



ARIZONA ARTISTS GUILD Newsletter

A WORD FROM AAG PRESIDENT, IVAN HALVORSON....



Art is more than a hobby or an occupation. It is a life style and a passion. As we become more involved in creating fine art we see the most mundane moments can be sources of wonder. Try starting your morning with a dazzling light show. Watch the reflections of your ceiling light dance on surface of your morning coffee. This is a performance that will dazzle the most creative abstract artist, puzzle the most inquisitive physicist and challenge the most accomplished photographer. Reality is a great source of abstract images.



Light show in my coffee.

Our Hank Keneally is a great abstract artist. He photographs reality and turns the images into amazing works of abstract art. An image of soap bubbles and a colorful wet rag in the bottom of his sink won honorable mention at AAG's 2021 winter exhibition. The take home message is that we should pay attention to the forms and images that surround us all day.

With the Covid vaccine rollout we will soon be able to come out of our shells. Where will you take your art when the world opens up into the new post pandemic reality? Some AAG artists have plans for art shows in other cities. This affords opportunity to travel, meet other artists, and experience the world in a new and exciting way. Let's position ourselves to take advantage of the post-pandemic opportunities.

As the AAG comes out of lockdown we will have more exhibitions, demos, and workshops. This provides many opportunities for us to work together and enjoy each other's company. If you are interested in a rewarding challenge you can get involved with AAG's exhibitions, demos, and workshops. Carmen Timm, who does a stellar job with demos and workshops, wants someone to help her. The Exhibition Committee needs someone to coordinate events.

Be sure to check out AAG's website. There is a wealth of information and good news for you to enjoy. And be sure to check out Alicia's Art Supply Exchange. Donate gently used supplies or purchase art supplies at a very reasonable price. And, the money goes to keep the lights on at AAG.

Let us work together to make this summer a celebration of creativity.

Keep Safe
Best Regards
Ivan Halvorson

Congratulation, Alicia Plogman!




The **AAG Life Member Award of Distinction** is bestowed upon an AAG member in recognition of their contributions to AAG. The awardee receives a plaque, lifetime membership, and has a piece of art on display at AAG. Since its inception there have been only 18 Life Members inducted to the Hall of Fame.

The board voted unanimously to induct Alicia Plogman into the Hall of Fame. In addition to maintaining a regular schedule for our members at AAG, Alicia works diligently behind the scenes with nearly every committee chair to make all programs and events at AAG successful. She greets us with a smile, knows everyone's name, and miraculously remembers the type of art we make. She is always looking for ways to make AAG better.

Alicia is the heart and soul of AAG.

Please visit www.arizonaartistsguild.net for a special full thank you to Alicia.

Visit us: 18411 N. 7th Ave. Phoenix, Az 85023- Mail to: PO Box 41534, Phoenix, AZ 85080

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7th Avenue	Union Hills Drive
	 Arizona Artists Guild

**2021 Guild School of Art
Workshop Schedule
Be sure to mark your calendars!**



John Erwin | Florals, Birds, & Seascapes

April 16, 2021 | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Location: Arizona Artists Guild
Birds, Florals & Seascapes paintings using watercolors. Enjoy step-by-step instruction in watercolor including focal points, value plans, and color choices. No previous experience necessary. Join us for this fun-filled workshop! John will supply a materials list, but you are free to use the colors and brushes you normally use.

AAG Members \$70; Non-members \$80



Trevor Swanson | Nature in General | Oil

April 21, 2021, 9am-3pm Location: Arizona Artists Guild

Trevor provides an overview of the design and painting process used to create a finished work. While this normally takes weeks to accomplish, we will do as much as we can to go over a lot of the techniques and tricks to create detail and bring a subject to life. Trevor creates a fun learning experience, and welcomes beginners as well as advanced students. We all have something to learn from each other. This workshop will be face to face and held at Arizona Artists Guild.

\$70/members / \$80 non-members



Visit ArizonaArtistGuild.net for details and to register for the upcoming workshops.

