

November 2023



# Collage

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## From the President

Nancy Grahlmann



Hello wonderful artists:

As we move toward the busy season ahead, I find myself thinking more about art. Art, the word itself can mean a lot of things to different people. Mention artist and many people conjure up images of a painter wearing a beret, palette in hand,

standing by an easel somewhere on the streets of Paris. Art is so much more than that, is it not? We artists are makers and creators. The pleasures derived from making things has to be the most wonderful feeling in the world. We can get lost in it. British artist, Lucy Sparrow, has made her love of making things into a lucrative business. She has currently taken over a storefront in the East Village in New York City with her latest installment; Feltz Bagels. This is where 30,000 pieces of felt recreate an authentic NYC Jewish bagel shop. Pick a bagel and a schmear, then build your sandwich from there. You order and she will sew it together. She has six types of bagels, and 44 different types of filling.

Unlike galleries in the city with the hands-off rule, Sparrow wants people to interact with her art. The customer creates their own sandwich with as little input from her as possible, almost like their own portrait through the medium of felt food. An array of baked goods line one section and even includes the black and white cookies, Jewish delis are known for. Pickles, peppers, napkins, what else can I add to this array of samples, I can imagine her thinking. (Continued on next page)

## November 6th Meeting - 6 pm

### Fountain Hills Community Center

5:30 pm - Sign in / Socializing / AOTM set up

6 pm - Meeting Starts

6:15 pm - Old/New Business

6:30 pm - Guest Speaker: Debbe Goldstein

7:15 pm - Awards/Announcements

8:00 pm - Community Center closes

Founded in 1980, we are dedicated to creating and promoting the visual arts and artists in Fountain Hills and its surrounding communities.

## Debbe Goldstein to be Art League guest speaker November 6th

Plan to enjoy an educational experience when Art representative and online gallery owner Debbe Goldstein returns as the Fountain Hills Art League featured guest speaker at its upcoming regular meeting on Monday, November 6, at the Fountain Hills Community Center. Doors open at 5:30 pm and the meeting begins at 6 pm.

The FHAL hosted Goldstein earlier in 2023 at its April member meeting. A vivacious and entertaining speaker, Goldstein's upcoming presentation to the League will include highlights from her over 30 years in the arts and well as revealing the many benefits of having an artist representative instead of selling your artwork yourself. (Continued on next page)

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<b>Tour d' Artistes</b>	Elaine & Lloyd Tarr
<b>Website</b>	Lloyd Tarr

## 2024 Tour Update, Studio Greeters Needed

Elaine and Lloyd Tarr happily report that we will have 27 artists, plus the Fountain Hills Art Gallery, in the upcoming 2024 Tour. Eight of the 27 artists have not been in the tour before, either. Welcome! The tour dates are March 1st, 2nd and 3rd from 10 am - 4 pm. Greeters are needed for the studios. It is usually a three-hour commitment, either from 10 AM to 1 PM or 1 PM to 4 PM. If you would like to be a greeter at one of the studios, please contact Elaine Tarr at 480-773-8913, [elaine@tarrs.com](mailto:elaine@tarrs.com) or Lloyd Tarr at 480-773-8915, [lloyd@tarrs.com](mailto:lloyd@tarrs.com).

## F r o m t h e C o v e r

### President - cont.

Have you noticed? When we create, magic happens. Somewhere in the subconscious something takes over and we lose ourselves. Sometimes it's very difficult to walk away, almost like the Disney movie when the magician adds "a little of this, a little of that! What have you got?"

In whatever you do, be sure to sprinkle your creativity all around and show your true signature.

Happy Thanksgiving, please stay safe and healthy.

*Nancy*

### Guest speaker - cont.

Goldstein's extensive and impressive resume includes The Kitchen in New York City, a nonprofit alternative art center which identifies and presents emerging and under-recognized artists in video, music and dance.



She moved on to Klasky Csupo from the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Calif., which emphasized her skill in recruiting and teaching emerging artists to find significant and sustainable art careers. She has served as President of the Advisory Board at the ASU Museum of Art and on the Board of Trustees at Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMOCA) and was recently interviewed in the September 2023 issue of CanvasRebel (<https://canvasrebel.com/meet-debbe-goldstein/>). Goldstein is the owner of ArtRep-DG.com gallery and may be contacted via her website or at 480-250-1315.



