

October 2016



Collage

From the President

Welcome back to our 2016 Fall Art Season. There is so much going on already (aren't we lucky?)

Our Juried Show this year will be in January. The art league is taking over the FHCCA Juried Show and will combine the two juried shows into one. This will be open to the public. More details will follow in the next newsletter. Gwen Jones is chair. Signup will be early December; \$25 for two pieces. hanging will be 1/9, reception will be 1/12. She has hired two excellent jurors from Chicago. We will still have an all member show in March with one award (non-juried).



-- **Summer Project** - Remember to bring your Summer Project to the October Meeting. The winner will receive \$100 for their miniature pair. The guidelines again are: Two 6x6 with 1-1/2" sides ; gallery wrapped, framed or cradle board - side should be black for continuity. The theme is desert southwest past or present.

--We have been invited to participate with our miniatures in the **Holiday Show at Emerson** in Decembe. They will accept up to 40 of our miniatures. The board voted that the artists set their own price and donate 20% to the student arts fund. The first 20 artists who confirm their intention will be in the show. A signup will be at the October meeting; if you cannot attend, please confirm by email to me if you wish to participate. As in the past, they have invited other artists to this show.

-- **Art in Park** - Chair, Carol Wilson, is **inviting all artists to participate, free of charge in the October 1 Art in Park.** You will need a FH business license to sell your work. Please let Carol know if you are interested in trying this venue.

-- **AAA** - The board voted not to renew the annual membership for AAA (\$300) due to low participation. Those that have been participating can continue to do so through other art leagues they belong to.

-- **Arizona Public Broadcasting** is looking for volunteer organizations to participate in their fundraisers. This will be an evening commitment in downtown Phoenix for 4 artists to represent us. Contact Carol Ofsthun if interested.

--**Sher Dunshee-Menton** has agreed to be our new historian and is considering ways to computerize our history.

--**Workshop** - Nancy Dini is working to schedule Vanessa Davisson for a workshop in the coming months. Angel will give a workshop on a process she learned in the Milan Mastery Art program. Congratulations to Angel! She graduated on August 12!! *See Page 4 for comments from Angel.*

--**It has been suggested** that we meet outdoors to paint instead of having open studios. Anyone can coordinate a paint out by sending an e-blast through Sandy or bringing a signup to the monthly meeting. Think about a location in our lovely town and lets get together and paint!

--**Our hospitality chair**, Jane McElroy, isn't back until January, so please bring your own beverage, if you prefer something other than coffee. *Bonnie 480-467-9333*

October 3 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/Announcements

This meeting will feature **Robin Ray**, Cave Creek ceramic artist and painter. She will demonstrate slab building techniques as she constructs her whimsical animals and combines the forms with her imaginative painted surface decorations.

Membership Dues 2017

The dues of \$30.00 remain the same as last year. We prefer checks only as this makes bookkeeping easier and more accurate. Application on back of newsletter.

See What Our Members are Doing

CAROL OFSTHUN will be one of two featured artists at the Emerson Art Gallery during the month of October. She will be showing acrylic paintings of flowers, portals, sunsets, and abstracts. **RUDOLPH VOLKMANN**, photographer, will be the other featured artist. (see photo on page 3) Please check out the show at your leisure or join us on Friday, October 14th, 5-7 pm, for a reception with snacks and light refreshments provided. Hope to see you there !



CLAUDIA SMITH was featured in Walla Walla, WA concerning the **ArtSquared** fundraiser that inspired our Summer Art Project. Here are some of her answers to the questions posed for the article.

What role does the artist and art play in the community? Artists share their unique gifts, contributing to a community's beauty, connectivity and "soul."

What is your greatest source of inspiration? All that surrounds me, especially those objects that reflect the complexity of nature and its cycles.

What is the best piece of information you've been given?

Be true to yourself. Create from your heart and soul.

What is your medium of choice? I love it all, but I prefer mixed-media for its endless possibilities.



The name of this mixed media painting is "Tucked In."



