



Happy Holidays  
and  
Happy New Year



# Art Beat

January 2024

newsletter for the Scottsdale Artists League

## *Letter from the President of Scottsdale Artists League*

Hi My Fellow Artist Friends and Art Lovers,

2024 – A whole year of new beginnings, fresh starts, and opportunities to expand our creative circles.... January is unique in that its gift is the calm after the storm. A time for introspection. Regrouping. Relaxing your shoulders and breathing deeply. It is a great time to write down some hopes and aspirations. When you get to December of 2024, what do you want to have accomplished? It's not only making plans about things you hope to do, but with January and a whole new year ahead, what inner changes do you want to see? For me, it's being even more present – with family, friends, myself, and even my art. Listening more closely to hear what isn't being said. Offering a kind word, a kind thought. Really seeing. And isn't that what being an artist is truly about .....seeing things that others don't see and offering a deeper perspective through our artistic eyes?

My wish for you this month is the gift of seeing ..... truly noticing. Savoring moments and allowing the magic to flood your soul and dance through your creative hands. Enjoying the quietness this season offers before Spring peeks through.



Warmly and with much love,

Shannon





## -General Meeting-

### Shannon O'Donnell: President

#### General

The meeting was officially called to order at 6:45.

Shannon pointed out that as is our custom, we have a Christmas/Holiday Party in lieu of a General Meeting in December.



Several SAL members came early to help decorate -

everything looked beautiful and festive.



Members who painted one or more 4x4 tiles for our exchange placed their paintings on the display table



and picked numbers out of a bag to determine the order of choosing favorite panels.

After everyone had a chance to fill their plates with a variety of delicious appetizers, main dishes, and delightful desserts,







Shannon announced the start of the 4x4 exchange. Donna Lewis chose #1 so she started the exchange followed by all artists who painted the 4x4 tiles.

We had almost 40 paintings entered!

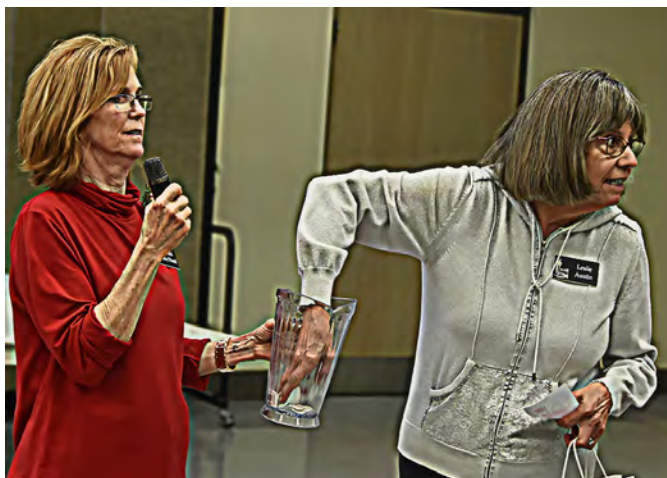








Next, we drew tickets for our usual door prizes before the main event – ARTIST OF THE YEAR!



Kathleen Lawrence-Davis won the Az Art Supply gift certificate and Ute Merkle won the 50/50 raffle.

and then the main event.....

## **ARTIST OF THE YEAR 2023!**

The artwork of all 2023 Artists of the Month have been viewed by SAL artists attending the event and then evaluated by Jim Garrison and Dave Flitner acting as judges.



Jim Garrison and Dave Flitner, our fantastic Critique Leaders, spent quite a long time evaluating each piece of art that won Artist of the Month this year. And the winner was/is.... drum roll..... **Craig Lomas** with his pastel painting called, “**The Great Blue Heron**”. It was definitely stiff competition. Winning Artist of the Year among such incredibly talented artists is very prestigious. **Congratulations, Craig!**





Before ending for the evening, we thanked Jim and Dave for being such assets to our League. Their monthly Critique sessions are popular and it's not surprising – we all learn so much from the wisdom they share every month. Again, **THANK YOU Jim and Dave** – we truly appreciate you both!!!





## More Information and Announcements

### **Kick Back With the Artist**

Cheryl Prather invites you to “Kick Back With the Artist” at the Fountain Hills Artists’ Gallery on January 3, 2024 Wednesday.

I am the featured artist for the evening. Appetizers and beverages will be served, door prizes will be awarded. I’d love to see SAL members there! Thanks!

# Cheryl Prather



I am a painter, living in Fountain Hills,

## Meet the Artist

It is a real pleasure to announce that Jerry Cave joined Scottsdale Artists League.

### **Welcome to SAL Jerry!**

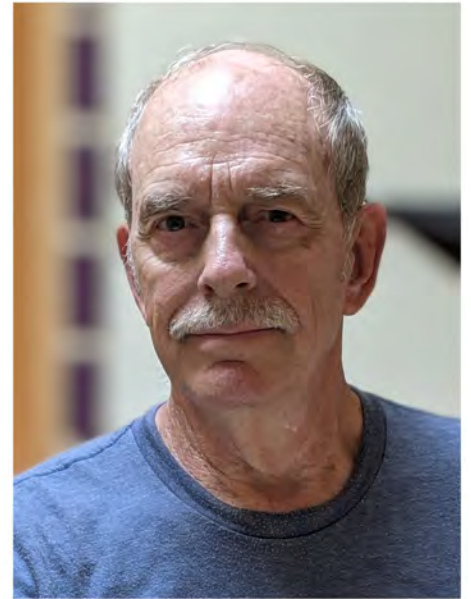
He submitted this brief biography to introduce himself:

I began drawing when I was very young. My mother was very artistic, so I probably got that gene from her. I grew up in Des Moines, Iowa, and much of my education was in art. From sixth grade on, I loved art in school, and I was fortunate to attend Des Moines Technical High School which had an extensive, very focused, art program.

I greatly enjoy studying other artists' work, and could spend days in art galleries. I don't know that any artist is ever 100% satisfied with their work, and I continually try to improve with every painting I do. Currently, I'm enjoying painting with acrylics, which are a bit challenging as they tend to dry very quickly. However, I like their water-solubility, and I think I've pretty much figured them out.

A good friend recently told me she thought my work was "totally believable," and that is the effect I try to achieve. Capturing a moment in time is what my art is to me, and when I complete a painting, that moment is there forever for others to see.

My wife, Deborah, and I moved from Kansas to Arizona 28 years ago, and now live in Gold Canyon. I welcome commission work, so if you have a favorite picture you'd like painted, feel free to contact me.



Below and in the following pages are photos of some Jerry's creations:











## January 2024 Speaker

**Our January 2024 speaker is Freddie Lieberman.**

Freddie Lieberman's art career began at age 3, in the early morning hours, when she created a crayon mural on her grandparents' newly painted living room walls. It was not a well received artistic endeavor.

Thanks to two wonderful dedicated high school art teachers,

Freddie pursued a BFA at the University of Illinois and then worked as an art teacher in Chicago. Her path to becoming a mixed media contemporary artist took many twists and turns. Murals, graphic designs and faux finishes on walls, portrait chairs and benches, life-size stand-up movie and sports stars and pets.

