



**ARTWORK OF THE MONTH - JULY**  
**An Acrylic by Nancy Nowak Utech**

"We should learn to listen to our teachers. In second grade my teacher told me I should be an artist. I became an attorney. But I really never left art. I have continued to study, taking workshops and classes from a host of highly skilled artists. While in college, I used oils primarily, studying traditional representational art. The flow of oil paint on canvas was so luxurious feeling! I then veered off into watercolors when studying under Boris Shoshinski in Denver for several years. I worked in oil and watercolor depending on what class or workshop fit into my busy schedule. My painting was interrupted with breast cancer treatments and my paints were shelved for a while. I always felt an emptiness when I wasn't or couldn't paint. I started working in colored pencils. Since moving into abstract expressionism, using acrylics and a lot texture, occasionally applying bits of stone or metals,

**AUGUST 2018**

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**A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT**

"Art does not reproduce what we see. It makes us see." Paul Klee. I certainly look at the world in a new light. Many times I say to myself, that would make a great piece of art. The more I am around artists, I see the passion to share their view of the universe. And our league is working on opportunities to do just that. Check out our wonderful website, thanks to the leadership of Diane Black and the Mudersbachs.

Hope to see you in August.

Keep on creating,

Loralee.

**UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:**

Board Meeting - Aug 01  
General Meeting - Aug 14

**DEMOS:**

**Aug** - Elaine Dube, Scholarship demo from a class she took in marbling technique.

**AUG MEETING – VELDA ROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

We will meet Tuesday, Aug 14, 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: [www.mesaartleague.com/pdf/Events/Show-Rules-Regs.pdf](http://www.mesaartleague.com/pdf/Events/Show-Rules-Regs.pdf)

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**Hospitality****Artwork of the Month**

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### VENUES

**Mesa Express Library**

Power Square at Power & Baseline  
Aug/Sept Artist Anita Moser  
Linda Allen - 480-390-0793  
[ljaart@gmail.com](mailto:ljaart@gmail.com)

**Mesa Active Adult Center**

Next Change: Oct 16,  
274 N. McDonald, Mesa  
Wilma Dilley 480-354-2454  
[wrdilley1@gmail.com](mailto:wrdilley1@gmail.com)

**Fellowship Square**

Next Change: Sept 15, 9-10  
6945 E. Main St., Mesa  
Judy Koppes 480-654-8706  
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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: Oct 4, 10-12  
Crisman & Southern, Mesa  
Susan Paige  
[susanpaigeomc@yahoo.com](mailto:susanpaigeomc@yahoo.com)

Artwork of the Month con't

I have found a sense of freedom in abstract expressionism that enables me to present colors and textures in delivering my interpretation of what I feel. People often ask "what is it supposed to be?" When I paint, I am opening "my kimono" to anyone viewing my works. You are seeing my heart, my soul and my spirit at that moment in time. That's what it is "supposed to be."

Nancy Nowak Utech

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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://www.mesaartleague.com/\\_pdf/Membership/MAL-Membership-Scholarship-Contest.pdf](http://www.mesaartleague.com/_pdf/Membership/MAL-Membership-Scholarship-Contest.pdf)

**Alicia Short was the 2nd qtr winner.**

## **Mariposa Point Assisted Living of Mesa**

Switch-out is Thursday, October 4, 10am to noon.

Artists reception and Happy Hour with Residents, Friday, October 5, 3-4pm

Susan Paige. Venue Chairperson

## **2018 DEMOS**

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

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 email: [lynmatthew@aol.com](mailto:lynmatthew@aol.com).

## **AAA News – we need a representative**

Go to the AAA website for the latest news.

<https://azartalliance.com>

## **MESA EXPRESS LIBRARY VENUE**

If you would like an opportunity to show your work in a public space please email or call Linda Allen, 480-380-0793 or [ljaart@gmail.com](mailto:ljaart@gmail.com).

**Volunteers Are Needed for these positions, please help your league.**

**HOSPITALITY DIRECTOR**

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## **WEBSITE NEWS**

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.

## An Invitation from Rosalie Vaccaro to attend

### “Scorched: a celebration of heat!”

Art created with heat or about heat... burning, melting, scorching HOT! Think metal, ceramic, wood-burning (pyrography), fused-glass, encaustic, paintings & more!

Two of Rosalie's paintings have been accepted in the Phoenix show, Rosalie's "Grandpa's Tools" and the larger painting, "She's on Fire" will be in the show August and September.

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### First Studio's Art Gallery

[631 N. 1st Ave, PHX, AZ 85003](#)

Aug ~ Sep, 2018

Artists' Receptions 8/3 & 9/7 (6-10 p)

Closing Artists' Reception 9/21 (6-9 p)

Art Gallery Open Mon - Fri (9-5 p) for a Self-Guided Tour

For more info contact curator, **Kristine Kollasch 602-361-7991**

### Invitation to Paint Last Saturday of the Month 1-4.

Contact Diane Black 714-343-5580 if you have questions

We started the Vet's Class with the vision we would participate in BidUp. And we did!!