Gwen Jones will exhibit: "Expressive Threads" at the Buchanan Art Center. **Peter and Gwen Jones** will be in the Krasl Art Center Members' Show this month. In October Gwen is in the quilt guild's show and in the Krasl

Artisan Market. Photo shows Gwen's work hanging in her studio

Local Artists Exhibited at "Group Effort"

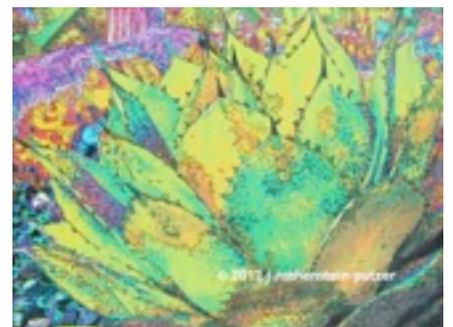
Artworks of local artists **Judith Rothenstein-Putzer** and **Sher Dunshee-Menton** were selected from nearly 200 submissions for inclusion in the Vision Gallery and Arizona Art Alliance "Group Effort" show. The exhibit ran July 8th through August 27th, 2016 at the Vision Gallery located at 10 E. Chicago St. in Chandler.

Both women are juried members of the Arizona Art Alliance, as well as members of the Fountain Hills and Sonoran Art Leagues.



"TRANSCENDENCE" (oil on panel) is one of two works reflecting Dunshee-Menton's signature

Rothenstein-Putzer's "AH! GAVEY" (mixed media/alcohol transfer with pen and ink), characteristic of her printmaking/photography technique is one of three of her works in the show.



Tie for 1st Place: May Artist of the Month



Rudolf Volkmann shows his photograph of “Emerging Babies.” He is also one of the featured artists at Emerson Art Gallery during October. There will be an Artist’s Reception on Fri., Oct. 14, 5-7 p.m. Free event, with snacks and light refreshment



Bruce Boyce wins with his photo entitled “4 Peaks Sunrise.”



Peter Jones, artist and photographer presented the May program with some of the techniques and processes he has learned in Adobe Photoshop to create his unique, surrealist digital artwork. Peter will be entering the Elkhart Indiana juried regional show that has over \$30,000 in awards this fall.

May
50/50 Winner
Nancy Steigerwald
AZ Art Supply Gift Certificate
Naomi Matusow

Call to Artists for Fountain Hills Art League Tour d’Artistes

The Fountain Hills Art League is preparing for the 2017 Tour d’Artistes, a 3 day, self-guided tour, of local artists’ studios and art sale March 3-5. The deadline for artist registration for the event is fast approaching. We would like to invite local artists to consider joining us in exhibiting their work in our tour this year. Registration is \$50.00 if you serve on a committee to help with the tour tasks. This registration fee is deadline is October 3, 2016. There is a late registration fee of \$100.00, due November 7th, if you do not work on a committee.

There is a Tour planning meeting October 10th at 7:00 in the Pub at Fountain View Village for everyone planning to join a committee. Committee assignments will be finalized at this planning meeting. The tour is open to all Fountain Hills Art League Artists. The next Art League meeting is 6:30 p.m, on October 3, at the Community Center. We welcome artists to attend the meeting and learn more about the Art League and the tour.

The tour registration form is available on the Fountain Hills Art League website www.FountainHillsArtLeague.com. For further information, please contact Tour Co-Chairs: Jan Friel, 602-499-3594 jlfriel@cox.net or Elaine Tarr, 480 -837-5593 elaine@desertvistafiberarts.com



Coffee at Fountain View Village

A reminder to all new members that there is a group of our artists that meets Wed. mornings at 10:00 a.m. for coffee. Get your coffee/tea in the Fountain View Bistro, (it’s right inside the main entrance) and go to the bar/lounge. It is a good opportunity to learn more about what goes on within the art league. Friendship, Conversation & Coffee are Free.

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Angel Elquist Graduation

I have graduated in the mastery program at the Milan Art Institute. It was a whirlwind year, working my 40 hour week, traveling an hour each way three days a week and class from 3-8:30. It was quite an adventure, but I did it to learn new things and to push myself a bit harder. Sharing time painting and making new friends was a wonderful experience, now to push forward and practice all that my brain was absorbing through all this. It is difficult to tell you all the fun things we did, but a few were playing with spray paint, inks, collage and oil. My favorite was all the mixed media, layering and playing with inks and spray paint. I am enclosing a picture from our graduation night.

See everyone soon. Angel



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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: _____

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

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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 _____

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