

Letter From the President of Scottsdale Artists League

Greetings Fellow Artists:

As we continue to focus on our role in the Scottsdale art community, it has been quite exciting to open new venues for our artists, including ODYSEA, Board and Batten and the new partnership with The District at Scottsdale.

Check out The District on line while we get it ready. www.thedistrictatscottsdale.com

Better yet, whether you have art in the first show there or not, you can play a role in all the new venues by offering to help our leaders, Barbarann Mainzer and now Freddie Lieberman who is in charge of the District. Your help setting up and or volunteering to work some hours at these shows is critical. You can actually make it possible to have the show. You will help us keep up the very good relations our leaders have built with our venue partners, and simultaneously help your fellow artists to succeed.

We enjoyed a wonderful presentation at our general meeting earlier this week, during which we were encouraged to make better art by letting go and being free. We can apply that idea to all we do. Here in our league we can join in to help our artist friends and in no time I predict you will see this kindness come back to you.

On behalf of our entire team I will say again that it is a privilege and an honor to serve.

Best regards,

Pat Serie
President



April 2019 Speaker- Jess Davila



JESS DAVILA spent his formative years in the beautiful State of Sonora, Mexico. He grew up exploring and appreciating the unspoiled beauty of the desert and mountainous regions of his homeland. Davila focuses on exploring a unique contemporary style. A completely self-taught artist, Davila draws on his experiences with various mediums which allow him to express and develop the many facets of his artistic talent and to further develop his creative being. Inspired by the shape, color and the texture of various stones, Davila creates a natural interpretation of what is already in his artist's eye. He draws from personal experience and the beauty that he sees in all of his surroundings to create impressive works in marble, alabaster, sandstone and limestone. Davila's unique stone interpretations evoke strong emotions from all who have the privilege of viewing them. The artist's profound appreciation of beauty is apparent in every aspect of his pieces, from the natural patterns in a piece of stone to the flowing curves of a finished sculpture.



Davila is the founder of the Arts and Cultural Center in Huachinera, Sonora, Mexico working alongside several of his colleagues. The Center sits on approximately 10 acres of land and now has 6 buildings completed. Jess is giving back to his community, that has provided him with so much artistic inspiration. His purpose for the center is to inspire the people of this region to find within themselves hidden artistic talents and for them to experience the joy that creating art brings. The Centro Artistico y Cultural de Huachinera is a way of bringing the townspeople together to study and learn various artistic methods. Ultimately, the center is bringing jobs to the people of Huachinera and the surrounding Sierra Madre region, both of which are becoming tourist attractions. People of all ages are taking classes on various subjects and are eager to continue learning.



Many thanks to Dick Richards.

During March General Meeting Mr. Richards (dickrichardsart.com) spoke to us about his process for creating loose, open-minded art with contrast, movement and depth and showed his beautiful pieces. A very informative and interesting program.



SAL Member Critique

Dave Flitner will be leading the critique. All members are invited to participate with their work and suggestions. Critique begins promptly at 5:35 pm and runs to 6:45 pm prior to the General Meeting. Guests are welcome.

- Paintings and drawings do not need to be framed. Unfinished pieces are welcome for suggestion to finish them. Participants in the critique please do not bring paintings freshly wet, oil particularly, as the paint gets on our hands and clothes from handling the pieces and then paint is transferred to other works and the carpet in the critique area. If you have a frame to put the painting in for handling purposes that will be appreciated.
- One work only per member, please.
- Work submitted after 6:15 may not be critiqued depending on volume of work.
- Work submitted for Critique cannot be submitted for artist of the month on the same evening.

Jim Garrison, Critique Master
Donna Levine, Assistant
Dave Flitner, Assistant

A quote of Mark Chagall

A quote of Auguste Rodin

"Art must be an expression of love or it is nothing"

"The main thing is to be moved, to love, to tremble, to live"

-Artist of the month-

1st Place - Vivian Gordon - "Baby Girl"



2nd Place - Laurie Shafer - "The Lotus"

3rd Place - Margy West - "First Nation Dancer"

