs**

Since its inception in 1928, Arizona Artists Guild has promoted the arts through education, exhibition and 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 it's potential for facilitating healing which is immeasurable. AAG recognizes the value of the arts in how it enriches lives. Guild members and Outreach Program participants alike relate stories about how their lives were changed through their own exposure to Fine Art, be it at an early age or later in life when they could pursue a life long urge that had been repressed due to family and career obligations.

AAG provides free monthly art classes to underserved segments of our community who find an improved quality of life through making art.



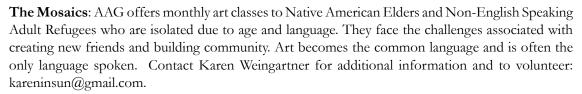
**Veterans Art Classes:** AAG provides free art instruction for Veterans of US military service and are supported in part by the Arizona Art Alliance which receives support from the Arizona Department of Veteran Services.

**Veterans Art Classes** meets on the fourth Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Contact David Bradley davlbradly@gmail.com to register or volunteer.

Women's Veterans Art Classes meet on the third Monday of each month from 5:00 - 8:30 pm. Contact Tess Mosko Scherer admin@arizonaartistsguild.net to register or volunteer

### Survivors of Suicide Art Class:

This program is designed specifically for friends and families who have lost a loved one to suicide as well as those who have attempted suicide and survived. This project is supported in partnership and funding from Your Art Your Story. Register online at ArizonaArtistsGuild.net or Contact Tess Mosko Scherer admin@arizonaartistsguild.net to register or volunteer





# Please Help Support AAG's Outreach Art Programs with your time or resources.

# **AAG Critique Groups**

The AAG Critique groups are small groups of members who meet monthly for a group critique.

Open to AAG members, each group consists of about 10 people. Once the maximum is reached, the group is closed and a list of interested members is started for forming a new group.

If you are interested in participating in a critique group, email: info@arizonaartistsguild.net.

# **ART SUPPLY EXCHANGE SALE**

Frames, paint, paper, brushes, easels and more!
Art Supply is open 9 am to noon Mondays and
5PM - 9PM AAG Meeting nights

# **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 or call 602-944-9713.

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

# **AAG General Meetings Schedule**

Join us on the third Tuesday of each month from September through May, except for December, for an evening of socializing with artists of all media, informative and entertaining presentations by experts in their fields, critiques of member artworks, and competition for Artist of the Month.

# Overview of Meeting Timeline

5:30-6:30 pm Member critique

Members are invited to bring a piece of art for the critique and another for the Artist of the Month competition.

6:15 Enjoy a snack, vote for artist of the month, buy a raffle ticket.

7:00 Business meeting

7:20 Program presentation

8:30 pm Meeting adjourned

Visit ArizonaArtistsGuild.net for detailed information on the monthly meetings.



# **THANK YOU**



Thank you Arizona Art Supply for your continued support and generosity to AAG. Monthly donations support the raffle which in turn supports Outreach and Scholarship Programs. Be sue to visit Arizona Art Supply when you need art supplies and ask about AAG membership discounts.

Thank you Scottsdale Printing for the beautiful work on the newsletter and tending to our other printing projects. We appreciate your excellent service and attention to detail. Be sure to visit Scottsdale Printing for your printing needs.



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