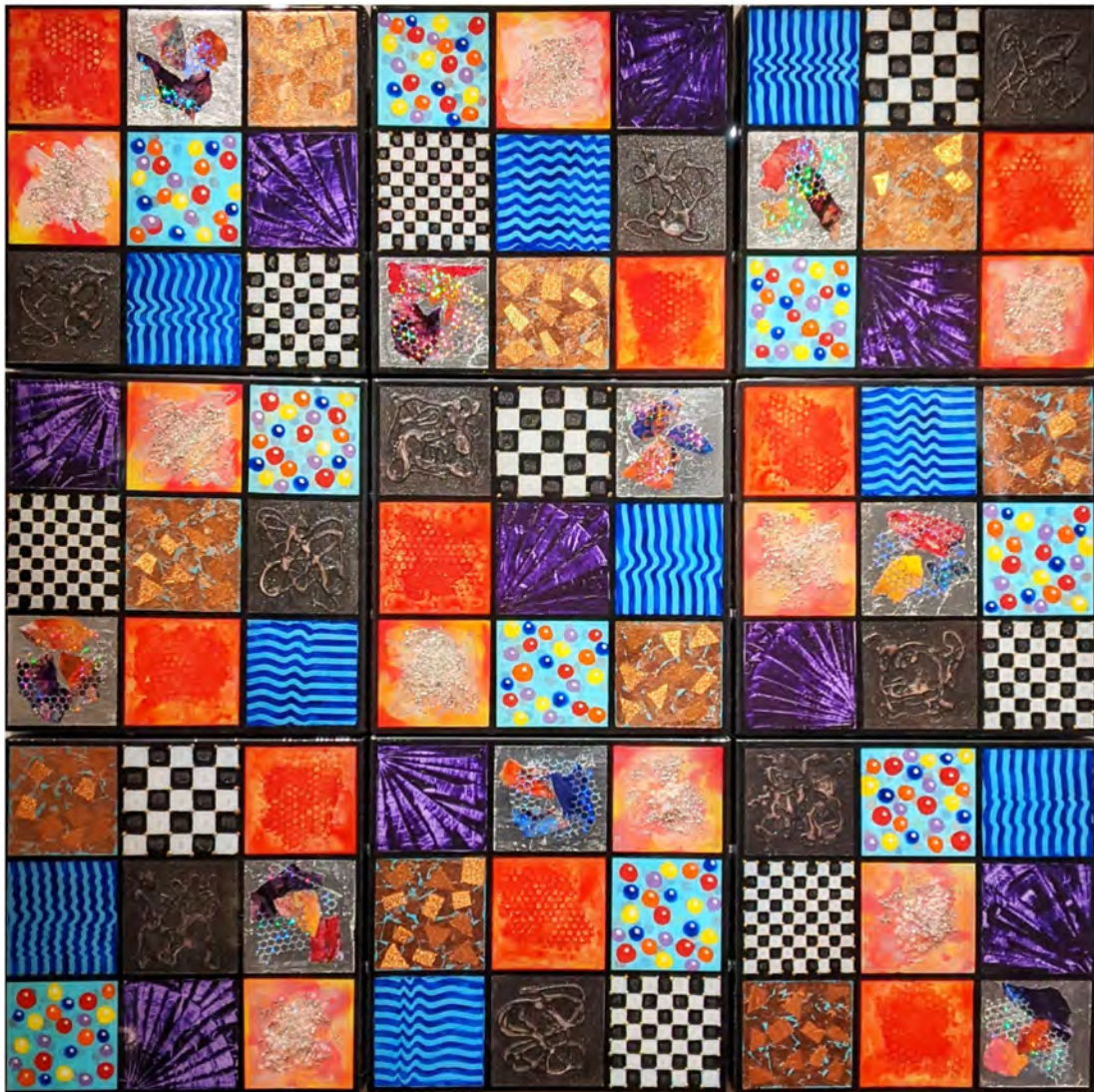
Freddie began doing freelance paintings about 18 years ago and joined the Scottsdale Artists League shortly after. It has become a very important part of her life and she credits it, in large part, for her growth and success as an artist. The camaraderie, friendships and learning opportunities are priceless.



*Here below and in the following page you can admire some of Freddie's creations.*











## **November/December News from Arizona Art Alliance**



Greetings,

Trusting this finds you well.

This month I am combining the November and December newsletter into one. With the busy holiday season approaching, I want to spare you an overflowing inbox. Be sure to scroll down to see what's happening over the next few weeks.

With Thanksgiving looming around the corner, I find myself feeling evermore grateful for the many blessings in my life; my family, friends and an incredible community of artists. Over the years I have cultivated a practice of Gratitude. Indulge me a moment, while I share that here.

Gratitude is often described as the art of recognizing and appreciating the positive aspects of life. A daily practice of gratitude holds profound significance in shaping an individual's well-being; it becomes a transformative force that can elevate one's perspective and foster a more fulfilling existence.

Incorporating gratitude into daily life, whether through spoken expressions or maintaining a gratitude journal, has the power to shift focus from what may be lacking to what is abundantly present. By consciously acknowledging and appreciating the blessings, both big and small, we can embark on a journey of positive reflection. This shift in mindset not only enhances mental resilience but also contributes to emotional well-being.

In that spirit I close with a heartfelt appreciation for all of you in making my work in the world that much more meaningful. I appreciate the communications and connections forged. I invite you to our open house over three Sundays in December and welcome the opportunity to raise a glass, extend a warm hug, and have an opportunity to visit and get to know you better. Dates and address are below.

Wishing you and yours good health, strong connection, and deep joy.  
Tess

*Tess Mosko Scherer she | her Executive  
Director Arizona Art Alliance  
info@AzArtAlliance.com | 928-300-7185  
#ArtTogetherNow*

# Breaking Ground Exhibition



## **Breaking Ground**

A Juried Fine Art Exhibition | November 1 – November 25, 2023

Ground Floor Artists Gallery | 13343 W Foxfire Dr #3, Surprise, AZ 85378

Arizona Art Alliance in partnership with Ground Floor Artists presents Breaking Ground, an exhibition of artwork created by Arizona artist-members of Arizona Art Alliance's member organizations.

Nearly one-hundred works of art were entered into the show. Jurors Zach Valent and Jay Hardin had the daunting task of selecting the work for the exhibition. Thirty-eight pieces were selected for the show. Arizona Art Alliance has a strict jurying policy looking for artwork that exemplifies excellence in skill, originality, and expression.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO AWARD RECIPIENTS:**

1st Place: Dennis Sullivan "Appreciation"

2nd Place: Jana Kohutiarova "Dreaming in Color"

3rd Place: Melanie Harman "Laurence Road"

## **The following Honorable Mentions were awarded:**

Caroline Jenney "Longwings in Honeysuckle"

HAWK Jones "Do Not Fear Tomorrow"

Pat Obrien "Levels"

Tanya Lemma "Water Lilies"

Barry Farmer "Division"

## **Artists from the following organizations are included in the show.**

Arizona Artists Guild | Arizona Clay Association | Arizona Watercolor Association | Ground Floor Artists Mountain Artists Guild | Sedona Visual Artists Coalition | Sonoran Arts League | Vanguard Artists  
WHAM | Wickenburg Art Club

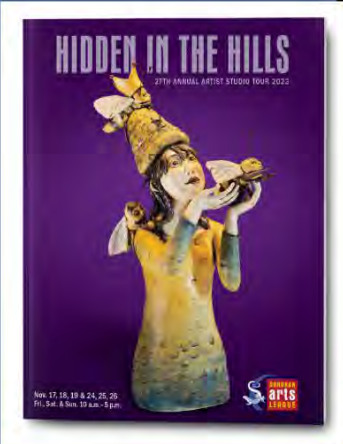
Visit <https://azartalliance.com/breaking-ground-virtual-exhibition-2023> to visit the virtual exhibition



Arizona has a robust art community brimming with opportunities for artists. Arizona Art Alliance member Arts Organizations host exhibitions, workshops and other opportunities for their members. The exhibitions are generally juried arts competitions with themes that push the boundaries. Click the links below for current and upcoming opportunities to exhibit, to learn, and network. Be sure to visit their receptions to learn more about their organizations and how you might get involved.

- Arizona Artists Guild
- Arizona Clay Association
- Arizona Pastel Artists Association
- Arizona Watercolor Association
- Ground Floor Artists
- Mesa Art League
- Mountain Artists Guild
- Phoenix Artists Guild
- Provision Coffee
- Scottsdale Artists League
- Sonoran Arts League
- Sedona Visual Artists Coalition
- Tempe Artists Guild
- Vanguard Artists
- Vulture City
- Westbrook Village Fine Arts - Association
- WHAM Art Association
- Wickenburg Art Club

## November and December pop-up shows and studio tours to visit



**27th Hidden in the Hills Studio Tour**

164 artists ~ 41 studios ~ 6 days

November 17, 18, & 19 and 24, 25, & 26  
10am - 5pm each day

A free, self-guided studio tour offering seasoned collectors and art enthusiasts a rare chance to observe artists at work in their private studios during the six-day tour.