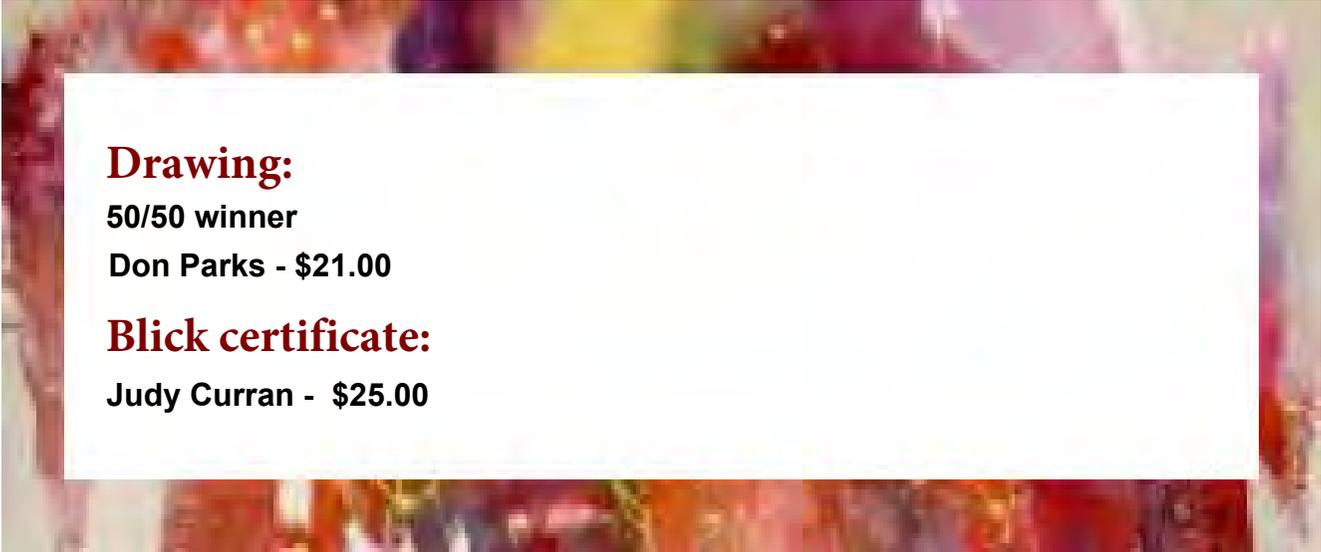


New type of Art??



This looks like something straight out of a dystopian sci-fi movie - where the planet ignores the signs of global warning. But it's not. This is the renowned The Vashon Island Bike Tree. It's a bike that was literally eaten by a tree - sort of. A rusted, old-timey bike hovers 7 ft off the ground - suspended inside the trunk of a tree. The bike tree is off of Vashon Highway - which runs between the Seattle and Tacoma ferry ports. Many legends abound at the bike tree's origins. Easiest explanation; the tree was a sapling, and a forked branch weaved between the bike and lifted it up over the years. Or, it's an elaborate Banksy hoax - and we fell for it.

Membership: Pamela Shearer



Drawing:

50/50 winner

Don Parks - \$21.00

Blick certificate:

Judy Curran - \$25.00

SOCIAL CHAIR: Refreshments provided by Ute Merkle and team. Thank you!

SAL now has 122 members. 50 members and 3 guests were present at the March meeting.

Treasurer: Donna Lewis

Donna Lewis will be stepping down as Treasurer, in 2019, per the rules of SAL By-Laws. If anyone is interesting in stepping forward to volunteer to fill this position, please let her know so that she will be able to begin training.

Scottsdale Artists League financial statements can be obtained by emailing Donna at: treasurer@scottsdaleartistsleague.org
Information will be mailed only to paid members.
The Scottsdale Artists League is a 501 (c) non-profit organization.



Member Announcements:

Donna Lewis: *Introduced a proposal to amend Article V - OFFICERS of the current SAL Bylaws as follow:*

(as presently written)

Article V - OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. These officers together with the standing committee chairpersons and the immediate past president shall comprise the Board of Directors.

The officers shall be elected at the June meeting and shall assume the duties of their respective offices immediately thereafter. They shall hold office one year and shall not be eligible to more than two consecutive terms in the same office. Standing chairpersons are appointed by the President.

(proposed rewrite)

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If a person cannot fulfill the duties of their office, an interim acting officer may be appointed by the Board of Directors to finish that term. An interim officer is a temporary position and not subject to consecutive term eligibility requirements. If an Interim officer is elected to that same office at the next annual meeting; the consecutive term eligibility requirement begins with that election.

Standing chairpersons are appointed by the President.

This Proposal was posted in the newsletter and sent by e-mail.

The Proposal will be voted on at the April 2, 2019 general membership meeting and will require a 2/3 vote to pass. If any member is unable to attend the April meeting, please e-mail your vote to patserie@cox.net by NOON Mountain Standard Time on April 2, 2019.

Barbarann Mainzer:

- **The Old Adobe Mission Show and Sale March 29-31, 2019:** we are back at the Old Adobe Mission in Scottsdale for another show and sale. The show details have changed dramatically. The show will be exclusively outside on the patio, under the portico and in the front of the Mission. Plein aire painting is encouraged. There will be plenty of "winter visitors" running around the Scottsdale area, so our visibility will be greatly enhanced over past shows. Only has nine artists signed up so far. Friday and Saturday the show will run from 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday hours are 11 am to 4 pm. Friday and Saturday the show will run from 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday hours are 11 am to 4 pm. Please sign up for this show if you can! Contact Barbarann if you are interested. Please consider joining us for a fabulous weekend of painting and interacting with the public. All the information is on SAL website. There are volunteer sign-up sheets available as well, shifts are 2 1/2 hours long and there is also help needed on Thursday night, March 28, for set-up.
- **The Westminster Village show starts April 8:** a reception will be held on April 12. Any work currently hung will be need to be removed.
- **The OdySea in the Desert show:** it went very well and SAL has been invited back again for April 20 and 21st. Sharon Elliott is the Chair of this show. The OdySea would like to have artists painting in plein air or working on their art for visitors to see and enjoy. Details are on SAL website. CONGRATULATIONS to Leslie Austin for selling over \$800 during the last show - way to go!!
- **The Scottsdale Artists' School show is May 18 - 31:** there will be a reception on May 23.