Direct questions to Workshop Chair: Carmen Timm at ctimm0128@gmail.com 602-501-6720

AAG Monthly Virtual Meetings

March General Meeting - March 16, 2021 via Zoom | 5:30 -7:00 pm

Artist Critique: Veteran artists David Bradley, Ann Osgood, and Art Smith facilitate your monthly critique. The critiques are direct & focused, stemming from years of teaching experience combined with personal practice and is the opportunity for us to get that valuable critique for our current and recent projects.

[https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcpciorDwiE9Xv6YJ5YmJh0vSCyutLzAMq](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJcpciorDwiE9Xv6YJ5YmJh0vSCyutLzAMq)

Our March Demonstrator/Presenter is David Bradley-Expect Something New & Exciting! Sure to be fun.

Submit your work for the critique

Visit ArizonaArtistsGuild.com to submit through the online portal. One piece per member.

Submissions must be received by 5pm each Monday before the meeting. <http://www.arizonaartistsguild.net/submit-your-work-for-the-monthly-critique/>

Be sure to Register in advance for the Zoom meetings.

Coming...

April 20, 2021 - Presentation by Scholarship Recipients

May 18, 2021 - Elaine Waters Take a "ho-hum" painting & turn it into something wonderful.

ArizonaArtistsGuild.net 602-944-9713

Artist of the Month - Virtual Competition

Submit to the **Artist of the Month Competition** through the portal on the website by the 5th of each month. Members vote for one piece of art by the tenth of the month. Winners are announced at the general meeting & images are posted on the AAG website and social media. Each month's 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.

A note from our February Artist of the Month, Mikii Bendotti... For much of my life I have drawn. In the 2nd grade, my teacher told me if I did not talk too much to my neighbors, I could draw a horse and she would put it up in the room. Later I drew illustrations to help me remember, to help my students learn, and drew my teachers teaching. I was a principle. Upon retiring, I painted and I paint as often as possible. I love painting people engaged in the human experience we call life!

I have had paintings juried here at AAG, Scottsdale Artist School, Glendale Art, Portrait artists of Arizona and just recently in the AAG Winter Exhibition. Such wonderful people I met through these events!

I love acrylics and use many different brands but like Golden products best. I recently discovered the liquid acrylic!

As a relatively new artist, I've learned helpful things. (1) Don't worry about mistakes. Anything can be fixed and may even come out better. (2) Wait for that moment when you're ready to tackle that challenging part. I keep working on the piece until I'm ready to do that troubling part. (3) Whether a painting turns out above personal expectations or not very good, I believe there's learning taking place!

Again, thank you AAG for many wonderful opportunities to grow!



Contemplating Next Steps,
Acrylic 20 by 16

February's 2nd Place winner, Veronica Francis lives in Fountain Hills. Her preferred media is colored pencils. She is active in The Colored Pencil Society of Arizona & now exhibited over the state.

Veronica photographs anything that catches her eye; flowers, objects, animals, & interiors. Last year she was fascinated by street scenes & especially snow storms.

Veronica is a docent at Tempe Art Center and ASU - mostly on contemporary art. She indicates, "Alas things have been zooming which is difficult but there is a new show at Tempe and after two shots I am there." We look forward to seeing you, Veronica!



Stop Light Bar, colored pencil 14 by 17

AAG Scholarship Program - Request for Support

AAG is pleased to announce the 28th annual call for applicants for the [AAG Visual Arts Scholarships](#). On average 4-6 scholarships are awarded each spring. This year **\$10,000 will be awarded. Up to \$3000 will be available to student/s working with Water Media (watercolor, water based ink, etc) in partnership with AWA Del Decil Scholarship.**

The panel of jurors select work based on quality, a cohesive body of work and clear documentation, along with a well written personal statement. This year's jurors are Ann Osgood, Laura Cohen-Hogan, David Bradley and Dyanne Locati from AWA. Tess Mosko Scherer is the Scholarship Chair working with the jurors, students, schools and coordinating events.

Scholarship recipients exhibit submitted work plus 3 additional works chosen by the curators in a virtual show hosted by AAG. AAG also offers all winners an honorary guild membership for one year. This provides opportunities for growth in networking, leadership, & mentoring along with juried exhibition opportunities & workshop engagement. This is a wonderful opportunities for AAG members to network with the students.

