



MAY/2025 NEWSLETTER.

Collage

Meetings at Fountain Hills

Community Center

6:00 pm -Meeting Begins
6:20 -Guest Speaker.
6:40 -Voting Artist of Month
7:00 - 50/50/Artist of the
Month - Announced
7:15 -Meeting Wrap Up
8:00 pm -Center Close



Letter From The President Nancy Grahlmann

Happy Spring, Artists:

Sure enough, we had a few sprinkles of rain during April. Not quite enough to recreate that “super bloom” we had two years ago, but enough to awaken the plants that bloom so beautifully in May here in Fountain Hills and throughout Arizona.

A quote from Oscar Wilde reads, “A flower blossoms for its own joy.” Like flowers opening to the new spring life, we’re on the verge of new energy and growth within our art league. Veronique Benoit is taking on the management of our yearly Tour d’ Artistes as Elaine and Lloyd Tarr look forward to once again pursuing their own art and maybe do some traveling. We wish them the best.

Keep your heart open and creativity flowing.

Nancy

SUMMER PROJECT 2025

This summer, we’re chasing the sky—and we’d love for you to join us!

We’re thrilled to support the Fountain Hills Dark Sky Discovery Project, a dazzling endeavor unfolding right here in our beautiful town. Isn’t it lovely watching it bloom, one dreamy step at a time? Our theme is simple: Sky. But oh, what a sky it is! Big skies, tiny skies, stormy, starry, painted in every hue your heart can imagine. As long as it touches the sky, it belongs. Artists aren’t scared of bold ideas—we follow them like fireflies in the dark. Who knows what surprises will come fluttering out of your brush, your lens, your hands? Let’s create, explore, and marvel together. I can’t wait to see what magic you make. Wishing you a summer full of color and delight. Go play!

Contact Adi Reinhardt for questions @ adelheid1@cox.net

MAY 5th Is the last member meeting until October 2025
Have a great summer!

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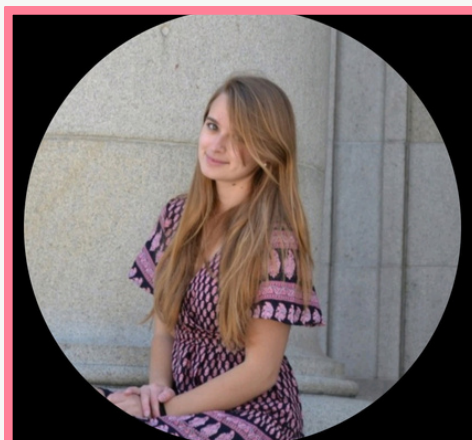
Gretchen Boyer

Tour d’ Artistes Website

Elaine & Lloyd Tarr Lloyd Tarr

Art Demos & Talks

Our May Talk of the Month Speaker



Lena Fleisch is a UAV Mapping Analyst and Geographic Information Systems Analyst for Cooper Aerial Land Surveys. She graduated in 2021 with a Bachelors of Science in Public Service and Public Policy with a concentration in Sustainability. She has worked on creating usable dashboards for a variety of users from multi-million dollar corporations to display a wide variety of information about their operation to individuals looking to purchase schools based on demographic and census data. Her primary focus is handling flying drones and processing aerial images from raw data into usable engineering maps. In her free time she loves running, stretching, traveling, and is an aerialist.

The Art Itinerary To Do's
May 17th at Fellowship Hall at
Fountain Hills Prespertarian Church
come support a group of local artists.
Event host is league Member Jack Morris.

Updates Regarding FHAL and Events

We rely on having your correct email address on file to send you Collage and other important announcements and updates regarding the FHAL and League events. Should your email address change during the year, please let us know as soon as possible so we can update our files and email distribution lists. Send changes to:

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Welcome Our Newest Members

Jack Morris - Acrylics - FH
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Richard Orbon - Oil and Pastel -Scottsdale
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John “Tony” DeLeano - FH
Native American Art
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Art AWARDS



Sonja Jones wins First Place for Artist of the Month.



Richard Orbon wins Second Place for Artist of the Month.



Sharing the 2025 Results!

A big thank you to all of the 2025 Tour d' Artistes members. The tour would not exist without your participation. We had 21 artists this year at 10 Studios/galleries. The attendance ranged from 81 to 173 with an average attendance of 129 people over the three days which was down slightly from last year.

We have \$1,743 in the Student Grant Fund for art supplies for teachers in the Fountain Hills schools. \$1200 is from sponsors, \$450 dollars is from the generous donations of the registration refunds by tour members and \$93 from a raffle at Studio 9.



*Mixed Media Artist-
Lori Allison with her
tour display.*

*Acrylic Artist-
Kim Roewert with her
tour display.*



2024-25 Mini Grant Award Winners Report and Show

Their Students' Artwork!

One of the major goals of the Fountain Hills Art league is to provide support for the Fountain Hills School Art Programs.

Schools must show evidence of current support for an existing art program to be considered for funding. I am so pleased and delighted to share the results from our 2024-25 Mini Grant Award recipients. The art teachers who received mini grants were Donna Male, Fountain Hills Middle School Art Teacher and Marissa Colon, Fountain Hills High School Art Teacher. Both teachers have done an exemplary job in completing all the requirements identified in the mini grant application. As a result of this, they are both eligible to apply for another mini grant for 2025-26 school year!

Donna Male came out of retirement to carry out the responsibilities of the middle school art program. Her mini grant consisted of a variety of art experiences that contributed to meeting the Arizona Visual Art Standards. Throughout the year she has been able to complete all the expectations of the grant.

The artwork pictured below are evidence of the grant goals she has met! One of the media she chose to explore was that of no-bake ceramic clay. The photos depict that her students excelled in reaching her expectations!



Regretfully, we are sorry to see her return to retirement and can understand that she is eager to enter the next chapter of her life. We know that the district will do their very best in finding an able replacement for Ms. Male!

The mini grant submitted by Marissa Colon, was singularly focused upon students developing technical skills and creative design in stained glass fusion. This area of study would not have been possible for students to experience without the funding from the Fountain Hills Art League. Work in this area requires the purchase of many tools and materials necessary to create a quality project. These tools and materials allow Ms. Colon to continue to create new experiences in glass and expand her students' expertise! Some of the students' successful work in glass are shown in the photos below!



Funding for the Fountain Hills Art league Mini Grant program is made possible through the generous local merchant support of the Fountain Hills Art League's Tour de Artists held annually during the first weekend in March. Funders of this year's tour were: Anytime Fitness, The Fountain Hills Artists Gallery, Bella Renu, Copy Express, Farmers Insurance, Fountain Hills Healthy Heartbeats, Fountain Hills Physical Therapy, Fountain View Coffee, Go Deva's Salon, McDowell Mountain Cycles, Nichols Home Services LLC, On the Edge Gallery, Pals Inn Resort, Phil's Filling Station Restaurant, Schultz Chiropractic and Wellness and Spooner Physical Therapy.

Appreciation for these funds were expressed by many students sending thank you notes to the Fountain Hills Art League!

We look forward to sharing the 2025-26 mini grant recipients in the Fall 2025!

Submitted by Gretchen A Boyer / Mini Grant Coordinator / Fountain Hills Art League