



ARTWORK OF THE MONTH - FEB
A Fused-Glass Piece by Vivian Stearns-Kohler

"While vacationing in Hawaii, I visited the Pu 'u Loa Petroglyphs (Hawaii Volcanoes National Park) on the Big Island. From the vantage point of the boardwalk (surrounding and protecting the petroglyphs), I took numerous photos. There are approximately 23,000 petroglyphs and the trail is a 500-550 year old lava field. The etchings reflect the life and culture of the Hawaiian people and protect the piko (umbilical cord) of their children.

I was so inspired by my visit, that I immediately created this ruby red, fused glass bowl with warriors around the diameter and two smaller rectangular dishes. The warriors are made with iridescent black crushed glass (frit) and the center is an endless circle representing the piko of the native Hawaiian people.

Born and raised in the Midwest, I "transplanted" myself to the magnificent Sonoran Desert (Arizona) 16 years ago and have not missed the Midwest's dreary, cold, interminable winters or the humid, mosquito infested summers one bit!

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you, Brenda Jackson for volunteering to be our secretary. We look forward to working with you. We have other positions available. On Presidents Day, I had an opportunity to be part of the Arts Advocacy Group meeting with our state senators and representatives. I met with Bob Worsley and Michelle Urdall, sharing information about our league and our veteran's program, and how important art is in our lives. If you would like to send a note to either of them about the importance of art, here are their email addresses: mudall@azleg.gov, and bworsley@azleg.gov. Bob is a big supporter of the arts.

We have some opportunities to display and sell our art. The IDEA Museum is looking for artists to show in their gallery (a possible resurrection of the I Heart Mesa program. Also, an artist group from ASU is interested in an art challenge with our league and a show at an Art Gallery in Phoenix (part of the First Friday galleries.) If you would like to help us with these and other opportunities, email at loralee.mal@cox.net.

Keep on Creating,

Loralee

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

- Board Meeting – March 7
- General Meeting – March 13

DEMOS:

MARCH: Michael Tole, Assistant Professor, Benedictine University will be demonstrating oil painting techniques.

MARCH MEETING – VELDA ROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We will meet Tuesday, March 13, 2018 (the second Tuesday of the month) 5 to 8 PM at the Velda Rose United Methodist Church, 5540 E. Main St., Mesa, Arizona. (Northwest corner of 56th St. and Main in the building on the west side of the complex. Parking off 56th St.)

MESA ART LEAGUE EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND DISPLAY SCHEDULES

NETWORK AND CHAT AT 5:00

Join us early to network with other artists and sample our great potluck. Please bring a dish to share.

BUSINESS MEETING AT 5:30 – 6:00

CRITIQUE AT 6:00 - Bring an unfinished piece of work that you wish to discuss and join our members in a stimulating discussion. These pieces may not be entered in Artwork of the Month for the month of critique.

DEMO OR SPEAKER AT 7:00

ARTWORK OF THE MONTH CONTEST

All current paid MAL members are invited to enter and vote. To enter, bring one original framed piece of art, piece of photography/digital art or piece of three-dimensional art. An artist may win once a year. At the December meeting the monthly winners and their winning art will vie for Artwork of the Year. See MAL's show rules at: <http://mesaartleague.com/pdf/Show-Rules-Regs.pdf>

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Artwork of the Month

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VENUES

Mesa Express Library

Power Square at Power & Baseline
Jan/Mar – Veterans
Linda Allen - 480-390-0793
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Fellowship Square

Next Change: Apr 21, 9-10
6945 E. Main St., Mesa
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Next Change: Apr 18, 5-7pm
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NEW VENUES Mariposa Point – Susan Paige, Director, susanpaigeomc@yahoo.com,

What's Crackin' - Susan Paige, Director, Artist Rosalie Vaccaro will be showing her art in March.

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After retiring from a career in human resources, I was free to pursue the next chapter of my life as an artist. I have studied art through other artists as well as classes in glass making and painting. Vibrant color and interesting shapes are what inspire my paintings, fused glass and photography. Claude Monet said, "*Color is my day-long obsession, joy and torment.*" which is a statement I agree with. Being open to my surroundings allows me to try new techniques and not remain stuck in a particular style or subject matter. It is also gratifying and fulfilling to share my interest and love of art with Veterans in my community that I work with monthly on various art projects.

Currently, I am enjoying the aspect of designing wearable art through VIDA. I feel immense pleasure when someone admires my VIDA creations. Designing with VIDA makes my art alive. I am happy my customers can also experience the beautiful feeling I feel when I wear my unique, custom made apparel.

For a decade, I have exhibited and sold my creations at galleries, festivals and private showings. My artwork is in collections in the United States and Europe. Recently, I was honored to have my design, ("Castaway 1/Modal Scarf") chosen to be featured on the HSN 40th Anniversary show on July 6, 2017. See my wearable art at <http://www.shopvida.com/collections/vivian-stearns-kohler> and also www.etoilecreations.com for fused glass and paintings."

I am very honored to have been awarded Artist of the Month.

Vivian

REMEMBER TO BRING - Bring in photos of events you have participated in for the history books.

MAL MEMBERSHIP SCHOLAR - Scholarships are available to MAL members for attending a special workshop or class. You can apply for up to a \$250 scholarship to help with the tuitions. Due dates to apply for 2018 are: Feb 28, May 31, Aug 31, Nov 30. See application at: <http://mesaartleague.com/membershipinfo.htm>

MEMBER NEWS



Lucy Wong sent this: Boeing awarded Mesa Art Center a huge grant to pay art tuition for US veterans. I'm at my first class there but I'll miss one meeting, going to Wash DC to talk to lawmakers to support rare diseases. I got a small stipend. I have to admit Mesa Art Center is a beautiful place!!!!!"

