

From the President

Hello and Happy New Year!!! I see twinkling Christmas lights outside, and hear geese honking as they fly somewhere for the night. It's good to be in a warm house and know that the year ahead holds fresh opportunities. We have a juried show coming up this month already. I hope all our members - and artistic friends and neighbors - will submit two pieces that would show great in the Jerona venue in Cottonwood. Two months! And a clientele that perhaps would not go to a gallery or art show, but may spot just the right piece at the right time. You may not get in -- I may not get in -- but we grow by trying, by succeeding, and even by failing. We are a community of artists IN PRACTICE. So let's resolve to engage in artistic opportunities. Then, whatever the result, resolve to give yourself the gift of reflection this year. Through such actions, our artwork and our soul's work will be on the right track.

Holiday Party

EVAA's holiday Party in December was wonderful, renewing friendships and seeing their art while eating a marvelous array of goodies. Rita and Gini went to the Cottonwood Boys & Girls Club right after the meeting. They brought a full trunk load of donated art supplies and checks for art supplies brought in by all our members. Needless to say, these gifts were happily received and greatly appreciated.

Membership Dues

Dues are \$25.00 per year for an individual or \$30.00 for married couples. We have dropped the new member vs. renewal member two-tiered price structure, but elected to increase our dues after several years at \$20. Please bring your check to the January meeting or mail it to: El Valle Artists Association, PO Box 2864, Cottonwood, AZ 86326. "Friends of El Valle" community sponsor memberships are \$20.00 per year. And p.s.: we're still trying to collect every member's bio. Bring that too!

EVAA Community Art Show at Jerona Java Cafe & Gifts

Bring your calendars and your willingness to help with take-in at Jerona on Monday, January 18th. We need three volunteers: someone to take EVAA membership applications, someone to physically categorize the art as it arrives, and someone to take entry forms & fee, from 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Then a second shift of three volunteers to do the same from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

We'll need a volunteer or two to call artists who need to pick up work not juried in (this can be done from home Monday evening), and a couple of volunteers on Tuesday, January 19th between 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. to assist those picking up work or to assist with hanging the work that we, the Board, don't get hung on Monday afternoon.

All juried artists are asked to bring in cookies, fruit or vegetables for our reception on Saturday, January 23rd from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Mary at Jerona tells me there will be live music going on during part of our reception so it should be a lively affair!

Also, your Board has committed award money of at least \$500K for this show. Spread the news!

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Ideas to "Prime the Pump"

Gini Goldie's husband had his second knee replacement on Dec. 14th which made it difficult for her to produce much new art, but determined to be creative she did things that could be started and stopped at a moments notice. Here are some of her projects that anyone can do to "prime the pump" for that special time when nothing interferes with those creative juices: primed wood Cheap Joe's surfaces with Elmer's glue (for an old world crackle effect) and gesso, reworked an old painting that hadn't been finished (it is still in the working process), varnished some paintings that were ready for it, reorganized her art library and looked at many paintings for inspiration and then she read a few of these books and art magazines. She also went through many of her photographs that were taken for paintings that were never done and did several sketches for paintings. She read Jerry's Artarama's new catalogue (any art catalogue will do) from cover to cover and that really got those juices flowing since she can't order anything more until she has used up some of what she has! And while her husband was recovering in the hospital she went to the new Arizona Art Supply in Phoenix and browsed for 3 hours (OK she broke her rule and bought stuff) - you can do the same at the Sedona Art Supply and when you walk in tell them, "this is my New Year's present to myself, I'm just browsing, I want to have fun just looking, touching, smelling and dreaming."

Artist of the Month Reminder

At the last meeting we talked about recognizing an Artist of the Month beginning in January. So to do this, we need you to bring in one of your pieces and place it on the right side of the room at our regular meeting space in Evangel Worship Center. We'll number each piece (covering up your name if possible) and at the break, anyone who wants to write their favorite piece's number on a ballot can drop it in the basket we'll have, and the artist with the most votes becomes our Artist of the Month. This will be acknowledged in our next newsletter and also the work will be displayed in the Cottonwood Library with a sign that states that the El Valle Artists Association selected (so-and-so) as Artist of the Month. This is in addition to our regular library display managed by Benton Henry. The library coordinator Vanessa Ward is very supportive of this latest action, and has promised to reserve a shelf in a case for work that is three-dimensional if it cannot be hung. (However, be advised the shelf cannot accommodate anything over 10" high.) Bringing a piece and/or voting on a piece is completely optional, but this is a good way to get to know what each of us creates, in addition to the nice recognition. We'll handle delivery and pick up from the library for our Artist of the Month.

