



Letter From The President Nancy Grahlmann



Dear Artists:

As we step into February, I'm inspired by the creativity and dedication this group brings to our shared passion for art. This month, let's embrace the themes of connection, inspiration, and renewal—qualities that fuel both our individual work and our community as a whole.

Whether you're exploring new techniques, or gearing up for Tour d' Artistes, remember that your creativity is part of a larger tapestry we're all weaving together.

February is the perfect time to connect and support each other, and I'd love to see how we can collaborate or celebrate your successes.

Keep your heart open and your creativity flowing.

Nancy

Reminder for those who entered the Juried Show to pick up your artwork by Friday, January 31.



Social Media

Are you looking to learn the BASICS of sharing your art and promoting your fellow artists? We are here to help you. Please contact: Carrie Godwin 262-202-4978

The Art Itinerary

Jan.29th MINDFUL DRAWING @ MINDFUL BARBELL

• Contact Veronique @ Veronique.benoit@icloud.com

Feb. 7th On the Avenue -FUSION FINE ART, 5-8pm AND FH ARTISTS GALLERY, 5-7pm, host a fun evening of Art and Entertainment.



New to the League or Need a Refresher?

The Who, What, Where, When, and Why of the Tour d' Artistes Studio Tour

How the Studio Tour Got Started, how we are helping our schools.

Michele Williams, a former member of the Art League started the Studio Tour as a fundraiser so the League could support the local school art teachers. Over the years of the tour, teachers have been provided funds, though various methods, to support art in our local schools. Currently, we are asking teachers, (Art and Classroom teachers) to complete a grant form which is handled by Gretchen Boyer. In 2024, we supported a fused glass project in the high school and an architecture/design project in the Middle School with \$1800 in total grants. The tour is held each year on the first full weekend in March. Many discussions have occurred over the years to settle the question of when is the best time for the tour. Participants are asked to sign up for tasks to help with the behind the scenes work to make the tour happen. Those who participate in helping, get a discount on their registration after the tour. Registration for the tour starts in August, when the form is posted on the Art League website. Entries are due by mid-October. Artists are asked to ask local businesses to sponsor the tour, with instructions and paperwork provided. All Art League members are invited to assist in procuring sponsors. The deadline for turning the sponsor sign ups is mid-November so the brochure draft can be prepared for proofreading by the participating artists by mid-December. Brochures are available in January.

Press releases are sent to a long list of publications in November and December. In January and February the signage and advertising teams are busy with their tasks in preparation for the tour. We are encouraging the use of Social Media platforms, as our society moves in that direction for news and information. It is a continuous, work in progress which all tour participants are requested to engage in throughout the year to get the word out about participating in and visiting the tour.

Most of the studios are looking for volunteers to greet the guests on their studio visits. We invite Art League members and friends to volunteer for a morning or afternoon shift of welcoming the Tour attendees at a studio.

Volunteers can contact studio hosts directly or let Elaine and Lloyd Tarr know they would like to help. If you have any questions regarding the tour, just ask Elaine and Lloyd Tarr.



All Member Show

Intake for the All Member Show artwork is on Monday, February 3, from 10:30 to 12:00 noon at the Fountain Hills Community Center. You may enter up to 2 pieces of art. Please try to have your paperwork completed to speed up the intake. We need 2 Hold Harmless forms, one for the Community Center and one for the Art League. Plus, each piece must have a label taped to the back of the art (or attached somehow). I will have forms at the intake if you were unable to submit your online application. Remember we need a wire on the back of any art for hanging, alligator hangers do not work with the hanging apparatus at the Community Center.