Cave Creek ~ Carefree ~ North Scottsdale



TESS MOSKO SCHERER & DAVID LLOYD BRADLEY  
 handbound books and works on paper      sculptural and functional ceramics

**AzAA President, David Lloyd Bradley and Executive Director, Tess Mosko Scherer invite you to meet and mingle at their home.**

**Studio Open House  
 December 3, 10 & 17 | 11:00-3:00  
 4327 E. Lewis Ave.  
 Phoenix, Az 85008**

**THE  
 WONDERFUL, FESTIVE, and DELIGHTFUL  
 ART AND OBJECTS  
 STUDIO SALE  
 2023**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd  
 11 AM -5 PM**

**2631 E. CORTEZ ST. PHOENIX, AZ 85028**

**Slope Holiday Market + Parade**

Saturday, December 9th (5-9PM, setup around 3PM)

In my opinion, this event replaces the ole' Sunnyslope Art Walk. They close Hatcher Rd from 7th ave to Central. It is organized by The HUB & Joe from the Eye Opener. Vendor spaces are \$50, due after acceptance.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOoD2ALLPE-DuXE7mfz5OnC0WkCDkq2IP96tgOgLlellqHEA/viewform>

**Blues & Brews Festival**

Sunday, November 12th (11-5 pm) App fee is \$75

Organized by North Mountain Brewing Company

<https://northmountainbluesandbrewsfest.godaddysites.com/vendors>





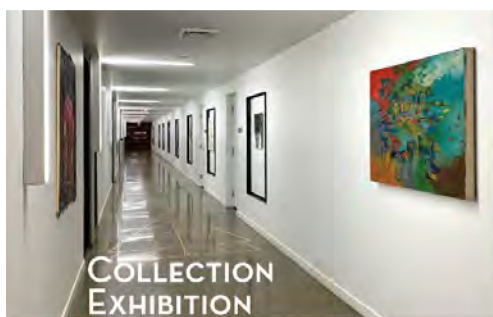
A great resource to search for street art shows, fairs and festivals. Visit AzAA Web site for more info.

Visit AzAA Web site for info on these art shows and events in Arizona

- ASU Art Museum
- Eric Fischl Gallery @Phoenix College
- First Studio
- Herberger Theater
- Mesa Community College
- Olney Gallery:
- Yavapai College, Prescott:
- University of Arizona Museum of Art
- Heard Museum
- Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art
- Tucson Museum Of Art
- Sedona Arts Center

- Phippen Museum:
- Phoenix Art Museum:
- Shemer Art Center:
- Tempe Center for the Arts:
- Museum of Contemporary Art Tucson
- Chandler Museum
- Yuma Art Center
- West Valley Art Museum
- Phoenix Sky Harbor Museum
- Scottsdale Arts Center for Creative Photography

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTS



COLLECTION EXHIBITION

**CYCLE 13**

PORTLAND ON THE PARK  
art program



**CALL TO ARTISTS**

SUBMISSIONS DUE:

**NOV 21**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
ARTLINKPHX.ORG

Portland on the Park Exhibition Cycle 13 is now open!

This Arts Program was created to connect the residents to the arts and culture community.

A total of 24 artworks have been purchased for the collection to date, and 46 additional works have been purchased by residents.

Submissions are due November 21, 2023 @ 5:00pm. Visit AzAA web site to learn more.

## SMALL WORKS EXHIBIT



11/29/23 - 1/2/24

Entry Deadline 11/18/23

Art Drop Off 11/28/23

Reception 12/9/23

5:00-7:00 pm



## ART AT THE VISTA EXHIBIT



12/5/23 - 1/8/24

Entry Deadline 11/25/23

Art Drop Off 12/1/23

Virtual Reception 12/14/23



**PhxArt**  
Phoenix Art Museum

**OPEN  
CALL**

**LEHMANN EMERGING ARTIST AWARDS**

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**  
DECEMBER 17, 2023

IN COLLABORATION WITH

**ARTLINK**

Phoenix Art Museum's Lehmann Emerging Artist Awards is now open!

The selection committee will award up to two grants of \$10,000 each, and each recipient will be invited to present work in the Museum's 2024 Lehmann Emerging Artist Awards recipients' exhibition, scheduled to open in October 2024, and will receive a Lifetime Membership to PhxArt. Submissions are due December 17, 2023.

This call for art is in collaboration with Artlink.

**READ MORE AND SUBMIT**



The 60th Annual Glendale Arts Council Juried Fine Arts Show prospectus is out.

Drop off of art December 29th 3-5PM and December 30 9AM-Noon.

The Fruit Packing House at Sahuaro Ranch park  
59th Avenue and Mountain View Rd.  
Glendale, Az

Juror: Carol L. Bendell, pastel artist.  
Carol received her BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Carol has worked as an Editorial Illustrator, Fine Art Reporter, and Art Instructor at numerous Art Centers, Schools and Colleges, as she continued to be an exhibiting artist. She has exhibited her work throughout the US and Europe.

Questions or to request a prospectus, contact Carolyn Tolliver 602-908-3149



**Glendale Arts Council**

# Juried Fine Arts Show

59th Avenue & Mountain View Road in Glendale

## PROSPECTUS and APPLICATION

January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 All Entered Show and Sale  
January 9<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 Juried Show and Sale

**Free and Open to the Public**

In partnership with  
City of Glendale  
Parks & Recreation  
and Library Services



## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TIP OF THE MONTH**



Fostering creativity can sometimes be a challenge. At one time or another we all get blocked. I find one of the things that works for me is play. Play can take on many forms from hiking in the desert to exploring new materials. For me, engaging in playful activities allows me to explore ideas without the constraints of rules or expectations. This freedom fosters a creative atmosphere that encourages risk-taking and outside-the-box thinking, crucial elements for innovative

artistic endeavors. Play is a potent elixir for artists to stir creativity. It has taken me a long time to learn this and to put it into my practice.

Play should not be looked upon as a frivolous endeavor but a deliberate and impactful strategy for nurturing creativity. By embracing play, you can transcend the boundaries of routine and ignite your curiosity while fostering a positive mental state.

For professional artists, play serves as a powerful tool to break free from creative blocks. The structured nature of many artistic pursuits can sometimes stifle spontaneity and limit the flow of fresh ideas. Playful exploration opens you to the rediscovery of joy in your practice through the unlocking of new dimensions of creativity. Whether it's experimenting with different mediums, trying unconventional techniques, or even engaging in collaborative play sessions with fellow artists, these activities inject a sense of excitement and novelty into the artistic process. David and I have been known to spend weekends collaborating in artistic experimentation and exploration. It refreshes both of us as we return to our respective studios.

Play acts as a stress-reliever, a much-needed respite for navigating the challenges of a professional artistic career. The pressures of deadlines, client expectations, and the quest for perfection can take its toll. Play provides a therapeutic escape, offering a space where you can reconnect with the intrinsic pleasure of creating without the weight of external pressures. This mental reset not only enhances overall well-being but also contributes to a more vibrant and inspired creative output.

In essence, the benefits of play for artists extends far beyond mere amusement. It is a catalyst for unlocking untapped reservoirs of creativity, a remedy for creative stagnation, and a pathway to maintaining a healthy and fulfilling artistic practice. So, the next time you find yourself in need of a creative spark, don't underestimate the power of play—it might just be the key to unlocking your next masterpiece.

Visit AzAA web site to see past articles of Professional Development Tips

..... **with Gratitude**

The **Gratitude Project** is a collection of nearly 800 works of art by members of the Arizona Art Alliance that were gifted to Health Care Facilities as a way to thank the Health Care Workers for their commitment and sacrifices during the Covid Pandemic. This project honors and acknowledges the hard work and sacrifice by every nurse, doctor and staff member in the face of an unprecedented healthcare event. They are the heroes and heroines of this unprecedented time.

Today we acknowledge the 262 artists who created these amazing works of art that touched the lives of so many through their generosity of spirit in sharing their art in such an incredible way.