## Sipps Every Wednesday 10 am

Your invitation to informally catch-up and socialize with FHAL members each week while supporting local favorite cafe, Sipps Eatery. Grab your own beverage, snack or meal from the counter and then spend an hour or so getting to know your fellow members better.

Do you know someone who should consider joining our growing artistic family? Our regular Wednesday meet up is also a great way to introduce prospective members to the League and it's mission, too!

Sipps Eatery is located at 16425 E. Palisades Blvd, Suites 101 & 102, in between Anytime Fitness and Pearl Nutrition, on the southeast corner of E. Palisades Blvd. & Avenue of the Fountains, across from Walgreens.

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## Membership Has Its Privileges

2024 FHAL member dues must be received by January 2024 for your name is to be included in the 2024 Member Directory. To participate in our AOTM & AOTM you have to be in good standing. Membership also greenlights your opportunity to apply to participate in our annual Tour d'Artistes open studio art tour each March. Membership applications are included within this issue of Collage and on the FHAL website. See Pat Reich at the 11/6 member meeting or contact her for questions / more info: patreich@gmail.com , 847-975-5061.

## SAVE THE DATE

### November 6

FHAL Member Meeting | 6 pm

### November 13

FHAL Board Meeting | 10 am

### December 4

FHAL Member Potluck + AOTY | 6pm

### January 4

Juried Show Intake/Hanging | 12:30 - 2 pm

### January 5

Juried Show Judging

### January 9

FHAL Member Meeting | 6 pm

### January 15

FHAL Board Meeting | 10 am

### January 16

TdA Final Planning Meeting | 6:30 pm

### January 18

Juried Show Awards Reception | 4-6 pm

\*Upcoming February dates will be included in the December issue of Collage



## October Artist of the Month: Marie Picchiotti

Marie Picchiotti, new Art League member and local glass mosaic artist, was voted “Artist of the Month” for October, taking the first prize award during the first meeting of the season October 2nd.



“Shattered But Not Broken”

The large 3 ft. x 3 ft. glass mosaic tile grouted on wood features a pale woman’s face with a piercing gaze looking out directly at the viewer from a window framed by green foliage. Picchiotti shared with the League members that she had initially created the piece years before when she was going through an especially challenging, tumultuous period within her life and personal relationship. Marie explained that the face was different in the original artwork, and after moving to Fountain Hills four years ago and unexpectedly finding love again, she “banged out the original face” but left the rest of the mosaic as it was, remaking the face as it currently is. She finished by saying that it’s unofficial title is also a reminder to her, “shattered but not broken.” Furthermore, due to the highly personal nature of the piece, it will never be sold and will remain within their family collection. Picchiotti’s winning artwork will be included in the upcoming League holiday

meeting and potluck to be held on December 4th, where Artists of the Month during the current year are voted on by the membership for the honor of “Artist of the Year.”

In a tie for second place was Adi Reinhardt and her sculpture, “Seed Pod for Creativity” and Justine Mantor-Waldie with her painting, “Sunflowers Dancing Around the Trellis.”



**Justine Mantor-Waldie**

“Sunflowers Dancing  
Around the Trellis”

24” x 8”

Ink, pearlescent ink and  
etching on scratchboard.

“The image came from a series of photos I took while visiting our community garden. The gardeners had planted many sunflowers, Ukraine’s national flower in support for the people and their struggles in Ukraine. The garden was aglow with all these beautiful flowers.”



**Adi Reinhardt**

“Seed Pod for  
Creativity”

13” high  
Glazed ceramic  
sculpture.

“I started out with the wish to find new forms, as it is probably any artist’s dream. I wanted to make something light and harmonious. Therefore, I put my form on the little globes.”

To learn more about AOTM submission requirements may be found within the member handbook, at [fountainhillsartleague.com](http://fountainhillsartleague.com), and included in each issue of Collage.



## Summer Project Winner: Mary Ann Grace

The Fountain Hills Art League chose Mary Ann Grace at their October meeting as the winner of their summer art project. The summer project theme was “Children” and how they experience life. Artists were allowed to choose whichever medium they wished.

Grace chose to submit her portrait painting “Four Going on Fourteen” of her granddaughter, inspired and influenced, she said, by Norman Rockwell and his mastery of staging people for his artwork. “Sleepovers with the grandchildren when they were young were frequent and my granddaughter, Michaela, loved to play dress up. There are so many special details and memories in this painting for me, too. I wore that pink dress to her parents wedding which made this particularly personal for me, the 100 year old mirror is a family heirloom and the Cabbage Patch doll next to the mirror was her favorite. This painting will now hang in the bedroom of my two great granddaughters.”



