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## From the President

This was another Great Year for our Art League,

I have truly enjoyed being your president for 3 1/2 years and thank you for this opportunity. Your Board members and Chairpersons are great at keeping everything under control. But...they can't do everything!

Remember when you joined the art league, you were asked to volunteer at least 2 hours a year in some area? Well, be thinking about which area you are going to sign up for at the October meeting (and don't skip it!! or you won't be able to compete for the summer project winner of \$100:). I will put out the sign up sheets, and if we don't find your name, we'll insert you where we need to. The really big events are helping with the juried show, all member show, tour, holiday dinner and potluck, as well as monthly hospitality.

There are also chair positions open that need to be filled - I was partially covering some of these, which Justine cannot do. She will be doing two positions, President and Vice-President, for several months until someone steps forward to help her as VP and there is no way she can handle both of these, much less the extras.

These are the open positions as of right now: Executive Board in the near future: -VP - and possibly Newsletter Chairs: -Publicity -Field Trips -Open Studio Chair -Workshops -Fundraiser (Student Arts Fund)

Remember, this is *your* art league and we need everyone's participation to make it an educational, social, talent-sharing, supportive organization where we can learn and grow in the things we love to do. I know we can count on you.

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## May 1 Meeting

**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/Announcement

Remember to bring your Art for Artist of the Month.

**April Bower**, will be the demo artist for our May 1st meeting, 6:30 p.m.

April is a metalsmith specializing in fine jewelry and additionally "Patina Painting" on copper sheets. Her demo will be a metalsmithing technique called fold forming with which one can create 3-d forms from flat metal sheets. These sheets formed can be used to create low relief wall art, journal covers, sculptures and jewelry in a small scale while working in copper.

## **From the President, continued**

I want to thank Jane Mc Elroy and Barbara Oehl for a lovely Potluck dinner.

I don't think you realize how hard they worked - planning and shopping, and setting up 2 hours ahead, and cleaning up 1 hour after (plus taking home what still needed cleaning, like the tablecloths and serving pieces to be washed. Someone could take responsibility for different areas of these events to make it equitable so that they can also enjoy the evening.

We are again discussing the most equitable way (and most competitive way) to award the artist of the month ribbons. There are many opinions on both sides. Some feel that photography can be manipulated so effectively in much less time than it takes to paint a competitive piece. Others feel that the added competition is good for our growth, and that an artist can punch colors with multiple mediums in a way unique to non-photographic art. Others feel that the true value of a piece is how it speaks to an individual, and the medium isn't the important element. The board will be discussing again at our May board meeting on May 8, at 10AM at Bonnie's home. Please RSVP.

Remember our summer project is "Chair-ish the Moment" - paint a chair of any type or size and look for a place to display it after our October meeting. We may be able to display them at Art in the Park, Oct-Nov-Dec, if someone will Chair this, with a committee to decide how to use them as our fundraiser.

Have a great summer - I'll still be around :) *Bonnie Schweih's*

## **Upcoming Dates You Need to Know**

- 4/27 - Judith Rothenstein-Putzer's "City Reflections II" (Mixed media/alcohol transfer with pen & ink) was accepted into "Photography with Presence: Aura in the Modern Age", a juried photography exhibition at Shemer Art Center (5005 E Camelback Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85018). The exhibit runs from April 25th - June 1st, 2017. The "Opening Reception" will be on Thursday, April 27th, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 pm
- 5/1 - Meeting and Demo
- 5/6 - NO Art in the Park
- 5 /8 - 10 a.m... Art League Board Meeting, all Committee chairs are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you plan on attending please RSVP to Bonnie, as it will be at her home.

## **If you missed the E-blast**

As Tour d' Artistes Co-chairs, we are getting the registration form ready for next year's tour. The tour has always been the first week-end of March which would be March 2-4. If anyone has any good reasons why the Tour d' Artistes Tour should not continue to be the first weekend of March we would like to hear your reasons now, while we are editing the registration form. *Thanks, Jan and Elaine*

## **Community Center Art Display**

Barbara Drake, Bonnie Schweih's & Angel Elquist have their art on display at the Community Center until April 30.

They held a reception Thursday, April 20 along with an Auction of 2 or 3 paintings each. The auctioneer was John Strayer. We are grateful to everyone who has supported and encouraged our artistic endeavors this past year. The party was an opportunity to hang out with them and say "thank you".

The mini-auction was a fun way to benefit our favorite charities as a way of giving back to the community that does so much to facilitate all the arts, including music, choral, sculpture, performing and even gardening! We will be able to make another deposit to the Teachers Art Expense Fund.



Thanks to our husbands who help and encourage us. A special thanks to Jane McElroy, Joan Campbell, Susan Harding, Barbara Oehl, Mary Anne Grace and Sandra Herbst for helping with the reception.

It's such a pleasure to live in this safe little haven where people encourage one another in their efforts to use their gifts. We are especially grateful for the many ways our art league friends help and encourage each other. It's a very special organization and we're proud to be members. *Thanks, Angel, Barbara and Bonnie*

## April Artists of the Month



**1st Place:** Lloyd Tarr shows his enhanced digital photo called "Daisy Daisy"

**2nd Place:** Rudolph Volkmann wins with a photograph of "Four Peaks with a Dusting of Snow."



An additional comment on Artist of the Month and Digitally Enhanced Photo category; we need enough entries for a fair competition to keep this a separate field. **Remember after winning 1st place, artist may not enter for the rest of the year.**

**50/50 Winner:** Sharon Anderson

**Az Art Supply Certificate:** Sam Lazarus



From Left to right: Williams family donors (Sharon Anderson, Terri Yoder, Ted Williams, Tiffany Baston); teachers, Adrienne Larsen, FH Middle School; Karla Primosch, FH High School; and Barbara Cardinal, donor. (not shown: Mechelle Elkins, FH Charter School, and Juliette Collier, FH Middle School ).

The FH Art League, along with the Dick Cardinal and Michelle Williams families, presented the FH Art Teachers with gift certificates to purchase art supplies for their students. Dick and Michelle were both long time artists and board members, and worked to support the arts and art education in our community. Their families decided to direct memorial funds in their honor to the art teachers fund. The teachers were also given a memento created by Michelle Williams. Each year the FHAL raises funds at the Tour d' Artistes as well as the Emerson Art Gallery Holiday Show, to support our local art teachers at the high school, middle school and charter school. Our mission is to support the arts and grow cultural awareness in our community. Look for our next fund raiser later this year; "Chair-ish the Moment", featuring creatively decorated chairs to be sold for this purpose.

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