From The President Hi to All My Art League Friends,

This is my last President's letter. I am saddened to step down but it is time to pass on the duties. I am excited to welcome Nancy Grahlmann as our new Art League President. She is enthusiastic and ready to step forward to the position.

I want to particularly thank the wonderful friends who serve on the Board which many times the membership doesn't realize all the background work they do to keep this organization going. So with that I would like to thank and recognize the contributions of each Board member. Pat Reich is a patient and fun person to work with as she manages Membership. She has spent a lot of time reorganizing the Membership Book



and has stepped forward with Kay Meyer to put together the "All Members Exhibit" Thanks Pat! Karen Klaassen, our outgoing Treasurer has managed to organize our incoming and outgoing monies in an actual and predictable, steady presentation of the Treasury and I have been grateful for her patience and guidance. It is wonderful that Nancy O'Neal has volunteered to step in to fill the Treasurer's position. Welcome Nancy! Sandy Herbst, our Director has made a long-standing commitment to getting our newsletter the "Collage" out in a timely fashion. When we need to get immediate alerts out she does it without complaints. Thanks for all you do Sandy! Special thank you goes to Sally Atchinson, our Secretary. She many times has to herd this group of artistic cats into figuring out where the "Motions" and "Seconds" go to create legible minutes. Heaps of thanks! Finally I want to thank our Past President, Bonnie Schweihs, who has continued to organize the "Juried Competition" which is our banner event of the year. Thanks for your continued service Bonnie!

I will miss the wonderful Board but put it into Nancy Grahlmann's capable hands. For a little while I will help direct as Past President and then rest.

Yours in Art, Justine Mantor-Waldie, President

# **December 7th Meeting**

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

**Ryan Schmidt** will present his sculptures and describing his artistic process at our December 7th, 6:30 pm Art League meeting at the Community Center.

Ryan is from Little Rock, Arkansas, he has been sculpting in stainless steel since 2002. The inspiration for his welded and moulded art springs from his passion for steel in smooth arcs and curves that are in triangular relationships. Schmidt's work has been featured by the International Institute of Welding in Bratislava last year and Singapore this year. Some of his notable works are found in national and international collections including: the Arkansas Govenor's Mansion; CHI St. Vincent Neuroscience Institute, Little Rock, Arkansas; TICCA World Trade Center, Taipei; and Amway Botanical R and D Center, Wuxi, China.



# **Membership**

Please welcome our new members! Add their information into your new membership book.

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#### **Dates to Remember**

**December 1** - The next Tour d'Artistes zoom meeting will be on Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30 PM. Please plan to attend this meeting as we will be deciding to have the 2021 tour or cancel it.

**December 11 -** Last day to enter the juried show. All information and online entry is on our website. The times is also publishing an article this week. Call Bonnie if you have any question. 480-467-9333.

**Mid January** - The All Member Show will follow the same plan as the Juried Show with digital images posted on the FHAL website. If the community center is open we will hang the show the first week of February. The show will hang during the month of February. Digital submissions will be due mid January so that our webmaster has time to get them posted. This show is open to all members of the FHAL. There is no charge and 2 submissions are permitted per member. Exact dates and directions for submitting entries will be sent out to all members in the near future.

## Art League has a New Treasurer...Nancy O'Neal

I am a native Chicagoan born and raised there.

I attended Monmouth College, University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana and finally Northwestern University where I received my degree. I majored in Philosophy. I traveled to the South West and fell in love with the beauty of the desert and the incredible sunsets and the fact you can see night time skies. Although my condo in Chicago was on the lake there was little opportunity to see night time stars.

I am active in Fountain Hills organizations and clubs including: Hooks and Needles, Mystery Book Club, and Four Peaks Women's Club. I am member of the Heard Museum and Heard Guild. The Guild is the volunteer arm of the museum. I have chaired various events including the Staff Appreciation Luncheon and Cultural Performances that occur during the annual Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair and Market. I am pleased to be a member of the Fountain Hills Art League.



# **Incoming President Nancy Grahlmann**

Nancy Grahlmann is an artist, writer, instructor and creator. Writer turned cartoonist in 1992, she was a self taught artist until 1997 when she returned to school to study Animation at the Art Institute of Atlanta. There she learned a wide range of new skills to enrich her path in Visual Communications. An advocate for women in domestic violence, Grahlmann ran art therapy groups for women in shelter, wrote and illustrated many articles on the subject, did public speaking and police training for the Family Violence Center in Springfield, Missouri. She moved to Fountain Hills in June 2015. Nancy has been the VicePresident of the Art League, a member of Tour d'Artists and now a co-owner with Veronique Benoit of *Murphy's Creative Madhouse* on Facebook.



## Artists of the Month and Artist of the Year

There were not enough entrants have Artist of the Month in November. Every member in encouraged to bring a piece of Art to December Meeting. The winner will be included into the **Artist of the Year** competition.

Due to Covid, the only artists for the Artist of the Year were: January - Patricia Kenney "Ready to Rock"

February - All Member Show Winner - Barbara Zahno "Purple Delight"

They will have to bring their winning pieces to the meeting to be included in the final vote at the December Meeting.

Art League wreath hung at the Community Center.

The theme was "The Fountain at 50"



#### Hidden in the Hills Studio Tour



Justine Mantor-Waldie: People who visited Studio 3, "Coyote Crossing Studio", Dick Mueller's Studio were required to enter by one way only, have their temperatures taken and must wear a mask. In spite of the regulations, Karen, Bob and I were surprised by the amount of people coming out. For our beginning three days we had almost 500 visitors. It was a pain to talk through the mask but persisted. I was pleased to sell several pictures.

Members also showing in Hidden in the Hills were Judith Rothenstein-Putzer and Ryan Schmidt, who is our demonstrator for December 7 meeting

Justine and Judith are shown with a piece of their art.



# Wednesday Art Chats on the Avenue

These meetings are canceled until January weather permitting an outdoor meeting. Exact place will be announced for the new year.

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We are all artists, painting our lives upon the canvas of reality. Mix the colors your own way and apply emotion liberally. Don't be afraid to let your brushstrokes show, and above all else, make sure your art has soul.

-Cristen Rodgers

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