The Scholarship program is funded by generous donations from private donors, bequests, the art supply exchange, and the monthly raffle. Hosting our monthly meetings virtually has reduced the flow of donations that would normally occur during monthly meetings (raffle, shopping at the exchange, or direct donations). **May we count on you to participate this year?** There is a donate button on our website, you may mail a check, or schedule a time with Alicia to come in & shop or drop off your donation. A donation of \$1000 or more creates a scholarship in your name. Please consider adding AAG to your estate planning. Feel free to call Tess to discuss the process and the options. Scholarships@ArizonaArtistsGuild.net.

Your donation makes a difference in someone else's life. Thank you for being a part of that.

Outreach Programs

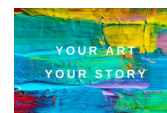
The Outreach Program is an important part of Arizona Artists Guild mission and vision. Since June (due to Covid), we have offered online classes for Veterans and Survivors of Suicide via Zoom. Classes are well attended and enjoyable. Curriculum is designed to use a limited amount of materials, so even if you just have a pencil and paper you can leave the class with a finished piece of art. Funding is available to provide art materials and supplies if needed. Please email Tess at admin@ArizonaArtistsGuild.net for more information.

Veterans Art Outreach Program: is open to all veterans. Classes meet via zoom 4th Saturday each month at 10AM. **Survivors of Suicide** class is open to anyone whose life has been touched by suicide, whether by loss or attempt. Classes meet 4th Saturday each month at 3pm.

Through the magic of Zoom, participants from across the globe are welcome to join in.

Please visit the website to register for the Zoom classes

AAG's Outreach Program is made possible through private donations and funded in part by the **Arizona Art Alliance, Arizona Commission on the Arts, City of PHX Art and Culture, Office of Veterans Affairs and Your Art Your Story.**



Ceramic Art Program for Veterans

MODULE 1 of the AAG PVCC Ceramic Program for vets ends March 6, 2021.

MODULE 2: Pottery on the Wheel | March 13, 20, April 3, 10 17 & May 1, 2021 This next module begins March 13 and is open to any Veteran who has not participated in an AAG veterans art class. Registration is open.

MODULE 3: Raku | May 8, 15, 29, & June 5, 12, 19, 2021

Times: Classes will run from 1-4 pm.

Registration: David L. Bradley – david.bradley@paradisevalley.edu or Tess Mosko Scherer admin@ArizonaArtistsGuild.net

*Note: Due to Coronavirus this schedule may be subject to change to meet the needs of the participants

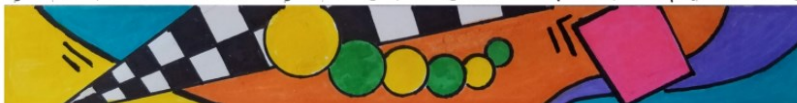
Participant Eligibility:-Open to Veterans who have not participated in a Veterans Art Course at Arizona Artists Guild or Paradise Valley Community College.

Contact David Bradley at David.Bradley@ParadiseValley.edu for more info.

In partnership with Arizona Artists Guild, Paradise Valley Community College, with funding provided by the National Endowment for the Arts.



Arizona Artists Guild.net



AAG created an emblem to represent AAG to the public. Jim Kinne captured the flavor of the mural on the outside of the building, David Bradley selected the font, Alice Pelchat pulled it all together working with the printer to make it all happen.

It is more than a bumper sticker. It represents the vitality and artistry of AAG; the community of artists who come together in the spirit of support, community, mutual respect and art making.

And if that is not enough – It is a way to identify your car in the parking lot!

Send us pictures of the bumper sticker on your car. Where are you taking your bumper sticker – or where is your bumper sticker taking you? Have fun with this!!

Get your sticker at AGG for \$5 on Thursdays from 9 to 12 or contact Alicia for other times: aplogman@icloud.com

<http://www.arizonaartistsguild.net/aag-bumper-sticker/>



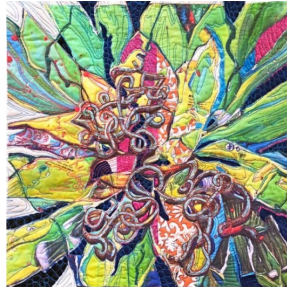
AAG Winter Exhibition - Congratulations to the Award Recipients

The Arizona Artists Guild Winter Exhibition is an annual exhibition and an AAG tradition. This year, the show marked another milestone in the history of AAG – our first virtual exhibition! This unprecedented time in our history is marked by a reliance on technology as we have never before. AAG is in the forefront of using technology to communicate, educate, and exhibit. This show features 71 accepted works by 53 AAG members.