Area Art Organizations

ACTVV meeting is January 19th 2010 at 11am Bldg F Rm 119 at Yavapai College.

Art Club Jan. 28th 12:30 Yavapai College campus, Room F119.

Northern Arizona Watercolor Society (NAWS) Meets the 4th Fridays at 9 AM September - April. www.NAWS-az.org. **Sedona Visual Artists Coalition (SVAC)** Meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm in Sedona. www.sedonaartistscoalition.org

Workshops for the First Half of 2010:

With the college in a break for most of January, our first workshop will occur in February. I have three lined up for February, March and April. The details of each workshop will be given as we get nearer to the actual dates. Prices of the workshops vary, and should be available by the next newsletter.

February: Carolyn Ensley, Encaustics, the ancient technique and its applications in contemporary art.

March: Debbie Gallagher and Vada Lovato, details still being worked out.

April: Rose Moon, Creating Art From Your Imagination. We will learn methods of accessing the sub-conscious mind in order to bring back images to the awakened consciousness/mind to paint, draw or do a collage.

May: Open and still TBD.

Program Announcements



January 14, 2010 is the first meeting of the new year and the new decade. The January program will feature a lampworking demo by Nancy White. She will explain the history and then the process of this type of beadmaking. Nancy will show us how to create a glass bead by melting colored glass rods on a torch. She suggests bringing sunglasses to help you see the bead without the light which is very bright around the bead interfering with your sight.

We will also be discussing EVAA's Juried show at Jerona's Cafe & Gift shop. I hope you all have your artwork set to go! And don't forget to encourage artist friends who are not (yet!) EVAA members to submit their work, maybe bringing them to the meeting so they can meet our wonderful artists.

Announcements

Rita Elkins will have a one-woman show at the Pinon Bistro across from Home Depot on Hwy 260 in Cottonwood from January 14th to March 7th. Fine dinners are Thursdays through Sundays at 5 p.m. and approximately 14 of Rita's pastels and oils will be in the show

Jeanne Jones will have five paintings showing in December and January at Yavapai College Library, Clarkdale Campus, for the "Art in Public Places" program. Come see the "Verde Autumn Series".

Northern Arizona Watercolor Society. There are two workshops coming up. *Sue Archer's 'Watercolor: Beyond the Basics'*, March 29 - April 2, 2010 Sign up quick, only 3 spaces left.

Carl Dalio 'Color Power and Composition', May 11 - May 14, 2010

Contact Jill Jepson at 282-2343 or kjjeppson1@yahoo.com for further information.

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GENERAL MEETING

Located at the Evangel Worship Center: on Mingus & 14th, Cottonwood AZ

January 14, 2010
 12:30 PM
Glass Lampwork Demo with Nancy White

February 11, 2010
 12:30 PM
Carolyn Ensley, Encaustics Demo



EL VALLE is a Member of the Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce

Opportunities to Show Your Art

Cottonwood Public Library El Valle members have been hanging their artwork in the library for many years. There are 9 spaces available each month. Contact Benton Henry (928) 639-1570 if you are interested. Benton asks that you drop off your work between 11am-12pm. on the same day as the General Meeting.

Northern AZ Rehabilitation & Fitness We also have the privilege of hanging 3 paintings a month at the Northern AZ Rehabilitation & Fitness, the change out day will be the Wednesday before each meeting. For further info call Brenda Strom at 649-1705 or email bren@surfmk.com.

Call to Artists - Community Art Projects For Cottonwood Old Town Association (OVA) Opportunities have been identified, briefly described below. Details are available through the Old Town Association: Structural Art, Old Town maps, Event submissions, General: Art Walks, Chocolate Walk, Film & Art Fest, Cruiz-Ins and More. Contact Hezekiah, Cottonwood Parks & Rec Dept. (928) 649-0676.

Art Walk is happening the second Saturday of the month. Contact Barbara Donahue at Wind Dancer/Smoke Shop for details of how to show your art free of charge.

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