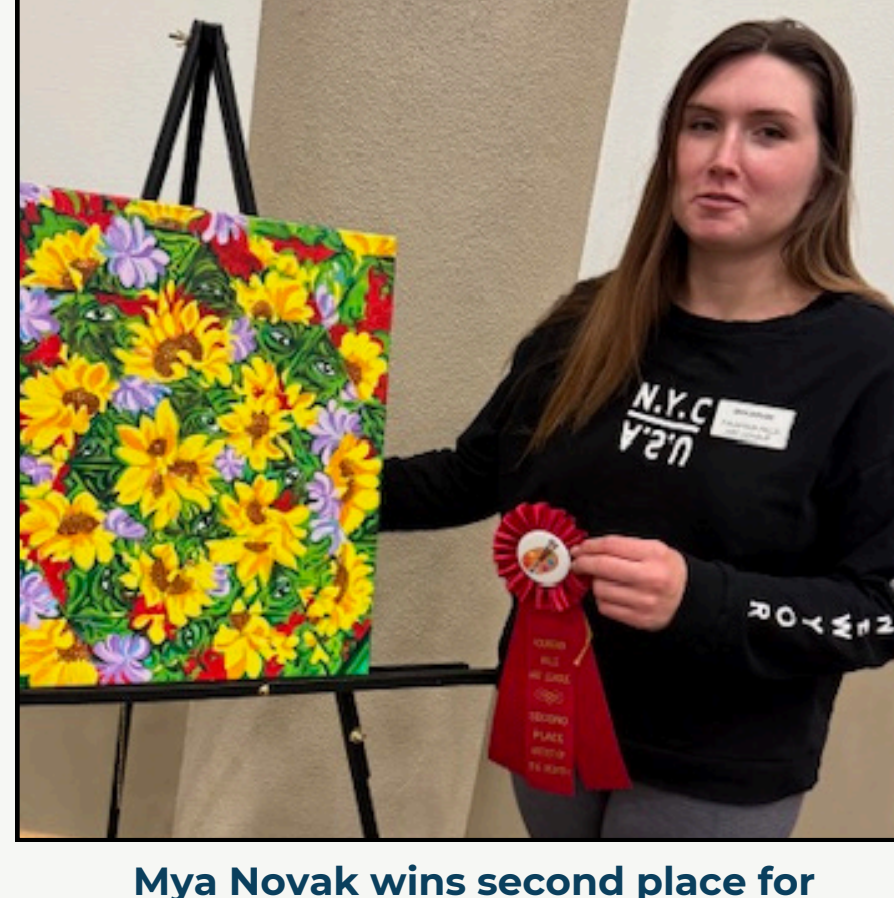
The winners of this show will be chosen by the public. We will have ballots available in the hallway for the community to pick their favorite piece. We will announce the two winners, the People's Choice Award and an Honorable Mention Award at the public reception held on Wednesday, February 19th from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm at the Community Center. The winner of this show is eligible to participate in the December Artist of the Year competition. Pat Reich and Kay Meyer are the Co-Chairs for this event. **If you give us a hand at intake or hanging on Monday, please let Pat Reich know. Email or text patreich@gmail.com or 847-975-5061.**

Art AWARDS WINNER



"Troubled Waters"

Mixed media using texture paste & acrylic paint, using gold leaf, palette knife & trowel to create composition.



Mya Novak wins second place for Artist of the Month.

The Fountain Hills Juried Exhibition

Jan. 23, 2025



A few photos from the show



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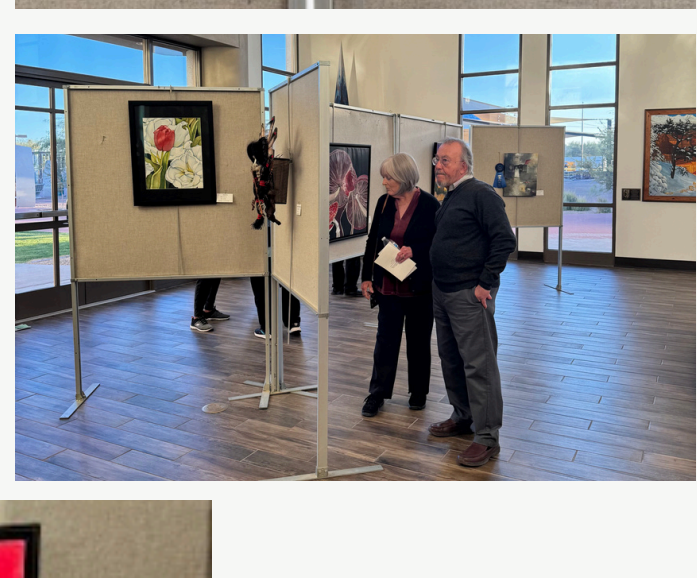
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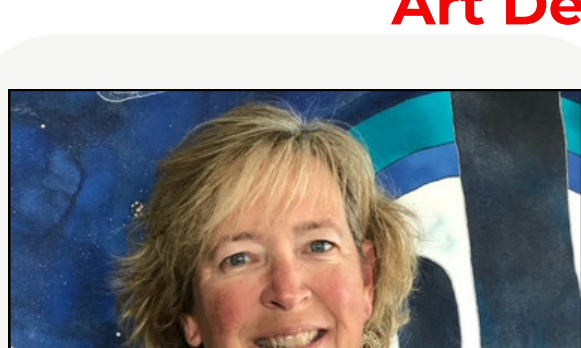
Lloyd Tar



"See Things" First Place Acrylic & Best In Show by Carrie Godwin

Art Demos & Talks

Our FEBRUARY Speaker is Angie Jacobson a fellow FHAL Member. Angie will be demonstrating procedures for making stained glass.



Art Demo- Talk of the Month

Vicki O'Conner

Vicki spoke to us sharing her path in the arts through life and its ups and downs and how art is her healing tool.

Welcome New Members

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Updates Regarding FHAL and Events

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