Pat Serie:

- **Scholarship opportunity:** Letters have been sent to schools regarding the SAL scholarship opportunities.
- **The District:** Pat made a presentation regarding a new and exciting venue for SAL members who create large, probably more contemporary works or can do arrangements of several pieces made for large spaces. Pat has been working diligently for over 18 months to procure a place for our art in "**The District**", a new apartment complex near the Scottsdale Quarter on Greenway Hayden Loop, just off of Scottsdale Road. **The District** offers sales opportunities to the residents of 300 apartments, the building owners themselves and prospective tenants in large, well-lighted areas. Freddie Lieberman will be the Chairperson for this event. The show will hang for two months, starting on April 15 with a "soft opening" and with a formal opening to follow. Work is to be hung on the 13th and 14th of April

The Selection Process: Please bring one of your Big, Bold and BEST pieces of work to the next meeting on April 2nd, AND submit up to four equal works by e-mail to fredarts@cox.net and to patserie@cox.net. Freddie passed out the prospectus for the show to everyone interested at the meeting. At this point, we are going to comply with the wishes of the residential management as far as selection of artwork, in future there may be possibilities for three dimensional works. The challenge now is to get enough work to fill the venue. Artists who are not currently members of SAL are welcome but, must become members of SAL in order to participate. All artists chosen will have to pay a \$25.00 fee, which helps cover the costs for locking systems to secure the works to the walls and for special labels to be printed.

Additional Information

-The Westminster Village show-

Photos of artworks selected by:



Peoples' Choice "Desert Bloom" by Donna Lewis



Artist's Choice "Four Young Maidens" by Bonnie Hundley

Historic Casa Grande Art Museum

Experience the *Sonoran Outdoor Painters Show* at

Historic Casa Grande Art Museum

319 W.3rd St., Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Museum Hours Wednesday-Saturday 1-4PM

Opening Reception March 1, 2019 5-7PM

Exhibit runs March 1 to March 23rd, 2019

Museum Hours Wednesday-Saturday 1-4PM



Artists Represented: Gary Binder, Heather Coen, Linda Curtis, Martha Goodrich, Gurukirn Khlasa, John Heckman, Raleigh Kinney, Peggy Marra, Michael McGrath, Gretchen Olberding, Peggy Orborn, Rich Orborn, Toni Perrin, Paris Ritchie, Nancy Romanovsky, Diane Scholar, Bob Spille



“Interpretations IV” – WHAM West Gallery, 16560 N. Dysart Rd., Surprise, AZ

- March 2 through March 28, 2019
- The March 9 Reception was VERY well attended! The Show was lovely & great time was had by all! Many thanks to the participating SAL Artists:

Leslie Austin Jean Rossman
Larry Beausoleil Robin Schweitzer
Don MacDonald Kathy Wadsworth

Thank you to Larry and Don for helping hang the Show. Thanks to Leslie for all of her help at the Reception, and to Donna Lewis for making the tags for the artwork. We appreciate our wonderful volunteers!

Veterans’ Outreach:

A new art program is being developed specifically for women veterans! More info to come. Also, John Fontana is in need of volunteer art instructors for MANA House (2422 W. Holly St., Phoenix), which provides transitional housing for veterans. If you can help with this very worthy program, please e-mail: john.fontana@azartalliance.com.

Merger News for the AZ Art Alliance!

As you probably heard, the AZ Art Alliance is merging with the Central Arts Alliance, better known as the Phoenix Center for the Arts (1202 N. 3rd Street in Phoenix). The merger of these two organizations will benefit both groups and form a vibrant art force that encompasses all the Arts. The AZ Art Alliance name, our Exhibitions and our Outreach Programs will all remain, but the new organization will be capable of reaching a larger audience and accessing a larger pool of artists and volunteers. More details will become available as the merger moves forward over the next several months.

AZ Art Alliance Newsletter:

Each month the Alliance Newsletter is posted on our website (azartalliance.com). Be sure and check for info on our Member Groups, Outreach Programs, Panel Rentals, Calls to Artists.....and more!

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Greetings to all of you,

Yeah! This month we enter Spring! Spring brings colors of flowers. The desert will change from the pallid arid grass color to blankets of red, white, yellow and more. Nature returns to life and to show its magic splendor. It is time to go out and enjoy the show.