Go to <http://mesaartleague.com/veterans.php> starting slide 18. Awesome.

BidUp is three months away. I'm inviting members, non-members to our Veterans Art Class the last Saturday of the month to come out and paint with us with the thought in mind to prepare for one of the below activities. BidUp, SkyHarbor, MAL October Challenge, MAL Benedictine Throw-down.

Three of the events are Water-Themed. Let's make BidUp Water-Themed.

Medium is optional. We will have 10x10 canvas board and acrylic colored pencils available. Bring your own. It's just a time to create. I know a lot of members are out of time to do what they love the most. Sorry LoraLee, we won't have a welder!!

### Participating in these events is optional.

#### BidUp!

<https://www.mesaartscenter.com/bidup>

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum is pleased to announce **BidUp!**, which will feature the work of artists from Arizona and beyond. Participating artists are asked to create an original work in any medium of art that does not exceed 24 x 24 x 24 inches. The artwork will then be displayed for one night only and sold in a silent auction format.

#### CALENDAR

- **Oct 26, 2018:** All artwork must be received by 5pm, Arizona time, Friday, Oct 26, 2018. Late entries will NOT be accepted. No exceptions! (Download [form](#) here)
- <https://www.mesaartscenter.com/bidup>
- **Nov 14-16, 2018:** All donated artwork will be on public display.
- **Nov 16, 2018:** Reception and Silent Auction, 6-8pm  
The event is FREE and the **2019 Original Art Print Calendar** will also premier the same night.

#### Water-Themed - SkyHarbor

<https://www.skyharbor.com/Museum/ArtistSubmissions>

Phoenix Airport Museum (PAM) has an open **call to artists** for a *Water-themed* exhibition. View the prospectus here: [Phoenix Airport Museum Call for Entry](#)

#### Water-Themed - October 2018 MAL Challenge

#### Water-Themed - April 2019 MAL Throw-down with Benedictine

## Class Offering – 2018 "Drawing Simplified"

Rosalie is offering a class at Red Mountain Multigenerational Center in the Fall.

This class will help the beginner student with drawing skills for still life, landscape and portraits. We will be drawing with masses to learn value and shape. Charcoal on paper to begin, moving to better materials as we progress. Each person works at their own pace. For information contact the contractor: Rosalie Vaccaro at 480-268-1207 or [rovagrafx@aim.com](mailto:rovagrafx@aim.com). Registration for city is \$10/\$12 and class is 7 weeks for \$140. Mesa Art League members will get a discount.

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Susan Paige is shown hanging our art at the Holland Gallery. Thank you, Susan for a wonderful display.

Below: Photo of the participants at the Holland Gallery reception.



Guess the famous artist of this work of art?



(Last month's answer is Paul Cezanne)

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### RAFFLE WINNERS for July

**50/50 \$42..50 – Lyn Matthews**  
**\$25 gift certificate/Jerry's: Sharon Peterson**  
**\$25 gift certificate/Blick: Brenda Jackson**



Some art of the other leagues at the Holland Gallery show.

## TREASURER'S REPORT – June, 2018

### Profit & Loss

June 1 <sup>st</sup> Account Balance	\$2,378.31
June 30th Account Balance	1,514.88

### Income

Hospitality	\$ 0.00
Membership	70.00
50/50	122.00
AAA for VA Classes	0.00
Fellowship Square	0.00
Ads	0.00
Outreach	0.00
Other – Art Show	<u>200.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 392.00</b>

### Meeting Expenses

Service Fee	\$ 4.00
Meeting Room rental	120.00
Speakers	0.00
Hospitality	100.00
Webmaster	100.00
Supplies	0.00
Member Scholarship	0.00
Rent (storage)	25.00
Mesa AAC - Donation	0.00
Misc	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Meeting Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 349.00</b>

### Expenses Yearly

AAA Membership	\$ 0.00
Az Corp Commission	0.00
Mesa Tax License	0.00
Postmaster – Mail Box	0.00
State Farm Insurance	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Yearly Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

**Total Expenses \$ 349.00**

**Net Income +/- \$ 43.00**

### Vets Programs

#### Income

AAA Income	\$ 0.00
Donation	0.00

#### Expenses

Supplies & Expense	\$ 204.43
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Benedictine University Throw-down:

Cheap Joe's: Winners Gift Certificates, black art aprons

Jason Dean Black ItsAllAboutLasers@gmail.com, People's Choice Laser Etched Water Bottle

Judy Koppes Giclée for Best of Show  
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Harry X Harris, Author reception contributions

Diane Black Sofinee Art Exposé 1

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