

December 2021



Collage

From The President

It's easy to forget that December is here until you start to see the cacti wearing Santa caps along with ornaments and wreaths decorating the landscapes. I remember moving from the Midwest to Dallas, Texas. It was just before Christmas and the ice cream truck was slowly making its way up the street while playing Jingle Bells. I knew then I could spend a winter without snow and never regret it. But, Christmas also offers a large dose of nostalgia along the way and I think maybe, just maybe a little snow on Christmas morning wouldn't be so bad.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Pot Luck on December 6th. It's an event to look forward to.

Please stop by the Community Center to see our wreath. Nancy O'Neal has done a wonderful job of collecting our canvases and placing them on our wreath. It is a wonderful piece and just screams, "We Are the Fountain Hills Art League!"

I wish you all a wonderful season, safe travels and joyful events.

Yours truly, Nancy Grahlmann



December 6th is a Potluck Dinner and Artist of the Year

It's not too late to join in! We are asking you to let Barb Oehl know if you plan to attend and how many people will be in your party, if you have not already signed up.

We also would like to know what type of food you plan on bringing. The options are: Casserole or Hot Dish, Cold Salads, or Veggie Side Dish. We already have enough desserts. You would also need to bring TWO serving utensils with you for a line on each side of the serving table.

Respond to Barb Oehl at bkoeh139@gmail.com or 480-837-3284. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing everyone again in a casual setting and voting for Artist of the Year.

The potluck will begin at 6:00 pm and we will eat at 6:15 pm. Please have your potluck dish on the serving table before 6:00 and find a place to seat yourselves.

I am also looking for a helper or two to clean up after the potluck is over.

Thanks, *Barbara Oehl*

See Page 4 for Members who are included in Artist of the Year!

Art League Chat

Every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. Meet on the Avenue of the Fountain, at tables across between Town Hall and Sami's.

Membership

New Members 2021-2022....Be sure and pick up a booklet with information about the Art League.

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We have 21 artists and 9 studio for the 2022 Tour d' Artistes. The tour committees have all been assigned and work is under way. Save the date cards are available to hand out and will be available at the December pick up or call Lloyd Tarr

UPCOMING EXHIBITION *Art Quilts XXVI: Stitching Stories*

November 20, 2021 - January 8, 2022 Opening Reception: **Saturday, November 20, 4-6pm**
Vision Gallery and the Chandler Center for the Arts

Quilts and storytelling have always been interwoven. From construction and deconstruction to concept, purpose, culture and history, quilts are blanketed in the oral tradition. They have long been a way for people to commemorate feelings and memories in a medium that holds cultural significance.

The quilts in this exhibition tell family stories, utilitarian stories, stories of love and heartbreak, stories of history, and much more. Their narratives can be found in the imagery of the quilt, the process in which it was made, or the significance of design or purpose. No matter the method of creation, each one has a story to share.

This year, our beloved annual exhibition was juried by the venerable artist, quilter, documentarian, and educator, Ellen Blalock, whose work focuses on giving voices to people and communities who need their stories told. It features 64 story quilts made by 53 artists from all over the country, and is on display at both Vision Gallery and the Chandler Center for the Arts. Visit both venues to experience the full exhibition!



News Items

If you have any news items, please send to Sandy Herbst, sjh14@cox.net.

November Artists of the Month

1st Place winner is Mary Kuhr

"WILD AND FREE" is the title of a 16 x 20 framed oil on canvas. This painting is inspired by the Salt River Wild Mustangs, tossing their heads, shaking their beautiful healthy manes while prancing and dancing.



Tied ...2nd Place winner is Pamela Shearer

The painting, "Lulu", is a watercolor. It is a commissioned piece for a family in Colorado. Lula is a rescued dog, coming from a puppy mill where she had litter after litter of puppies. When the family in Colorado adopted her, she needed therapy to walk and had to learn to play and move around. Now she is a happy dog, living a more normal life.



Everyone who sees her is amazed, not only at the painting but, by her story. As I painted her, I was inspired and actually changed my style a little bit.

I was privileged to paint her and her sweet spirit.



Tied 2nd Place Winner is Susan Harding

"The Gambel quail are a beautiful part of the Fountain Hills landscape. As they scurry in and out of desert cacti and cacti flowers, watercolor artist Susan Harding has captured them in their covey with their new offspring. Her watercolor painting, named 'Cactus Walk' and measures 33"W X 25"L framed. It was inspired by these little feathered creatures and will be showing at the Fountain Hills Juried Art Show January 6th at the Fountain Hills Community Center."

50/50 Winner: Mary Ann Grace

Art League Members who designed butterflies for "Flutter at the Fountain"

"Fountain Hills Gives" auctioned the butterflies, raffle baskets and many other items to donate to the local non-profit organizations. **Clockwise:** Nancy Grahlmann, *Beatrice*; Kathy Dietz, *Dark Sky Butterfly*; Sandy Herbst, *Arizona Sister* and *Hiding in Plain Sight*; Chris Demma, *Floral Butterfly*; and Gloria Sanchez, *Crystalina*.



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Artist of the Year 2020 & 2021

We did not have Artist of the Year in 2020 because we didn’t have enough meetings or participants, 2021 will have a combination of 2 years. You need to be a member to be included in the vote and bring your original to the Christmas Potluck. The winners were:

2020

January - Patricia Kenney “Ready to Rock”
February - All Member Show Winner - Barbara Zahno “Purple Delight”
December - Ryan Schmidt, “Resurrection”

2021

April - Lloyd Tarr - “Golden Glow”
May - Barbara Drake - “Dancing Couple - in the style of Renoir”
October - Virginia Wattles
November - Mary Kuhr - “Wild and Free”

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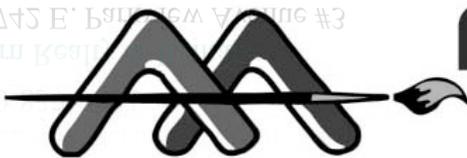
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Make check payable to: Fountain Hills Art League

Mail to: **Pat Reich, 16542 E Fairfax, Unit A, Fountain Hills, AZ 85268**

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

Name: _____ Medium _____

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We request that all members volunteer to help the Art League in some capacity. This is a volunteer organization that only thrives on member participation.

Please check 1 or more:

- I will assist with exhibitions
- I will demonstrate at meetings
- I will organize a Field Trip
- I will help with Student Art Fund/Summer Project
- I will teach or plan a workshop
- I will help with refreshments
- I will serve on a committee or accept a Board Position

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

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