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| David Amsellem   | Ann Scardello    | Andrea Landes       | Katie Moran         | Alice Pelchat   | Kristel Nielsen   |
| Grace Haverty    | Carolyn Hoffman  | Betsy Aguirre       | Larry Beausoleil SR | Alicia Plogman  | Laura Cohen-Hogan |
| Karen Gray       | Chris Sommerfelt | BettyLou Tobin      | Laurel Hardin       | Alika Kumar     | Lisa Wayman       |
| Marion Droge     | Dawn Zintel      | Brenda Triechler    | Louise Carrroll     | Arlene Miller   | Maria Karlosak    |
| Pamela Root      | Douglas Miley    | Carolyn Tolliver    | M Velesano          | Britt Steinmann | Marjie Rogers     |
| Patricia Ribeiro | harold A. nelson | Chris Brewer        | Marianne Levin      | Carole Matthews | Marvella Frey     |
| Ruth Philliben   | Jet Sletten      | Donavan             | Marilyn Burrows     | Christina Clark | Nona Miller       |
| Sherry Kimmel    | Joan Eberhardt   | E. Dumney           | Marna McLendon      | Ellen Nemetz    | Pat Rospenda      |
| Calen Sink       | Josh Thompson    | Elizabeth Scriba    | Mary M. Valesano    | J. Wayne Holden | Vivian Andersen   |
| Jerre Smith      | Julia Alver      | Isabela Huin        | Mary S. Heberlein   | Jean Rossman    | Bruce Sink        |
| Micha King       | Julie Fonner     | Jana Lee Aspin      | Michele Heilman     | Jennifer Henry  | Melanie Harman    |
| Sherry Whitney   | Kathleen Kramer  | Jane Underhill      | Nancy Byer          | Joan McGe       | Linda Thiel       |
| Tanya Lemma      | Kristen Rudd     | Juanita Welsh       | Phyllis Lindsey     | Joan McGue      | Silvia Roberts    |
| Dyanne Locati    | Kristine Dutton  | Judy Lindquist      | Sheila Bellinger    | Joan Millman    | Wayne Holden      |
| John Kaskela     | Lee Morris       | Julie Frye          | Susan L.            | Jody Miles      | Ann Osgood        |
| Melanie Mead     | Lilly Miley      | mary Clare mcCartin | Sally Riester       | Carmen Timm     | Brigitte Scanlon  |
| Dee Podhorn      | Linda roberts    | Mary Lou Arnold     | Shari hancock       | Jean Morgan     | Cara Huigh        |
| Linda Jones      | Linda S Thomas   |                     | Susan Baltzer       | Pat Washmburn   | Delfina Valentini |



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| Franco Valentini     | Linda Umphrey        | Sue Lewis             | Jean Pischerchia    | Ivonne Borland        | Barb Waggoner    |
| Ilona L. Halderman   | Linda Vieser         | Virginia Brooks       | Arlen Madole        | Jo Allebach           | C. Ferring       |
| Jeanette lee         | Pamela Kaiser        | Sue Hunter            | Barbara E. Lang     | Kim Mraz              | Carree           |
| Jill Lacy            | Pati Watkins         | Clarice McIlvain      | Barbara Niemi       | Linda Royers          | Darlene Ritter   |
| Joan Fuller          | Pat Book             | Joanie Wolter         | Don McPartlan       | Mary J. Klug          | Dede Robinson    |
| Linda Phillips       | Barbarann Mainzer    | Mary LaRue Wells      | Donna Davis         | Soonthorn Checvasit   | Diane Freeman    |
| Lorraine Sanders     | Sheri Lee Cahn       | Nancy Palmisano       | Jan Crane           | Terri petty           | Heather Young    |
| Lynn Smith           | Ami Ray              | Leslie Austin         | Jan Kay             | Tom lafleuer          | Judy Wolfe       |
| Marsha Lazar Klinger | Diane Haugen         | A. Clark              | Kay Verstraete      | Tony Oldham           | Lori Favara      |
| marti Thorson        | Donna Levine         | Anese Spearman        | Lady Russ           | Barb Hurley Peterson  | Lynn Conner      |
| P. Lindsey           | Beth Zink            | Anonymous             | Lois Doty           | Bill Sears            | Marjory Peterson |
| Pamela Shearer       | Carla Cross          | Anshu Priya           | Lynda Lee Gimby     | Carol Fuqua           | Marty Wolfe      |
| Paul Ray             | Carole Perry         | Arleen Gitelman       | Mary Beth Cornelius | Cherie Palmer         | mary Humme       |
| Peggy Hunt           | Christine Sherer     | Becky Spradling       | Nan Adams           | Claralee O'Leary Zell | Nancy Thomas     |
| Shannon O'Donnell    | Cone Flower          | Debborah Charboneau   | Pat O'Brien         | Corleen Chang         | Paul Naughton    |
| Susan O'Hara         | Cynthis Eral         | Doris Marie Provine   | Pauline Mounsey     | Janet Sargent         | Sara Becker      |
| Judy Delmonico-Roll  | Fran Douglas         | Ellie Chamberland     | Ricki Nordmeyer     | JoAnn Wintermantel-   | Sheryl Caldwell  |
| Doralee Ewing        | John Marko           | Emily Ruvane Johnston | Ross Snodgrass      | Zondlo                | Traci Mann       |
| Laurel B. Hardin     | Judy Bruce           | Gail Boyd             | Sharon Cottle       | Judy DeFeo            | Violet Burton    |
| Jim Garrison         | Julia Patterson      | Janet Fagan           | Susan M. Decker     | Kathleen Balderston   | Yaoyao Crilly    |
| Joanna Pregon        | Marty Gibson         | John Mainieri         | Susan Roper         | Kay Steputis          | Judy Wolf        |
| John Fontana         | Maureen A. Fairbanks | Kate Toussaint        | Tim Janicki         | Shirley Worden        |                  |
| Judith Rhue          | Mimi Damrauer        | Rosemarie Orlick      | V. Miller           | Cindy Chambers        |                  |
| Maggie Tippetts      | Nancy Breiman        | Sandi Lunsford        | Kelly Abraham       | P Dapenbrok-Sallins-  |                  |
| Gary Binder          | Nancy Pendleton      | Sylvia Mousseux       | Ann Reynolds        | McKanzie              |                  |
| Lucy Wong            | Pamela Fingerhut     | Yung Crawford         | Deb manning         |                       |                  |
| Nancy Brigg          | Robin Ray            | Sue Nrtton-Scott      | Frieda M Lemke      |                       |                  |

These artists are members of Arizona Artists Guild, Arizona Watercolor Association, Az Clay Association, Mesa Art League, Mountain Artists Guild, Phoenix Artists Guild, Scottsdale Artist League, Sonoran Art League, Tempe Artists Guild, Vanguard Artists Association, Westbrook Village Fine Arts, WHAM.

The works of art were gifted directly to healthcare workers and to Hospice of the Valley, Carl T. Hayden Veterans' Administration Medical Center, Paradise Valley Community College School of Nursing, and were on temporary display at the Mayo Clinic.

A heartfelt thank you to all who made this project so remarkable.  
To see the collection of work, visit AzAA web site.

## Community Outreach



**ARIZONA ARTISTS GUILD (AAG)**  
**N. PHOENIX** – 4th Saturday/ month  
-Veterans: in-person 10-2 pm  
-Creative Distraction: Virtual 2:00-3:00  
-Creative Journey: In-person 3:00-5:00  
for anyone experincing loss or grief  
including healthcare workers  
arizonaartistsguild.net  
ArtistsofAAG@gmail.com  
call for details | 602-944 9713

**MESA ART LEAGUE**  
**MESA** – 2nd Thursday/month 9-2 pm  
4th Thursday each month 12:30 pm  
Last Saturday of the month 1-4 pm  
loralee.MAL@cox.net | 480-223-3641

**SONORAN ARTS LEAGUE**  
**CAVE CREEK**  
-Thursdays 10:00-12:00 pm  
martiw04@comcast.net | 530-613-9038

**MOUNTAIN ARTISTS GUILD**  
**PRESCOTT**  
-First Wednesday: 5:30-8:30 pm  
-Third Thursday: 10:00-2:00 pm  
guild@mountainartistsguild.org  
928-445-2510

**WHAM (What's Happen'n Art Movement)**  
**SURPRISE**  
-2nd Monday/ month 10-2 pm  
-4th Thursday/month 10-2 pm  
MartysFineArts@gmail.com |  
623-584-8311



Arizona Art Alliance rents Quality Show Panels:

- medium gray carpet on metal tube frame, can display on both sides --measures 38.55 inches wide and a total height of 84 inches
- fasten together in any configuration of two or more
- light, strong and easy to handle
- with or without lighting (costs for lighting are extra)
- all the required bracing and handling accessories
- set-up and delivery (fees apply)

Visit [azartalliance.com/rentals/](http://azartalliance.com/rentals/) for more information.



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Please follow the Arizona Art Alliance on FaceBook to stay connected and informed.

Visit our website to learn more about the Arizona Art Alliance.



Arizona Art Alliance is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit art organization founded in 2000. The Arizona Art Alliance is committed to facilitating growth in the Arizona arts community by empowering arts organizations to meet their goals of providing arts events, instruction, and community outreach.

