

JUNE 2018



ARTWORK OF THE MONTH - MAY
"Dorothy's Hibiscus" by JoEllen Delcoure

"For the last few years, I have been working mainly with pastels. Then, some friends got together and challenged each other to paint a picture using really bright colors. For this experiment, I decided to use acrylics, instead of my usual pastels. Sometimes you just need to do something different, a little out of your comfort zone.

I had so much fun with the bright acrylics, I started developing a new way to use my colors. With pastels, I often work on top of complementary colored paper. Then, I let the colors mix on the paper as they overlap. Now, with acrylics, I am creating an under painting with complementary colors, and painting over it with the final image. It is a back and forth process, layering the two color schemes. "Dorothy's Hibiscus" is from this new color series. If you look closely, you can see bits of the colors underneath peeking through. The resulting images are so much more vibrant than anything I painted before. In this case, a little experimentation has gone a long way. I have discovered I can learn a lot by stepping outside of my comfort zone to try something totally new."

-Jo Ellen Delcoure

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Congratulations to our veteran artists: On May 24th Lucy W, John B., Lawrence M, Caryn W, Barry R., Ken W., and Harry H had their art displayed at the Phoenix Art Museum. We were invited to participate in a reception for APS at the Museum. APS employs veterans, in fact 20% of their employees are veterans. It was wonderful to celebrate APS's donation to the museum, offering free admission to veterans, one additional adult, and all children under 17. Check our website for pictures. John, Lawrence, Caryn, and Harry's work is being displayed at the Wedge Gallery in the Scottsdale Congregational United Church of Christ. This community is very supportive of the arts.

Then of course we have the upcoming shows at the Holland Gallery in July and September and the March show at the 101 Gallery in Mesa.

You know what that means? Keep on Creating,

Loralee

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

Board Meeting - June - none
General Meeting - June 12

DEMOS:

June: Beading with Linda Jones, she will supply beads for everyone to try.

JUNE MEETING – VELDA ROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We will meet Tuesday, June 12, 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
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Mesa Active Adult Center

Next Change: July 17, 5-7pm
274 N. McDonald, Mesa
Wilma Dilley 480-354-2454
wrdilley1@gmail.com

Fellowship Square

Next Change: June 16, 9-10
6945 E. Main St., Mesa
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Adelante Healthcare

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

Next Change:
Crisman & Southern, Mesa
Susan Paige
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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>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please help your league. We are looking for volunteers for these positions:

HOSPITALITY DIRECTOR

AAA REPRESENTATIVE

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

AAA NEWS - Check out the latest news in their newsletter at <https://azartalliance.com/>

MEMBER NEWS

Rosalie's News

Check out Rosalie's paintings in THE HEAT IS ON, for AAA. Grandpa's Tools, Wedding Kimono, Sara with Gold Wrap.

She also had one painting, "A Gray Story." accepted into the "All Art Arizona" Show at the Art Intersection Gallery. Art Intersection, 207 N. Gilbert Road, Gilbert, AZ. 480.361.1118.

Opening reception: June 9th. Show will run from June 5 - July 28th.

New Summer Class with Rosalie

Ready to register for summer classes at Mesa Red Mountain Multigenerational Center!
Flash Class and Beyond! Starts June 4 - Jul 23, 2018.
Let's draw together.

Monday mornings 9:30 to 11:30 AM. That's eight classes! Learn to see in masses and the subject evolves before your eyes! Register today!
www.MESAPARKS.com.

Loralee and Pat Book sold pieces recently, yahoo!!!

Pat sold the first in January at Fellowship Square and it was "Arizona Borders" painted on a porcelain plate. At the Express Library in Mesa she sold an oil on canvas, "Windy Tree".



Thank you, Loralee for letting us try our hand painting on copper at the May meeting. Nice job!

A NOTE ABOUT COLOR:

Ochres (Red/Yellow Ochre)

The most ancient of all natural colourants, ochre is naturally tinted clay containing ferric oxide, and produces an earthy pigment varying in colour from cream and light yellow to brown or red. Used widely in prehistoric rock art, notably in cave murals at Lascaux and Chauvet, and also at Blombos cave. Ochres vary considerably in transparency - some are opaque, while others are used as transparent glazes. Can be safely mixed with other pigments.

