



ARTWORK OF THE YEAR By Anthony Billings

Congratulations Anthony. We love your ballerinas.

Anthony is a self-taught artist. He credits the masters like Degas, Sargent, Pino and Schmid for his studies to become a proficient artist and surfs the internet to find artists that he admires.

"I began to explore their methods and techniques of painting. I composed paintings by setting a scene, an interior, a landscape, cityscape etc. 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. For this painting 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."

JANUARY 2019

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

From the mall board.

So, keep on creating and spreading the word.

Loralee

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

Board Meeting - Jan 02
General Meeting - Jan 08

DEMO for JAN - Mark Christopher will be here with a live model to demonstrate his figurative painting process including flesh tones.

JAN MEETING – Red Mountain Multi Generational Center, 7550 E Adobe St., Mesa, AZ 85207

We will meet Tuesday, Jan 08, 2019 (the *second Tuesday of the month*) 5 to 8 PM

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://www.mesaartleague.com/pdf/Events/Show-Rules-Regs.pdf>

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VENUES

Mesa Active Adult Center

274 MacDonald, Mesa

Next Change: Jan 10, 9-1

Wilma Dilley, Director

Fellowship Square

6945 E. Main St., Mesa

Next Change: Feb 16, 9-10

Judy Koppes, Director

Adalante Healthcare

1705 W Main St., Mesa

Veterans Art Displayed

Elizabeth Scriba, Director

Mariposa Pointe

Crisman & Southern, Mesa

Next Change: Feb 21, 10-12

Recp: Feb 22, 3-4

Susan Paige, Director

REMEMBER TO BRING - Bring in photos of events you have participated in for the history books. **REMEMBER TO BRING your own serving ware with your dish-to-share as the center does not provide any.**

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:

www.mesaartleague.com/_pdf/Membership/MAL-Membership-Scholarship-Contest.pdf

Mariposa Point Assisted Living of Mesa

Switch-out is Thursday, Feb 21, 10am to noon. Artists reception and Happy Hour with Residents, Friday, Feb 22, 3-4pm

Susan Paige. Venue Chairperson

2019 DEMOS

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**Volunteers Are Needed for these positions,
please help your league.
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AAA News - Go to the AAA website for the latest news.
<https://azartalliance.com>

RAFFLE WINNERS for NOV

50/50 \$67.50 – Loretta Tedeschi-Cuoco
\$25 gift certificate/Jerry's: Gloria Alexander
\$25 gift certificate/Blick: Paul Mudersbach
Various gifts donated by Paul and Star Mudersbach and Vivian Stearns-Kohler were won by several members. Thank you for the lovely gifts.

Gammage – Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who entered.

It is with great pleasure that I can inform you of the award winners for Mesa Art Leagues' Member Juried Show at ASU Gammage 2019.

Best of Show: Monsoon Sky, Alec Cooke

1st Place: Meadow Breeze 4, Susan Paige

2nd Place: Mystic Vision, Sheryl Stradling

3rd Place: Her Mother's Necklace, Jane Bradley

1st Honorable Mention: Palo Verde in Bloom, Alicia Short

2nd Honorable Mention: Sounds of the Desert, Lynda Creeley

3rd Honorable Mention: Clyde, Chere McKinney

Congratulations to All the winners! It is a very impressive show. There are many very fine works by our artists.

Please try to attend the reception on **January 14th** to accept your award. Share with your friends and family

1-3:30 at the ASU Gammage. Park nearby lot or at meters.

Please bring a munchie or finger food for our celebration!

Thanks to all who helped set up this event!

Rosalie Trulli Vaccaro



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Profit & Loss

Nov 1st Account Balance \$2,270.04
 Nov 30th Account Balance 3,396.14

Income

Hospitality \$ 0.00
 Membership 70.00
 50/50 48.50
 Fellowship Square 750.00
 Refund USPS 70.00
 Other – Reg Gammage 105.00
Total Income \$ 1,043.50

Meeting Expenses

Service Fee \$ 4.00
 Meeting Room rental 0.00
 Speakers 0.00
 Hospitality 0.00
 Webmaster 100.00
 Supplies 0.00
 Member Scholarship 0.00
 Rent (storage) 60.00
 Mesa AAC - Donation 0.00
 Refund of duplicate 75.00
Total Meeting Expenses \$ 239.00

Expenses Yearly

AAA Membership \$ 300.00
 Az Corp Commission 0.00
 Mesa Tax License 0.00
 Postmaster – Mail Box 0.00
 State Farm Insurance 0.00
Total Yearly Expenses \$ 300.00

Total Expenses \$ 539.00

Net Income +/- \$ 504.50

Vets Programs

Income

AAA Income \$ 586.15

Expenses

Supplies-
 Mesa Adult Ctr \$ 106.30
 Red Mtn Ctr 28.11
 Citadel 59.08
Total Expenses \$ 193.49

The artist of this painting is Camille Pissarro



Below are some of our league members enjoying our December meeting.





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