



MARCH

# NEWS

## President's Message

Have you ever been to the Bellagio resort in Las Vegas? Just beyond the Chihuly glass-flowered ceiling lobby, they decorate a solarium in the most exotic ways imaginable; it is absolutely a delight for the eye. The theme this time celebrated the Chinese "Year of the Rabbit." Red lanterns hung over oversized moss-covered rabbits, and red sails reflected in shimmering lily ponds populated by goldfish. The banks of the ponds overflow with exotic, color-coordinated flowers and plants. The light is diffused and people sparkle as much as the decor.



The Vegas Strip at night is not unlike Times Square in New York- neon lights and people everywhere. On Thursday we happened to follow the police car escort of the arriving NASCAR transport trucks and thousands were lined up to watch and cheer "us" on! We didn't have to stop at a single red light on our way to see "Jersey Boys"!

"Jersey Boys" is a hit musical play about the rise to fame of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. I think it works so well because everyone experiences triumphs as well as periods of frustration and sorrow in their lives. In the end I felt happy for Frankie, because he persevered, despite his weaknesses and mistakes in life, and that is honorable. He put his art "out there", and not everyone loves it, but many did and still do today.

When people ask me if I paint every day, the truth is, painting days are the exception rather than the rule. But think of the visual art I experienced in my 3-day sojourn. Being an artist is learning to see. In my mind's eye, I am painting all the time. It is mine to translate and share, and I think that is important. Do you think it of your abilities? How can we help?

## EVAA Shows

◆ **April 7 – June 8, 2011 EVAA Miniature AND Photography Show** at Pillsbury Tasting Room, 1012 N. Main Street in Old Town Cottonwood. Take in Date: April 7, 2011 Time: 8:30 AM to 11 AM (Thursday) Take down: June 8, 2011 (Wednesday) Reception: April 9, 2011 Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Saturday) Percentage per sale if through Pillsbury is 15%. If sold by artist there is no fee. A prospectus will be at the March General Meeting and emailed to those who have current email addresses listed with El Valle. Please call Bonnie Jellison for a copy at 634-1121 if you need a copy mailed.

## April Program Announcements

**April 14, 2011** demo will be by Debbie Gallagher "Portraits with Pizazz" introduction to her workshop, emphasis on the painting part.

## March Announcements

- ◆ **Stoney Harby** is still at Kachina Point Rehab (Room 227A) in the Village of Oak Creek & now has a private telephone, El Valle members can phone him directly at: 928/203-8685.
- ◆ On March 4th, **Scotti Ruhlman** received a third place award in the Sedona Arts Center's 31st Annual Juried Members Exhibition for her watercolor "Tlaquepaque Chapel". The exhibit will run through March 29th, 2011, at SAC.
- ◆ **Sue Davis** had 2 watercolors juried into the same show in the professional category. Also, the Arizona Plein Air Painters juried in one of Sue's watercolors for their APAP Spring Show to be held at the SAC Community Center March 31st-April 13th. The opening reception is April 1st, 4-8 p.m.
- ◆ Sue Davis is busy, as the Northern Arizona Watercolor Society's Student Art Chairperson, organizing the 21st Northern Arizona Student Art Show to be held May 7-8th at Sedona Red Rock High School. Several of our EVAA people volunteer many hours of their time to make this show a big success year after year. She will be glad to have any volunteers from EVAA again this year. See her at the meetings, or call or email please.
- ◆ **Dawn Moffett** will be teaching a pine needle basket weaving workshop on Mar.26th; 11:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the "art house" behind the Manheim Gallery. It will be \$30 and she will furnish the materials. Anyone interested can call Dawn at 634-5807. Class size will be limited, but she will likely have others, so Dawn will likely start a list for future dates.
- ◆ **Adrienne Pritchard** will be at the Gem and Mineral show March 11-13. She will be demonstrating her work with and for a vendor who produces the great cabochons that she uses in her jewelry making.
- ◆ **Janet Baser** is the March Artist of the Month in the Library at Yavapai College in Clarkdale.
- ◆ **Did you do your bio yet?** Please help us create a book with all of our biographies. Take a minute to write up a little about yourself and your artwork and bring it to the next meeting or email it to Rita.