Each summer League members are invited to create an art project around a specific theme announced at the spring Art League meeting and in the monthly newsletter. Summer projects are brought to the October meeting for voting and the winner receives a small monetary prize. The artist must be present at the October meeting to win but artwork is not eligible for Artist of the Year. In the case of a tie, the monies are split.



12th Annual

# Tour d'Artistes

# 2024



March 1st - 3rd  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

A self-guided tour of local galleries and studios

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# Welcome New Members

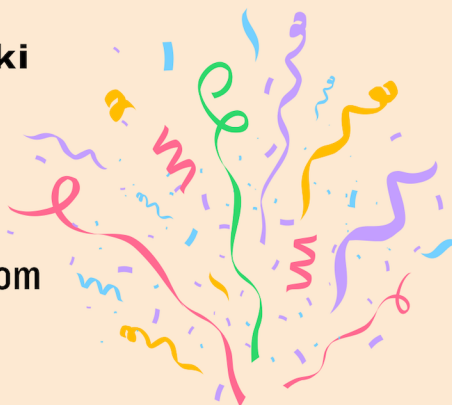
Please help us welcome our newest members to the Fountain Hills Art League!

## Jennifer Golubiewski

Acrylic / Pastel

Sunny Slope Design

[sunnyslopedesign.etsy.com](https://sunnyslopedesign.etsy.com)



## Julie Weeks

Jewelry

Julie Gilbert Jewelry

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## Upward Gallery Interviews FHAL Member Rob Snyder

Congratulations as ceramic artist and Fountain Hills Art League member Rob Snyder was interviewed on September 25, 2023 by Upward Gallery! Interview highlights include how Snyder came to be a ceramic artist (spoiler: it chose him), his motivation and his current project, Canteens. To read the full interview visit: <https://upwardgallery.com/ad/interviews/rob-snyder-creativity-natural>

Upward Gallery describes their website as a “new online platform for painters and artisans, art professionals of all levels and ages.”





# Artist of the Month & Artist of the Year

## Eligibility & Submission Requirements

### Artist of the Month

Each month the Fountain Hills Art League meets we invite our members to bring their artwork to the meeting. First and second place winners receive a ribbon. First place winners are invited to bring their original winning piece to the December potluck. The winning pieces for that year (January - November) are eligible for Artist of the Year.

**IMPORTANT:** Only current members in good standing (e.g. membership form on file and dues paid) are eligible to submit artwork for Artist of the Month following the requirements below.

#### Artist of the Month Submission Requirements:

- All art must be original.
- All paintings and photographs must be framed or gallery wrapped with finished sides except for metal prints which are designed not to be framed.
- Subject material for artwork must be from personal photographs or individual creativity, NOT copied from books, magazines or other artist's works.
- If any artwork was worked on in a class or workshop, the instructor could not have TOUCHED the work with any tool or hand.
- The artwork should not have been shown in the Fountain Hills Community Center before.
- An artist can only win first place once during a calendar year.
- Mediums may be painting, photography, or 3-dimensional art.
- **We must have at least 3 pieces of art to vote.**
- In the event of a tie for 1st place, we will re-vote between the tied pieces for 1st and 2nd place.
- The artist must be present to receive the award.

### Artist of the Year

All first place winners for Artist of the Month and the "People's Choice" winner from the All Member Show are asked to enter their winning artwork for the Artist of the Year competition to be held at the December potluck meeting.

#### Artist of the Year Submission Requirements:

- The entry must be the original piece of artwork that won for Artist of the Month.
- The artist must be present with their original piece of artwork at the December potluck meeting to receive Artist of the Year.

# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE FOUNTAIN HILLS ART LEAGUE



Yearly Dues Through Dec. 2024\*

\$30 Per Person    \$45 Per Couple

\$20 Per Student    Patron \$50

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.

\*All dues paid now will cover the remaining 2 months of 2023 and all of 2024.

Dues must be paid by January 2024 to be included in the 2024 Membership Directory and enjoy full membership privileges.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Medium: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Studio Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

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 teach or plan a workshop    I will demonstrate at meetings    I will help with refreshments    I will organize a Field Trip    I will serve on a committee or accept a Board Position    I will help with

Student Art Fund/Summer Project

Attached is: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

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