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## Creative Leather Show



On December 2nd, a group of 6 SAL artists participated in the show held at Creative Leather shop located on Indian School in Scottsdale. Photos of participating artists with their artwork are included. No results of the event had been received by time this News Letter was posted on the web. More details about the results will be provided in the February News Letter.



The table at the entrance of Creative Leather's showroom with artwork donated by each exhibiting artist for the Raffle.

Donna Lewis selling tickets for the Raffle.







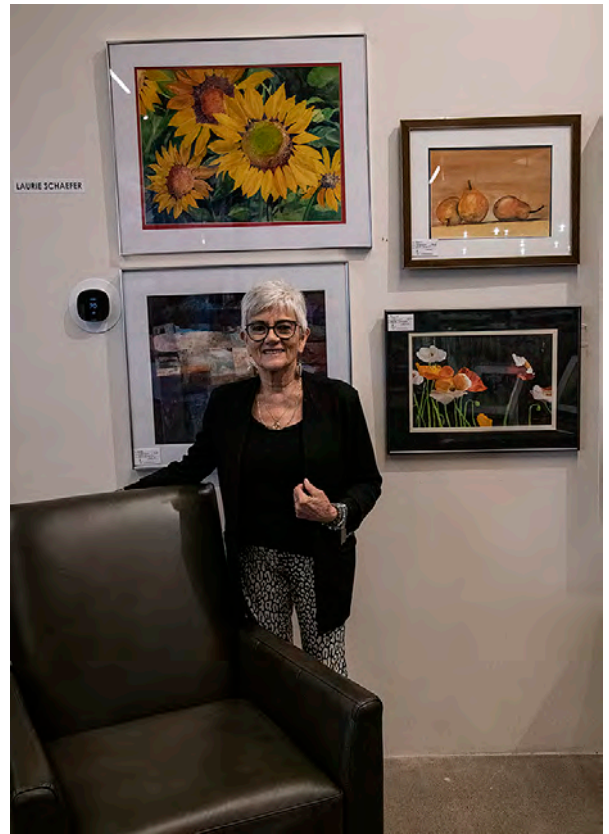
Shannon O'Donnell happily smiling in front of all her artwork on display



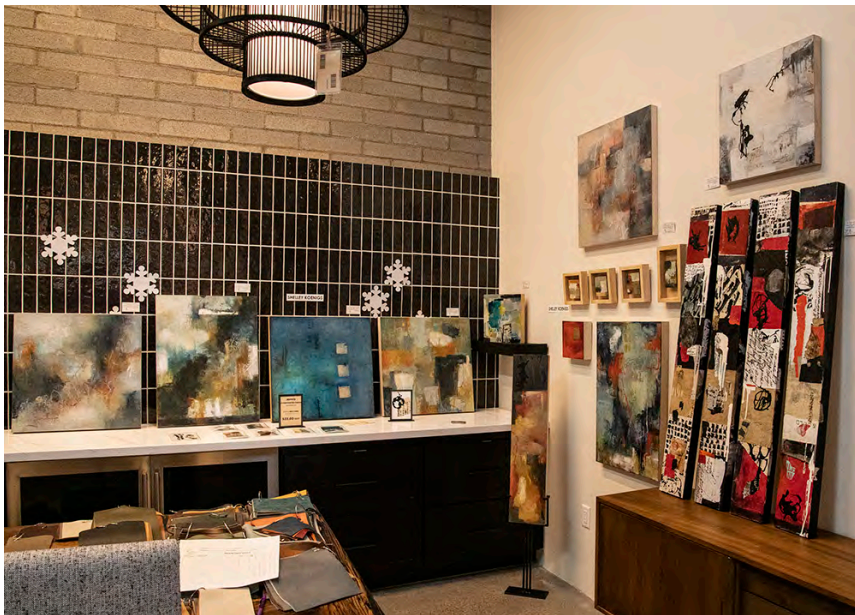
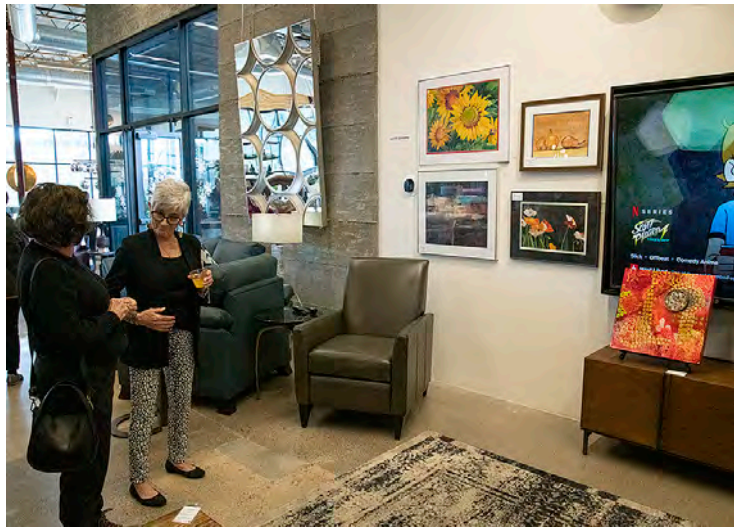
Freddie Lieberman proudly showing all her artwork on display.



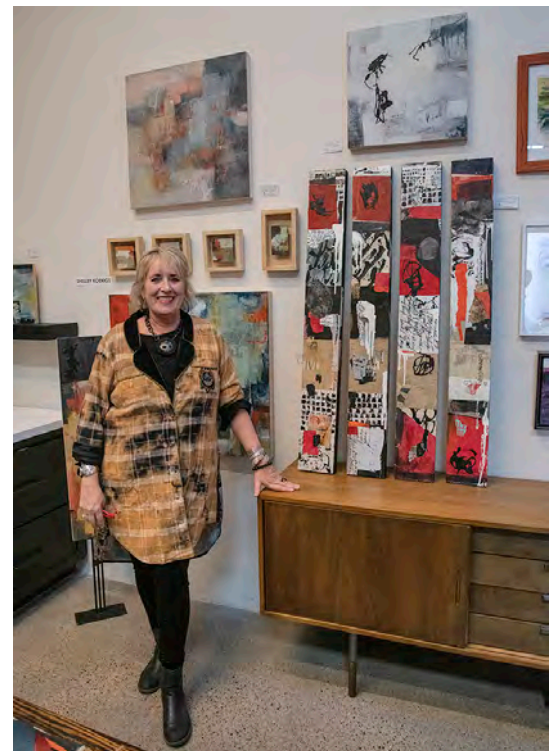




Laurie Shaefer with her artwork and talking about her art with a customer.



Shelley Koenigs proudly shows the artwork she exhibited.







Jennifer Golubiewski gaily in front of all her displayed artwork.



Cheryl Prather's presenting her creations with a cheerfully smile.



## "Sweetwaters Cafe" Show

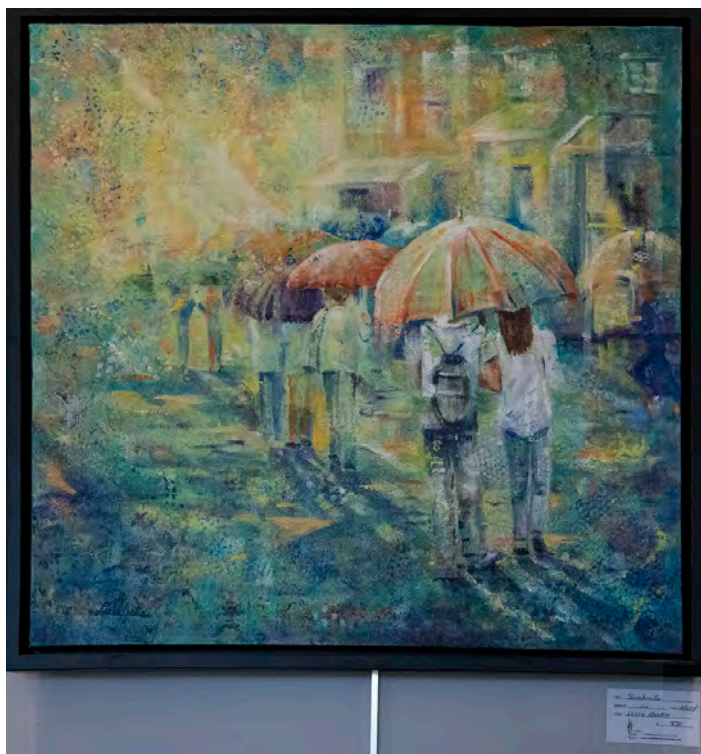


The 18th round at Sweetwaters Coffee and Tea is on since November 30th through January 15th, 2024. Individual photos of artworks on display can be seen in the following pages. Best wishes to all artists participating for a successful show.





