

APRIL 2018



**ARTWORK OF THE MONTH - MARCH**  
An oil by Anthony Billings

"I am a self-taught artist. My strategy for an art education was to learn from the masters. My favorite artists include: Degas, Sargent, Pino and Schmid.

I began to explore their methods and techniques of painting. The goal was to learn their techniques of applying paint to a surface. After while I had a pretty large collection of copies and I began to explore my own compositions and methods of painting. I composed paintings by setting a scene, an interior, a landscape, cityscape etc. Since my primary interest was figure painting I introduced figures into the scene to tell a story. The various figures were positioned on the scene taking care to preserve a constant light source and harmony of colors. The internet provided an excellent source of reference material.

I constantly searched the internet and began to find other artists that I admired. While surfing the internet, I discovered an artist named Douglas Hoffman who painted ballerinas. I have always been interested in this subject matter since Degas is one of my favorite artists.

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

The art world lost a special artist this past week. Sandy Meissner passed away on Sunday, March 25. She was a long-time member of the Mesa Art League and hospitality volunteer. Sandy shared her love of art and talent with all of us and was an inspiration to all. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. She will be missed

Keep on Creating,

Loralee

**UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:**

Board Meeting - April 4  
General Meeting - April 10

**DEMOS:**

**April- Diane Black** attended a class in Forensic Reconstruction and Unknown Remains. April's demonstration may be funny or not so funny.

**NOTE: Mesa Art League "Tools" Throw-down with Benedictine University drop off time has changed to Tuesday, April 3, 10-12 noon.**

## APRIL MEETING – VELDA ROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We will meet Tuesday, April 10, 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  
Apr/June Artist Pat Book  
Linda Allen - 480-390-0793  
[ljaart@gmail.com](mailto:ljaart@gmail.com)

### Mesa Active Adult Center

Next Change: Apr 18, 5-7pm  
274 N. McDonald, Mesa  
Wilma Dilley 480-354-2454  
[wrdilley1@gmail.com](mailto:wrdilley1@gmail.com)

### Fellowship Square

Next Change: Apr 21, 9-10  
6945 E. Main St., Mesa  
Judy Koppes 480-654-8706  
[jmkoppes@gmail.com](mailto:jmkoppes@gmail.com)

### Adelante Healthcare

April Artist – Stan Zook  
1705 W. Main St., Mesa  
Elizabeth Scriba 317-460-5903  
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### Mariposa Pointe

Next Change: May 2  
Crisman & Southern, Mesa  
Susan Paige  
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### What's Crackin' Cafe

Artist: Rosalie Vaccaro  
Susan Paige, Director  
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## Con't from pg 1

I copied two of Hoffman paintings in order to get a feel for his methods and style. After I satisfied myself that I knew enough to begin my own painting, I composed the painting submitted for artwork of the month.

The setting was to be an intimate room where young dancers were learning ballet in the style of "THE DANCE CLASS" BY Degas. Against this background I positioned dancers in informal poses caught off guard as they attended class. The dancers were to be of various sizes, ages and body types. An instructor poses a young ballerina to demonstrate while other dancers watch the instruction. Other girls are engaged in their own activities or are daydreaming and not paying attention.

It is supposed to be a bright happy pretty painting that tells the story of the process of becoming a ballerina. The light coming from the window to the right strikes the bright white tutus of the ballerinas and is reflected from the dance floor. The shadows and reflections bounce from the floor and provide action and interest in the scene."

ANTHONY BILLINGS

**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>

**Anthony Billings is the winner of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018.**

## MEMBER NEWS

**Judy Bottler** sold 7 matted prints at the show in Tucson last month.

**Judi Koppes** was very pleased to report that she sold a giclée thru Fine Art America.

## IN CONDOLENCE



We are sorry to tell you that Sandy Meissner lost her battle with cancer. If you would like to send condolences to her family send to Brian Maki, 2521 E. Eleana Lane, Gilbert AZ 85298-2336.



Thank you to Michael Tole, Assistant Professor, Benedictine University for the informative demo on oil painting techniques that he gave in March.

## Mesa Art League "Tools" Throw-down with Benedictine University

Friday, April 6, 6-8pm will be the reception for Mesa Art League Throw-down with Benedictine University students.

Drop off will be Tuesday, April 3, 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!!

**MARIPOSA POINTE** - It was a very active and exciting day at the Mariposa Point change out. As I was installing all of the beautiful art many people stopped in to view and talk including families of residents, tours by the director, employees and members of their advisory board. I had so many positive comments and gave out many Mesa Art League brochures. Thank you to all the artists who brought in works. If you did not pick up your work, no worries. I rehung them.  
Susan Paige

## AAA NEWS

Check out the latest news on their newsletter at <https://azartalliance.com/>

**A note about color:** Prussian blue, also known as Berlin blue, is a **dark blue** colour that is artificially made. It is one of the first pigments made synthetically. It was accidentally found in 1704 by two chemists in Berlin. The **dark blue** uniforms of the Prussian army were dyed this colour.

## 2018 DEMOS

Diane Black won the \$250 members scholarship for a class in Forensic Reconstruction and Unknown Remains. April's demonstration may be funny or not so funny. Can you act as a voice for those who have passed? Can you draw from verbal description only? Discover the difference between an artist drawing and a composite drawing. See Diane's class drawings at <http://azforart.com/diane-black/>.



Arizona Forensic Artists Association

May: Lorelee Stickel-Harris will demonstrate metal engraving.

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

## 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.

Susan Paige 214-207-9277  
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## TREASURER'S REPORT – FEB, 2018

### Profit & Loss

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> Account Balance \$1,785.48  
 Feb 30<sup>th</sup> Account Balance \$2,576.07

### Income

Hospitality \$ 0.00  
 Membership 1,055.00  
 50/50 82.00  
 AAA for VA Classes 0.00  
 Fellowship Square 0.00  
 Ads 30.00  
 Outreach 0.00  
 Misc 210.00  
 Shows 90.00  
**Total Income \$1,467.00**

### Meeting Expenses

Service Fee \$ 4.00  
 Meeting Room rental 120.00  
 Speakers 100.00  
 Hospitality 0.00  
 Webmaster 100.00  
 Supplies 10.81  
 Member Scholarship 0.00  
 Postage & Delivery 0.00  
 Printing & Reproduction 0.00  
 Rent (storage) 25.00  
 Mesa AAC - Donation 0.00  
 Show Brochures 180.00  
**Total Meeting Expenses \$ 539.81**

### Expenses Yearly

AAA Membership \$ 0.00  
 Az Corp Commission 45.00  
 Mesa Tax License 20.00  
 Postmaster – Mail Box 0.00  
 State Farm Insurance 0.00  
**Total Yearly Expenses \$ 65.00**

**Total Expenses \$ 604.81**

**Net Income +/- \$ 862.19**

### Vets Programs

#### Income

AAA Income \$ 0.00  
 Donation 47.00

#### Expenses

Supplies & Expense \$ 121.60

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**\$25 gift certificate/AZ Art Supply: Nancy Long**  
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Harry X Harris, Author reception contributions

Diane Black Sofinee Art Exposé 1

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