Our esteemed jurors were Art Smith and Constance McBride. The exhibit can be found on the AAG website: <http://www.arizonaartistsguild.net/aag-winter-exhibition-2021/>



Best in Show
David Lloyd Bradley
Sarajevo Doorway



Award of Excellence
Debra Goley
Crazy Good Agave



Award of Merit
Matt Werner, *Kiss, Kiss, Grandma*



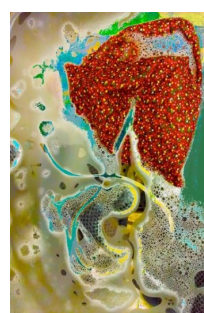
Award of Distinction
Elissa Nowacki, *Cuatro Lirios*



Honorable Mention
Jim Kinne, *Casa Visitor*



Honorable Mention
Dyanne Fiorucci
Serenity Now



Honorable Mention
Hank Keneally
Mask-Gloves-Covid



Honorable Mention
Douglas Sydnor, *Habitat*



Honorable Mention
Jacki Cohen, *Enchantment*

Jurist: Art Smith Statement on AAG Winter Exhibit

I was impressed with a number of elements in AAG's Winter Exhibition. I found the quality of work, the diversity of media and subject matter, and the overall professionalism of the show to be significant. It was quite apparent that the individual pieces reflected a seriousness of purpose and mastery of craft by the artists. The range of media, materials, and techniques--from sculpture and painting to mixed media work in fabric and manipulated photography--revealed the wide range of artistic processes inherent at the Guild. Noteworthy, also for me, was how professional this work was. It was no leap of faith to imagine any of these pieces hanging in a modern gallery setting.

I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to judge/jury this fine presentation of the work of Arizona artists with Constance McBride. The Winter Exhibition is a strong exhibit, showcasing not only the work of serious modern artists, but also serving as a reflection of the high standards of art encouraged and supported by the Arizona Artists Guild.

Jurist: Constance McBride Statement on AAG Winter Exhibit

I was pleased but not surprised when viewing the quality of all the works submitted for the Winter Exhibition. It was exciting to see the wide variety of media put forth, which always aids in putting together an engaging show. It was difficult to make decisions but Art and I felt confident that we carried out the task set by the criteria the AAG has become known for. AAG has been leading the way in Arizona for some time now by setting the bar high for its artists. I was honored to jury this important show and delighted to share the honor with Art Smith.

AAG Statewide Exhibition | April 15- May 15, 2021

Location: Virtual & Mood Room - 3121 North 3rd Avenue Suite 100, Phoenix 85013 (Park Central)

This exhibit is open to all residents of Arizona. Membership in AAG is not required for this exhibition.

This is a big opportunity for networking and exposure. The mood room is a new gallery concept by Artlink, Inc. that seeks to address the needs of 21st century artistic practice. The mood room was founded in 2020 at Park Central in Phoenix in order to connect the events and services that Artlink provides to artists while expanding the kinds of support that cultural creatives need in order to grow their personal vision into transformative art experiences. The aim of the mood room is to promote the arts in every medium by connecting creatives with new exhibition opportunities, special projects, growing patronage, cultural influencers, and the collective resources of arts organizations from across the Valley and beyond.

Awards include: Best of Show \$1000 cash, Award of Excellence \$500 cash, Award of Merit \$250 cash**Important Dates:** Submissions Now OPEN through March 31, 2021, Notification to Artists: April 7, 2021Reception: Details to be announced **Visit the AAG website for details.****Jurors:** Barbara Kemp Cowlin - Ann Morton - Dr. Grant Vetter

**Arizona Art Alliance
Interpretations VI**

02/15/21- 6PM: Deadline Entries/Fees

Exhibition Dates: 03/02-03/30, 2021

Tuesday-Saturday 10am – 4pm

Location: Hybrid Virtual/Physical at WHAM West Gallery – 16560 N. Dysart Rd., Surprise 85378 (623)-584-8311 & on the Arizona Art Alliance Website. It will also be promoted through Social Media platforms.