Here are the photos of all artwork on display







The "Doodle Stream"  
 Medium: Oil  
 Size: 24x36  
 Artist: Leslie Ann Goo  
 Price: \$500



The "HAWKY ROAD"  
 Medium: Oil  
 Size: 24x36  
 Artist: LESLIE ANN GOO  
 Price: \$500



The "TODD"  
 Medium: Oil  
 Size: 24x36  
 Artist: Leslie Ann Goo  
 Price: \$500



The "MIXED MEDIA Collage #1"  
 Medium: Mixed Media  
 Size: 12x12  
 Artist: Leslie Ann Goo  
 Price: \$200

The "MIXED MEDIA Collage #2"  
 Medium: Mixed Media  
 Size: 12x12  
 Artist: Leslie Ann Goo  
 Price: \$200

The "MIXED MEDIA Collage #4"  
 Medium: Mixed Media  
 Size: 12x12  
 Artist: Leslie Ann Goo  
 Price: \$200













## Westminster Village Show



The Westminster Village Show is running since October 16th and will end up January 15th, 2024. The current show has 13 artists participating with a total of 49 Paintings on display. The reception was held on November 21st, 2023. The residents and the artists participating in the ART WALK voted for their favorites during the reception. Brigitte Scanlon got both People's choice and Artist' choice awards. Best congratulations to Brigitte and best wishes to all artists exhibiting for a successful show.

*People 's and Artists' Choice*  
*"Majestic"*  
by *Brigitte Scanlon*





Here are photos of all artworks on display



Oil on Canvas  
 Title: Two Men  
 Year: 2011  
 Size: 18" x 24"  
 Price: \$125.00



Oil on Canvas  
 Title: Two Men  
 Year: 2011  
 Size: 18" x 24"  
 Price: \$125.00



Oil on Canvas  
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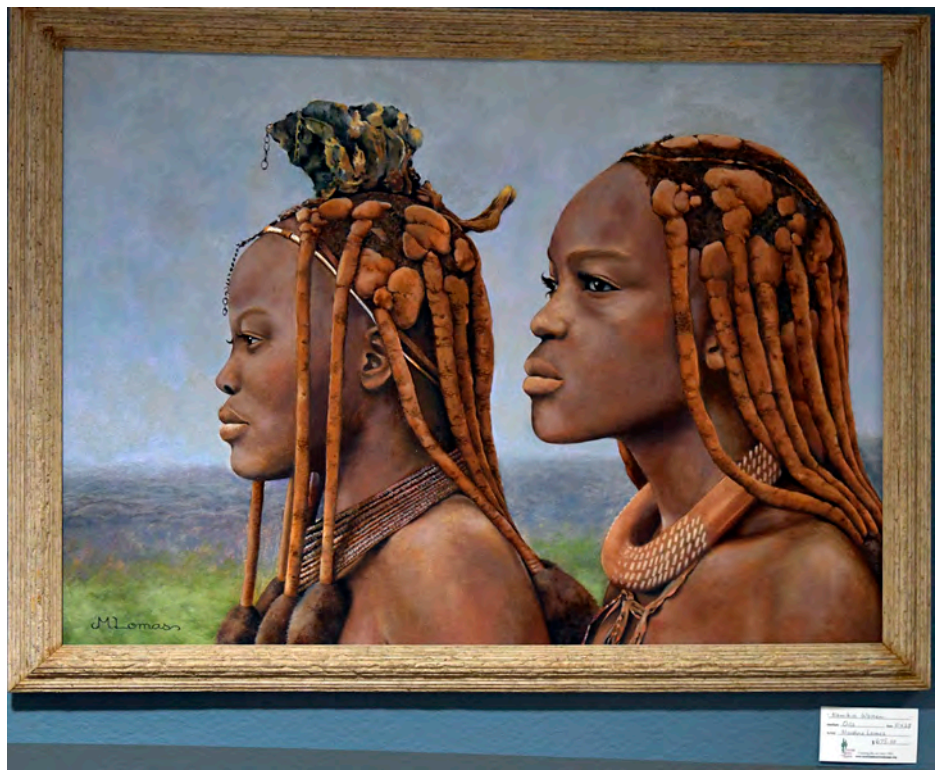


Oil on Canvas  
 Title: Dance  
 Year: 2011  
 Size: 18" x 24"  
 Price: \$125.00



Watercolor  
 Title: Native American  
 Year: 2011  
 Size: 18" x 24"  
 Price: \$350.00









Paradise Ready  
Painted by D.A. HANCOCK  
\$250.00



Little Blue Chickadee  
Painted by D.A. HANCOCK  
\$200.00



Fancy Fish  
Painted by D.A. HANCOCK  
\$200.00



Black and White  
Painted by D.A. HANCOCK  
\$300.00



Hummingbird  
Painted by D.A. HANCOCK  
\$150.00

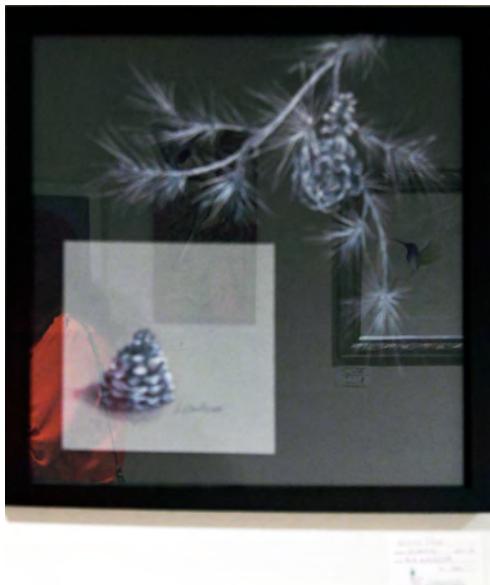


American Kestrel  
Painted by D.A. HANCOCK  
\$150.00



Coastal Town  
Painted by D.A. HANCOCK  
\$500.00

















"BEST FRIENDS"  
 Medium OIL Size 6"x6"  
 with BRITTE SCANLON \$50.00



"Swampy Swells"  
 Medium OIL Size 12"x12"  
 with Lynn G. Smith \$350.00



"No Justice"  
 Medium OIL Size 18"x18"  
 with BRITTE SCANLON \$225.00



"Autumn in the West"  
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 with Doreen Seibert \$300.00



"Autumn Wolf"  
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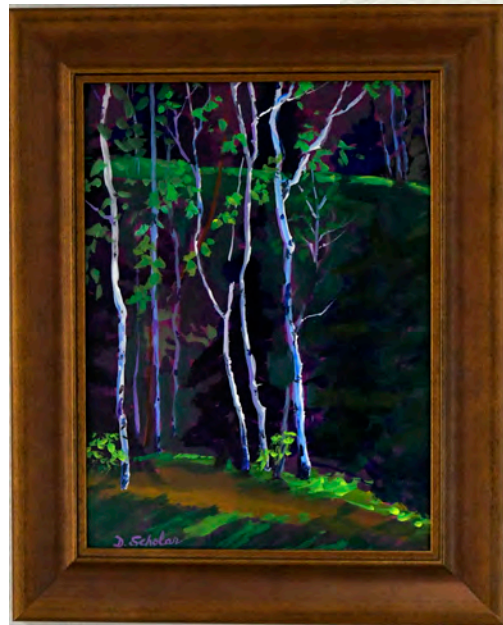
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 Artist D. SCHOLAN  
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## Curiosity

December 2023 brings a lot of holidays and celebrations. You could say that December is one big holiday. Yes, it is. It includes the big ones like Christmas, New Year, Hanukkah, and Kwanza. It also includes a plethora of December National holidays and, World Holidays for us to enjoy. Many of them are religious and others are not, like "Festivus" and "Candle Day" and "National Bacon Day". You may not be aware of all of them. In this case here is a list of few of them with synopsis. If this stimulates your curiosity and you may want to know more about each festivities, I suggest you to browse the web site. Anyway, make sure to take a little time from your busy holiday shopping and preparation, to thoroughly enjoy all of the December holidays on this year December calendar.