Judy Bottler invited all to come to Dana Park on the first weekend in March. She will have a booth and there are going to be two shows in one.

Sandra Meissner will be the featured artist for March and April at:

Sedona Arts Center, 15 Art Barn Road, Sedona, AZ, 86336. Phone 928.282.3865

Congratulations Sandy on your show. Sandy is a long-time member and volunteer and is facing some health challenges. She would love to hear from you.

Her address is: Sandy Meissner, c/o Brian Maki, 2521 E. Eleana Lane, Gilbert AZ 85298-2336.

We wish her well and send our prayers.

Rosalie Vaccaro will have three painting at What's Cracking' on March 2. All paintings are in oil and are for sale. "Play Ball," "Pilar in Firelight" and "Morning Train" will be on exhibit for the month. Stop by and have a great breakfast or lunch.

Rosalie sold her large painting "Wedding Kimono", 48" x 36", from the Portrait Artists of Arizona's members show at Scottsdale Artist School. Congratulations.

2018 DEMOS

April: Sandy Meissner shares her paintings techniques for horses and water.

May: Loralee Stickel-Harris will demonstrate metal engraving.

June: Linda Jones demonstration: Wire Beading and membership participation in making something from wire beading technique.

ARTISAN MARKET Show

First time Mesa Art League Artists Market created and engineered by Susan Paige, Venue Chairperson, will be on Saturday April 28th. 10am - 6pm. Location is the Red Mountain Event Center graciously donated by What's Crackin Cafe. 6663 E. McDowell. Suite 101, Mesa....enjoy a delicious breakfast or lunch at the cafe and stroll through the Artists Market. Join us to view recent works by your fellow artists and the Veteran's Art. Susan has promoted newspaper articles and social media advertising that will bring attention to not only to the artists exhibiting but to all of the artists in our League. Hope to see you.

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April 7 Mesa Art League "Tools" Throw-down with Benedictine University

Friday April 7, 2018 6-8pm will be the reception for Mesa Art League Throw-down with Benedictine University students and 100 of their local HS associates are invited to participate.

Drop off will be Monday 10-12 noon.

The challenge is "Tools"

All mediums welcome.

No restriction on size.

No restriction on the number of entries.

No entry fees.

Donations welcome to cover the reception and ribbons.

Pick -up Friday April 13, 10-12

MAL members may use the ones from our Tools Challenge, improve those or create new ones. January Brushstrokes shows some of the ones ready to go. We need more!!

Jackie Kahn sent this: I am "Down-Sizing" my Studio beginning with the Sandblaster and Chrome Grid Display System. Both are in excellent condition and my asking price is less than half if purchasing new. For more info:

Contact: Jackie Kahn, Cell: 480 540-0948 or Email: jmkahn@cox.net

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\$25 gift certificate/AZ Art Supply: Anita Moser
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\$25 gift certificate/Blick: Elaine Dube

TREASURER'S REPORT – JAN, 2018

Profit & Loss

Jan 1st Account Balance \$2,551.99
 Jan 30th Account Balance \$1,785.48

Income

Hospitality \$ 0.00
 Membership 238.00
 50/50 0.00
 AAA for VA Classes 0.00
 Fellowship Square 0.00
 Ads 0.00
 Outreach 0.00
 Other Donation 0.00
 Shows 30.00
Total Income **\$ 268.00**

Meeting Expenses

Service Fee \$ 4.00
 Meeting Room rental 120.00
 Speakers 100.00
 Hospitality 0.00
 Webmaster 100.00
 Supplies 88.82
 Member Scholarship 0.00
 Postage & Delivery 0.00
 Printing & Reproduction 0.00
 Rent (storage) 25.00
 Mesa AAC - Donation 0.00
 MAC Fest 0.00
Total Meeting Expenses **\$ 437.82**

Expenses Yearly

AAA Membership \$ 0.00
 Az Corp Commission 0.00
 Mesa Tax License 0.00
 Postmaster – Mail Box 0.00
 State Farm Insurance 0.00
Total Yearly Expenses **\$ 0.00**

Total Expenses **\$ 437.82**

Net Income +/- **\$ (169.82)**

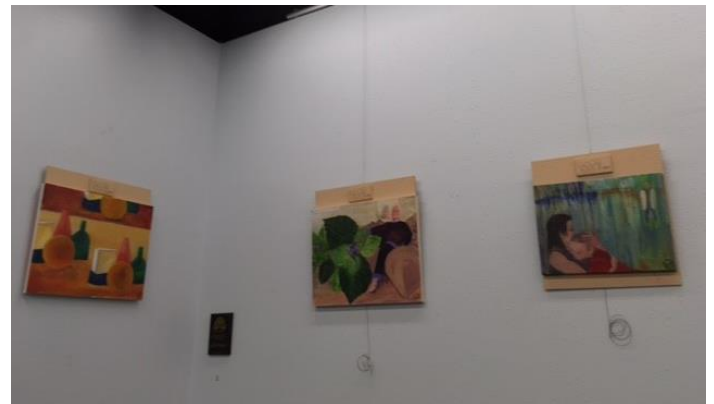
Vets Programs

Income

AAA Income \$ 0.00
 Donation 47.00

Expenses

Supplies & Expense \$ 503.69



Pictured above is the Veterans display at the Mesa Express Library. An intro to the Veterans Art Classes will be Monday, March 19th at 4:30.



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