Reception: 03/06/2021 4:30-6:30pm



INTERPRETATIONS VI
An Arizona Art Alliance Fine Art Exhibition | Hybrid (virtual and in-person)
Exhibition Dates: March 2 - March 30, 2021
AzArtAlliance.com | info@AzArtAlliance.com | 928-300-7185

**Exhibiting Artists:**

Larry Beausoleil	Martina Lomas
Margaret Connery-Boyd	Valerie McMullen
Susan Decker	Joan McGue
Barry Farmer	Patricia Milbourn
Marvella Frey	Pat Obrien
Laura Gaylor	Shannon O'Donnell
HC Gilmore	Karen Peck
Linda Lee Gimby	Barbara Peterson
Debra Goley	Teresa Prevey
Melanie Harman	Alicia Plogman
Lynda Hopkins	Cheri Reckers
Hank Keneally	Bruce Sink
Betty Jean Kennedy	Andrea Tedesco
Tanya Lemma	Jane Underhill
Dyanne Locati	Matt Werner
Craig Lomas	Larry Wilson
	Mary Wolke



Tuesday thru Saturday, 10am – 4pm
WHAM Art Center | 16560 N. Dysart Rd., Surprise, AZ 85378

AAG LIFE DRAWING IN-PERSON.

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES, OR
CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR EMAIL INFORMATION.**

Tuesdays only, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Due to Covid, capacity is **limited to 10 people**. You must **pre-register** through the website for each session. Pre-registration is required for admission.

Workspace locations are marked on the floor to assure social distancing guidelines. Please stay within that space.

Email the Life Drawing Chair for more information: johnfheckman@gmail.com

THE ART SUPPLY EXCHANGE**Looking for donations.**

This is a great time to clear out those gently used art materials and supplies.

The Closet is open Thursdays 9am-12pm or by appointment, and strictly adheres to all CDC guidelines:

Please wear a mask and abide by social distancing protocols.

We have a special sale of large frames w/plexi & matt in pristine condition.

Check out our corner of FREE Books & Magazines.

Pick up your AAG Bumper Sticker!

Contact Alicia Plogman to schedule an appointment or drop in during weekly hours:

aplogman@icloud.com | 602-788-4016

We pick up Art Supply donations.

Membership Updates

Welcome New Members

Erica Black
Nancy Dobbs
Sherry Kimmel
Patricia Thompson
Tamsin Wolf

New Juried Members

Lee Brown
Jacki Cohen
Becca Farmer
Craig Lomas
Martina Lomas
Linda Miller
Douglas Syndor

Golden Member

Norman Wilson

Lifetime Member

Alicia Plogman

Congratulations & Welcome!

Membership dues are the primary source of income for AAG. Members enjoy benefits concerning exhibitions, workshops and other group activities. As we prepare for the upcoming year, Please continue your membership as a way to support AAG and to stay connected during this unprecedented time.

Membership Directory. Request your updated AAG 2020/21 by emailing: membership@arizonaartistsguild.net. Write "Membership Directory" in the subject line and include your name in the email.

Golden AAG Memberships Eligibility: If you are 90+ years old and have been a member of AAG for at least 5 years.

Juried Membership Eligibility: 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. Mail it to AAG or Email it to Laura Cohen-Hogan, Membership Chairperson.

Dues must be current to maintain 'Juried Member' status. Visit ArizonaArtistsGuild.net for more details or direct inquiries to Laura Cohen-Hogan at creativeproject@icloud.com.

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See full AAG Leadership Team at ArizonaArtistsGuild.net

Arizona Artists Guild is an organization devoted to visual art in all media. AAG was founded in 1928, just 16 years after Arizona's statehood and continues to be a place for artists of all types to gather together for creative sharing and learning. Since that time many notable artists have come through our doors. Today AAG has over 300 active members ranging in artistic experience from the beginner to the retired master.

AAG General Meetings

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.

Meetings via Zoom until further notice.

Please consider designating AAG as your preferred destination for Amazon Smile contributions.



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 sure 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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