### **December 1st. National Bartender Day**

It's time to show our admiration and celebrate our bartenders as the first Friday in December is National Bartender Day. This year, it will be celebrated on Friday, December 1st.

It is also known as National Bartender Day and Bartender Appreciation Day. A bartender does not only serve drinks but also happiness and more often than not, they lend an ear to the customers, become their friends, and form a great bond.



### **December 2nd. "Candle Day"**

In 2023, Candle Day falls on 2nd December.

Every year, on the first Saturday of December, people celebrate Candle Day. It's an event launched by the popular American company "Bath and Body Works".

Since its launch, the day has become a huge event for everyone. It marks the annual candle sale of bath and body works as from this day onwards, the retail company provides an amazing discount on their famous 3-wick candles. The event lasts for one day on their websites and for two to three days in stores.

### **December 3rd. "The First Sunday of Advent"**

The First Sunday of Advent in 2023 begins on December 3rd marking the beginning of the Advent season and it lasts for around 22-28 days before Christmas.

The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday that falls closest to St. Andrew's Day (which takes place on November 30). Advent is a time during which Christians begin their preparations to celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus Christ.

The First Sunday of Advent is considered the most important of the four Advent Sundays because it is when the preparations for Christmas and the Advent of Jesus Christ begin. This is the day when people start looking forward to the Second Coming of Christ.







## December 4th. "National Cookie Day"

National Cookie Day is celebrated on December 4 every year. Cookies are an integral part of every occasion irrespective of whether it is someone's birthday, wedding, graduation, party, picnic, or something else. This comfort food comes in many different shapes, sizes, colors, and exciting flavors.

Over the years, many types of cookies have emerged throughout the world. This includes Drop cookies, rolled or cutout cookies, sandwich cookies, filled cookies, cookie bars, pressed cookies, molded cookies, no-bake cookies, fried cookies, and refrigerator or ice box cookies.

## December 5th "International Volunteer Day"

International Volunteer Day, also known as the International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development, is a United Nations observance celebrated around the world on December 5. It is a day when volunteer organizations and their volunteers get their hard work commemorated and praised. It is also an opportunity for volunteers to show the work they do in their communities, on a national and international level, and encourage others to join them.



## December 6th. "Feast of Saint Nicholas"

Saint Nicholas Day is observed on December 6 every year in the United States and is also known as the Feast Of Saint Nicholas.

It is a Christian festival that honors Saint Nicholas- the 4th-century Bishop of Myra. He is one of the most notable saints ever to exist and became loved for his kindness and charitable nature and is also known as the patron saint of Greece and Russia

When it comes to giving out gifts, love, and spreading happiness, especially during this time of the year, Santa Claus is the only figure we can think of.

He rewards the good people and scolds the bad ones. However, the concept of Santa Claus was inspired by Saint Nicholas. He was also known as Father Christmas, Papa Noel, and Kris Kringle.



## December 7th. " National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day"

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day takes place on December 7 every year. It commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. In 2023, it will be observed on Thursday.



## December 7th. "Hanukkah"

Hanukkah is a Hebrew word that by definition means "to dedicate", and it means the Maccabees' rededication of the Temple to the Jewish faith. It can also be an acronym for "Eight candles, and the halakha is like the House of Hillel", which represents the ritual of lighting one candle in the Menorah for each night of Hanukkah, a practice that the House of Hillel suggested.

In modern times, Hanukkah reminds Jews of the issues they had to face throughout their existence of oppression, and the need to fight for religious freedom. It is a holiday with a rich historical meaning.



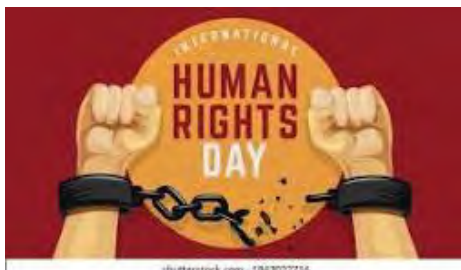
## December 8th. "Feast of the Immaculate Conception"

The Immaculate Conception celebrates the belief that Mary was conceived free of original sin, and as such, it is commemorated nine months before Mary's birth date on September 8. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is one of the most important feasts celebrated by the Catholic Church.



## December 8th. "National Brownie Day"

Also, on December 8 we celebrate the perfect cross between a cake and a cookie, it is National Brownie Day! No one can resist the gooey decadence of a Brownie, whether it is a chocolate one or a blondie.



## December 10th. " Human Rights Day"

Human Rights Day is an international United Nations holiday commemorated on December 10. This day aims at spreading awareness about Human Rights across the world, and encouraging people to stand up and fight for their rights, regardless of where they are from. It also celebrates the anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948.





### **December 11th. "Green Monday"**

Green Monday is a shopping holiday that takes place on the second Monday of December. It is similar to Prime Day, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, encouraging people to shop online. It has become more and more popular over the years with many websites offering deals and discounts. Because of its name, many people confuse it for an environmentally friendly holiday, but in reality, it marks the best day for online sales in December, when people are doing their last-minute Christmas shopping. Many retail giants like Amazon, Target, and Walmart, among others, offer Green Monday deals to entice people to buy from them.

### **December 12th. " Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe"**

The Feast of Our Lady Guadalupe is commemorated on December 12 by Mexican American and Latinx communities in the United States. It is a Catholic holiday in honor of the Virgin Mary, who is the patron saint of Mexico. She is one of the most important religious devotions for the Mexican people, a national symbol of the country, as well as the Patroness for the Americas.



### **December 13th. " National Day of the Horse"**

National Day of the Horse, also sometimes known as National Horse Day, is celebrated on December 13 every year. This day is not just for Equestrians and horse enthusiasts. It aims to highlight all the ways in which horses have historically contributed to society, economically and culturally, in the United States.

Horses have been closely linked to American history since the country was founded, and have played a crucial role in the advancement of society. This ranges from providing transport, support in battle and hunting, clearing fields and forests to grow crops, to helping with shepherding livestock in ranches.

### **December 13th. "National Guard Birthday"**

On December 13 Americans all over the country celebrate the birth of the U.S. National Guard. The National Guard is a branch of the United States Army that was established in 1636, and it is comprised of citizen-soldiers who volunteer to help their country whenever they are called upon and needed. There are two different branches in the National Guard, Army, and Air, and every State has both.

National Guard Birthday is an important day for the U.S. Army but it is not a federal holiday, so schools and businesses remain open.







## December 15th. "National Cupcake Day"

Cupcake lovers can enjoy their guilt-free cupcakes on December 15th as it is National Cupcake Day.

Covered in frosting or sprinkles, with any flavor that you can think of, these little cakes that fit into the palm of your hand can be the ultimate treat.

The cupcake has been a staple of birthday parties, office parties, bake sales, weddings, and every other celebration in America since the 19th century, and no one can resist them. On this day, go around the bakeries in your neighborhood looking for the perfect cupcake!



## December 15th. "Bill of Rights Day"

Bill of Rights Day is commemorated every year on December 15. The Bill of Rights consists of the first 10 amendments made to the United States Constitution. Its purpose is to define the personal freedoms and rights of the American people.

These amendments, collectively known as the Bill of Rights, are like the guardian angels of American freedom, ensuring that personal liberties remain sacred.

The Bill of Rights was first written on September 25, 1789, and was later ratified on December 15, 1791. This is why Bill of Rights Day is celebrated on this day.

## December 16th. "Las Posadas, A journey of Faith and Tradition"



Las Posadas, a cherished tradition for Latin American and Hispanic communities is celebrated from December 16th to December 24th globally.

The nine-day celebration portrays Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem in search of shelter, highlighting the virtues of unity, hospitality, and faith.

Throughout these nine days, communities come together for nightly celebrations that enact the Nativity story, weaving together a rich assortment of customs and memories that last for generations.

A popular and colorful lead-up to Christmas, Las Posadas is a world of enchantment enhanced by food, music, and communal holiday cheer.

## December 21st. "Yule"

Yule is an ancient winter festival with pagan origins that takes place around the winter solstice. Its origins can be traced back to Norse, Germanic, and other pre-Christian European cultures.

Yule is the shortest day and longest night of the year, occurring in the Northern Hemisphere between December 20th and 23rd.