## 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) 634-1675 if you are interested. Benton asks that you drop off your work between 11am-12pm on the same day as the General Meeting.

We also have the privilege of hanging 3 paintings a month at the **Northern AZ Rehabilitation & Fitness**. The change out day is just prior to the meeting. For further info call Brenda Strom at 649-1705 or email [b4brenlee@core.com](mailto:b4brenlee@core.com).

**Cottonwood's Country Bank** Manager Mark Tufte is happy to exhibit one piece of hanging art from an El Valle member each month, along with title, price and your name. The ideal size is no more than about 24" wide and the length is optional. If you are willing to exhibit a piece, please email Rita at [rt.elkins@gmail.com](mailto:rt.elkins@gmail.com) or telephone her at 634-8623 to arrange an exchange with the current exhibitor.

**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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## EVAA Workshops

**Mar 26, 2011 "Colored Pencil Free and Fast" presented by Rose Moon.** It is a class open to beginner artists, beginner colored pencil users, accomplished artists and experienced colored pencil artists who want to learn this new technique.

We will use waxed based Prismacolor pencils and a framing board called Museum Board. The board will be supplied and students will bring their own pencils. Rose will have a few pencils to loan as well.

Hopefully some students will become interested in using pencils as they are a non toxic and very forgiving media. They are great for slowing people down and for learning to see contrast and color that often gets missed when moving too fast.

**April 23, 2011 "Portraits with Pizzazz" given by Debbie Gallagher.** This class will meet at Yavapai College Verde Campus (Rm TBD) from 10 AM to 4 PM. Emphasis will be on using watercolor glazing and multiple layers of color to bring "pizzazz" to your portraits. Cost \$50.

**May 21, 2011 - "Garden Mosaic Tiles"** Learn how to create beautiful mosaic garden tiles. Lisa Quam will hold this workshop in her yard in Old Town Cottonwood with a limit of 8-10 people, 10 AM to 3 PM for \$50... the price includes all supplies.

## Area Art News

Throughout the month of March, the **Manheim Gallery** in Old Town Cottonwood will present its show "Collaboration on the Theme 'Playful Images'." A reception and announcement of winners in this show occurs on 3/12/11; the public is invited. Carolyn Carsula, Debbie Gallagher & Vada Lovato were juried into this show; go and celebrate with them.

**Sedona Visual Artists Coalition (SVAC)** meets the 3rd Thurs. 6:30 pm in Sedona. [SedonaArtistsCoalition.org](http://SedonaArtistsCoalition.org).

**Northern Arizona Watercolor Society (NAWS)** [www.NAWS.az.org](http://www.NAWS.az.org). Meeting dates for Northern Arizona Watercolor Society are usually on the 4th Friday of the month, but are sometimes changed due to holidays. Future meeting dates are: March 25, 2011; Apr 15, 2011 and May 13, 2011. The meeting location is the Methodist Church, 110 Indian Cliffs Road, Sedona, (off Highway 179) at 9 a.m.

**NAWS Spring Exhibition** will be held this year for the entire month of May at the SAC Community Events Gallery.

**NAWS Workshops:** The final performance will be presented by the accomplished Tom Lynch, internationally known host of several award winning PBS TV Art Series. Lynch's workshop, Watercolor Secrets Revealed, will take place from May 16-20, 2011. Cost to members of NAWS is \$495, and \$525 for non members. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling Cathy Stedman at (928) 203 - 1713.

## Artist of the Month

Congratulations to Judith Greene for her entry on the theme of "Home Sweet Home." Judith's work has been on display at the Cottonwood Library this past month "and HAS SOLD! Congratulations, Judith!"

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**March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for dues!** Dues are \$25.00 per year for an individual or \$30.00 for couples. Renewal dues are payable January 1st of each year. New membership from November thru December includes the next year's full membership. If you have not paid this years' dues, please mail your check to: El Valle Artists Assoc. PO Box 2864, Cottonwood, AZ 86326.



**Feb 5, 2011 "Pen and Ink Rendering Techniques"  
presented by Carol Oveross.**