2018 DEMOS

June: Beading with Linda Jones, she will bring beads for you to try.

July: Art Journaling with Samie Harding. Demo and Interactive

August: Elaine Dube', Scholarship demo from a class she took in marbling technique.

September: Artist Roundtable, Meet with other artists who work in the same media as You! Interactive!

October: Alicia Short demo, mixed media and collage

November: Throwdown. Demo, Holiday window painting

December: Holiday Party

Thank you all for taking part in the program questionnaire. It helps me plan the MAL programs if I know what you want to see. The most votes were cast for the following categories: Painting flesh tones and figurative painting, Mixed media with textured paper/textured anything, art journaling, painting with palette knife, techniques to enhance water scenes, and a local gallery director talking about his/her selection process for gallery artists. I have started the search process for all the listed categories

Mark Christopher will be here in February with a live model to demonstrate his figurative painting process including flesh tones. I have approached two galleries. I need your help finding a proficient palette knife painter who would be willing to demonstrate the technique. If you know of a palette knife artist in the greater Phoenix area, please let me know. Text: 928-699-7070 or e mail: lynmatthew@aol.com.

MESA EXPRESS LIBRARY VENUE

I am looking for an artist to show their work at the library starting approx. the first of August. Please email me or call Linda Allen, 480-380-0793 or ljaart@gmail.com.

WEBSITE NEWS

Volunteer

To keep our web activities page up-to-date. **No computer skills required.** Requires a person who reads the Newsletter for activities and loves to know what's going on.

Faux Websites through Mesa Art League. Wilma has a new faux website at WRDilley1.com as well as Loralee HHArtisans.net. **What in the world is a Faux Website,** you ask? MAL creates a PowerPoint for your domain name to point to. You can create what you want on the PowerPoint. Ask Wilma, she LOVES hers. LoraLee is just getting started. More information from Diane Black coming.

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JUNE
 is Scleroderma Awareness

The Power of Creativity and Art

"Disabilities don't need to limit your artistic creativity. Use art as therapy to manage chronic illnesses"

"Art can bring a tremendous sense of accomplishment, when you create, design, build thru the use of any form of resources. The creative process allows us to silence the inner critic and effectively cope with illnesses, mental health, and trauma."



Lucy Wong MA

A US Navy Desert Storm Veteran .
 She worked with chemicals when OSHA didn't exist.
 The first five years after being diagnosed with systemic scleroderma, Her life was out of control without any support. Something in the universe told her to buy a Kenmore sewing machine. From that moment on she found her inspiration. After surviving 30 years with Scleroderma, she now demonstrates her practice of using art therapy to help others cope with chronic illness that never goes away.

SAT June 23 10 AM

FIND YOUR INSPIRATION

GILBERT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
10 S. Gilbert Road,
Gilbert
Info: 480 519 6688



Pictures are from the recent veteran's show and an invitation to a talk by veteran Lucy Wong.

NEW FEATURE – Who is the famous artist of these two works of art?



(Last month's answer is Gustav Klimt)

TREASURER'S REPORT – April, 2018

Profit & Loss

Mar 1st Account Balance \$2,286.03
 Mar 30th Account Balance \$ 936.07

Income

Hospitality \$ 0.00
 Membership 70.00
 50/50 42.50
 AAA for VA Classes 0.00
 Fellowship Square 0.00
 Ads 0.00
 Outreach 0.00
 Misc 0.00
 Sales Red Mtn 450.00
Total Income \$ 562.50

Meeting Expenses

Service Fee \$ 4.00
 Meeting Room rental 120.00
 Speakers 0.00
 Hospitality 31.24
 Webmaster 100.00
 Supplies 8.19
 Member Scholarship 250.00
 Paid Sales 77.83
 Ribbons Benedictine Show 85.90
 Rent (storage) 25.00
 Mesa AAC - Donation 0.00
 Holland Show Sign 145.30
 Holland Show Fee 450.00
Total Meeting Expenses \$1,297.46

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 \$ 1,297.46

Net Income +/- \$ (734.96)

Vets Programs

Income

AAA Income \$1,719.03
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Expenses

Supplies & Expense \$ 153.55



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