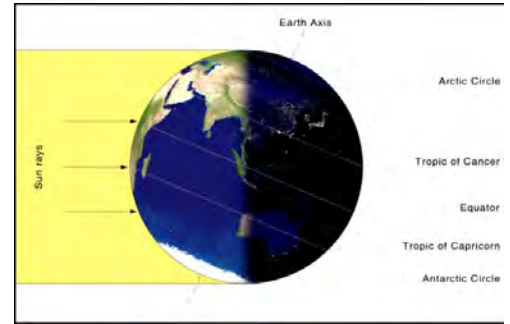




## December 21st. " Winter Solstice"

The Winter Solstice marks the shortest day of the year when the North Pole is tilted farthest away from the sun, and so the sun is at its lowest elevation in the sky. The day has the shortest period of daylight and the longest night of the year. After the shortest day, the days start getting longer and the nights shorter.

On the same day that we experience the Winter Solstice in the northern hemisphere, people are experiencing the Summer Solstice in the southern hemisphere.



## December 21st. "National Short girls Appreciation Day"

National Short Girl Appreciation Day is on December 21 every year. And there couldn't be a more perfect date to celebrate it, as it is the first day of Winter, and therefore the shortest day of the year! This day is all about celebrating the short women in your life.

We all know that short women can be underestimated, but they pack a lot of punch in such a compact size. Sure, sometimes they might need help reaching the taller cupboards, but short girls can be just as feisty, determined, and confident as taller people.

Women tend to be shorter than men, so that's why there is a special day in honor of short girls. However, so that no one feels left behind, National Short Person Day is now celebrated the day after, on December 22.



## December 23rd. "Festivus"

Festivus is not only a secular celebration of Christmas that takes place on December 23rd, it is a new and growing event in the calendar with its own set of traditions and rituals.

The event was made famous by the American sitcom Seinfeld, in the episode titled The Strike (Season 9, Episode 10). It is introduced and explained to be a less commercial celebration and an alternative to Christmas.

Since that episode first aired on December 16th, 1997, and particularly in the last 5 years, the celebration has gained traction with the public.

It is now widely celebrated among those who believe Christmas has become too commercial, or who do not wish to celebrate Christmas because of their faith/beliefs.



## December 24th. " Christmas Eve"

Christmas Eve is observed in the evening of December 24, but officially it is the whole day before Christmas Day. It is a time when air glitters with hope and the streets are decorated beautifully with twinkling lights marking the beginning of Christmas.

In some states, it is a public holiday. Schools are normally closed. However, for the majority it is not a holiday, so most people have to work. As it is the day before the holidays, many workplaces hold Christmas parties or allow their employees to leave work early. Stores are usually open, however, opening times may be affected. Grocery stores, in particular, may close early. Some people use Christmas Eve for last-minute Christmas shopping.





## December 26th. " Kwanzaa"

Kwanzaa lasts from December 26 until January 1, and it is a week that values and celebrates African customs and culture. Although it is not a public holiday, businesses and schools are usually closed on the first day, due to it being the day after Christmas.



## December 26th. " Boxing Day"

Boxing Day is usually the day after Christmas Day, and so it is most often December 26th. As such it is part of the Christmas celebration and the ongoing festivities. In the UK it is a bank holiday and so businesses and some shops will be shut. This is not the case in America, and parts of Canada, where shops and businesses remain open with normal working hours. In most of the world, December 26th does not have a special name other than being known as the second day of Christmas. In some parts of the world, Boxing Day is also celebrated as Saint Stephen's Day, honoring the patron saint of stonemasons and horses.



## December 30th. "National Bacon Day"

National Bacon Day is celebrated on December 30th every year to celebrate one of the most delicious foods in the world. Be it for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or a snack, the popularity of bacon remains unmatched.

It is a favorite amongst people of all age groups and can be paired with almost everything like eggs, chicken, burgers, pancakes, salads, and even drinks.

In fact, some people love bacon so much that the industry for bacon products has skyrocketed in the last few years, you can even get bacon-scented soap and candles.

So, if you are a bacon lover, heat up your frying pan and light your bacon-scented candle, this day is for you!



## December 31st. "New Year Eve"

New Year's Eve, December 31, is a major celebration in the USA. Although New Year's Day is a federal holiday, New Year's Eve is not, so most businesses will operate holiday working hours. However, in a few states such as Kentucky, Michigan, and Wisconsin, it is a day off.

Families and friends travel to be together or to go to significant outside celebration spots, like New York, in order to welcome the new year together. Due to this, there can be congestion and closed roads, so check in advance before making any journey.

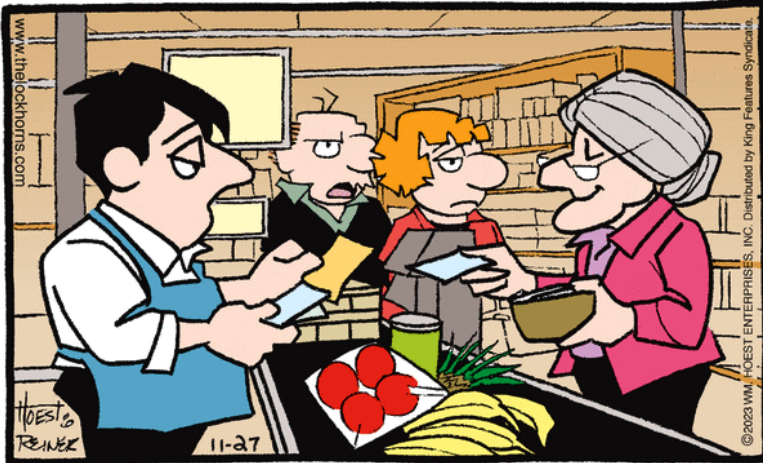


***We have reached the end of December and I wish you a Very Happy New Year!***

## Funny corner

*"Art is as good for the heart as jokes or cartoons are great for the soul"*

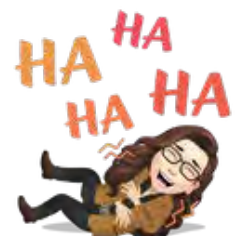
Last few laughs before the end the year



"WHY DO WE ALWAYS END UP IN THE LINE WITH THE LADY WITH ALL THE COUPONS?"



**A man goes to see a wizard and says "can you lift a curse that was put on me years ago?" "Maybe," says the wizard, "if you can remember the exact words of the curse?" The man replies without hesitation "I pronounce you man and wife ..."**





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## Inspiring Sentences and Notes for the Holidays

*At no other time during the year is the spirit of giving and sharing more alive in people's hearts. Keep this spirit in your heart all year long.*

– Sam Longhorn

*The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each other's' burdens, easing others' loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of the holidays – WC Jones*

*We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.*

— Winston S. Churchill

*As we rush around buying presents, we must always remember that “our presence rather than our presents” is one of the greatest gifts we can give.*

– Catherine Pulsifer

*Once again, we come to the Holiday Season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice.*

– Dave Barry



## Complaints page



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**Greetings,**

*You all know that I am Italian and born in Rome. I love America and this is the reason I live here now, but every Holiday Season I think to the many I celebrated in the town where I was born. And since I was a kid the Holiday Season was for me Christmas. Hopefully, a Christmas with the snow. I do not think to be wrong; a white Christmas is what everybody hopes to have. Here in America there is a song that starts saying ...."I am Dreaming of a White Christmas just like the one I used to know.....". I used to have one like that but I do not remember which one. To have a white Christmas in Rome is very unusual. Rome can be cold in winter but snowing is very rare. But I remember that when I was a kid one day close to Christmas it did snow a lot. I do not remember much about that day. It was just cold and we got snow. I started to research in my old archive and found this photo. I did not take it. I was a kid and not interest in photography yet. With my surprise a portal opened in my mind and I started to remember what happened that day. Mostly, being a little kid, all gifts I received. One particular one I have been dreaming a lot to have. A small "Meccano" box. It was there for me! I recall that immediately I started to work and built a cable tram and a car, or something like that. Memory of that particular XMas day started to resurface in my mind and this reconfirms my present motto as a photographer..... "A photo makes you travel back in time. When you look at an old photo you remember details of events hidden in your mind". More, looking at the photo I have been able to feel again my joy . The joy to be with my parents and for having received the toys. So, what I can suggest you is to research and hopefully find in your archive old photos that vividly will remember you past festivities and bring you additional joy. Festivities is joy and we like to have it with people we love. This is the best gift we can receive and give.*

**Happy Holidays Season and Merry Christmas to all of you.**



*Franco*