



Collage

Fountain Hills Art League

January 2015

From the President

Some reminders for your calendar from the President:



Our next meeting is on **Jan 5th** - soon after New Years. Please put it on your calendar now as Nancy Dini will be discussing our workshops that are planned for Jan & Feb. There is additional information on the meeting in this newsletter.

Jan 7th - Cultural & Civic Council Assoc. Juried Show reception at Community Center - 5:30-7PM

Jan 12 - Open Studio 1-4 PM Community Center Art Room

Jan 13 - Our workshops begin - Tuesday afternoons at Emerson Gallery

Jan 26 - Open Studio 1-4 PM Community Center Art Room

Look for information in this newsletter about Field Trips planned for January.

We welcomed Don Cunningham as Treasurer at our Board Meeting. It was decided that we will audit our account whenever we have a new treasurer. If anyone in our league has this experience or has audited our accounts in the past and would be willing to do this, please let me know by Jan 1. We will pay you an amount for your time.

My wishes to you for a healthy, happy and creative year ahead. *Bonnie*

Next Meeting January 5th

The meetings are the first Monday of the month...MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

6-6:20: Critique 6-6:30 p.m.: Sign in and set up of Artist of the Month, Social Time 6:30-6:45 p.m.: Meeting
6:45-7:45 p.m.: Program/Demonstrations 7:45-8:10 p.m.: Break 8:10-8:30 p.m.: Awards/Announcements.

The Critique at 6-6:20 is done by Michael Roberts; this is for unfinished or finished art, this does not include Artist of the Month projects.

Rules for Artist of the Month

All art must be original (no prints). All paintings must be framed or have 1.5" minimum gallery wrap with finished sides. If any artwork was worked on in a class or workshop, the instructor could not have touched the work with any tool or hand. An artist can only win first place once during a calendar year. Subject material for artwork must be from personal photographs or individual creativity NOT books, magazines or other artist's works. Mediums may be painting, photography or 3-dimensional.

Guest Speaker

The guest speakers at the monthly meeting on January 5 will be the owners and developers of the Milan Art Institute in Queen Creek: "Milan Art Institute is the passion of John and Elli Milan. They are a collaborative artist couple committed to developing their innovative art to the highest levels, constantly confronting their creative comfort zones and modeling this for other artists. They whole heartedly work with other talented artists developing their careers and guiding them in the creative process. John and Elli also train other teachers to impart to growing new artists classic art instruction as well as new cutting edge techniques for a well rounded education in visual art expression." Go to the website www.milanartinstitute.com for more information. Please join us that evening for an interesting presentation.

Interested in Presenting Your Medium?

If you are a FHAL member who gives group or private lessons in your preferred medium, there will be time during the January monthly meeting to promote it. Please bring examples of what you teach to the meeting. Call Carol Ofsthun (480-388-5303) for more information and to get on the agenda.

2015 Membership

We will be accepting 2015 membership fees at the January 5th meeting. The deadline to be in the Membership Address Book is Jan. 5. The dues have not changed - \$30.00 for 1 person, \$40.00 for 2 person household. You may also send them to Frank Keenan, application on back of newsletter. Remember, you will not have your name in the directory with late payment.

"For all members of the Fountain Hills Art League. Please review the information in the 2014 Membership Book. If you see any changes, please forward them to me ASAP at the following email address - keenanhistory@cox.net. If I don't hear from you, we will assume that the info is correct and that is what will be in the 2015 Membership Book. Appreciate everyone's help in having the info in the Book as accurate as possible. *Frank*"

New Members

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9839 N. Desert Rose Drive
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Dear Fellow artists and guests,

It's been a double honor to have "Cranium Geraniums" selected for the Summer Project winner and "Scrapper" chosen for the Artists of the Year award. I am thrilled and appreciate this encouragement to keep trying new techniques and subjects.

All of the monthly award winning paintings represented versatile high quality work. Someone said "Scrapper" had the "attitude" of a winner. Maybe that's what garnered him a few extra votes - I thought I heard him Crow this morning! My own attitude is one of gratitude: for our community's support of the arts, for this art league, and it's dedicated officers and members. Many of us have watched the league and each other evolve over a 15 to 20 year period of time. The monthly show and tell is a good teaching tool. The awards are surely a fun way to support each others growth and development. I'm admiring the beautiful, purple ribbon as I humbly, happily paint today. Thank you. *Barbara Drake*

Artist of the Year



Field Trips

For anyone interested in seeing the wonderful fiber art show at Chandler Center for the Arts, it has become tradition now for a group of FHAL members to go there. Set aside time on Thursday morning, **January 8** and show up in the library parking lot at 9:30 AM. Call Carol Ofsthun (480-388-5303) if you can go or for more information.

January 16 2015. Tour of downtown Scottsdale galleries.

Time 9:30 at the FH Library. We may need drivers.

Lunch suggestion Arcadia Farms. They are not cheap but always have good food.

Please RSVP: Cunninghamstudio@aol.com

There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting also.

Them That's Doing

I just thought I would share a picture of one of my latest commissioned paintings 4'x6'. Hanging in a lovely house in Rolling Hills, CA overlooking the ocean.

Angel Burch-Elquest



*The Year End
Holiday Party
December 1, 2014*

*Barbara Drake
Artist of the Year*



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Make check payable to: Fountain Hills Art League

Mail to: Frank Keenan, P.O. Box 18509, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269

Return payment and the completed portion of this application to address above.

Name: _____ Medium/Patron: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

Website: _____

It is requested that each member commit to 2 hours or more of volunteer service to the organization: Please check 1 or more...

- I will assist with exhibitions I will serve on a committee I will help with membership
- I will accept a Board position I will serve on a telephone committee I will help with publicity
- I will plan a workshop I will teach a workshop I will demonstrate at meetings
- I will help with refreshments I will help with a newsletter Other _____

Attached is: Check # _____ Cash Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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