



APRIL

NEWS

President's Message

As much as I dislike sales pitches, I am loathe to ask you to volunteer serving El Valle Artists Association if you don't want to. But the fact stands that we're losing some key people this year who have served you the last two years, and without their functions being filled, the group will be seriously crippled.

The Treasurer's job requires someone who is organized in keeping our books when we have sales and give awards, deposits our membership fees and files our non-profit forms at tax time. Janet Baser has done a wonderful job even through surgery and lengthy recovery which kept her from attending many meetings, as well as attending to a daughter during a serious illness, so if you think you can keep track of your own records pretty well, you no doubt could handle our accounts!

The other critical job is that of Workshop Chair, which requires that you arrange and set up, and attend all workshops...but the benefit is that you get to enjoy and learn from them for free! We already have a couple of people planning to offer their talent and knowledge during the next year's workshops, so finding teachers generally isn't a problem. Coordinating with Yavapai College's Art Club is a timing issue but once we secure a room, there is not a lot to do in set up. Wayne St. John is one busy man on his own account, but he has served admirably in this role. If you like attending workshops, maybe even having a hand in arranging the kinds of classes you like, then this position is for you!

We haven't had an official Refreshments Chair although Wayne has been handling this too, but seriously, we need someone to be our official coffee- and hot water-maker at meetings...someone who is willing to store and carry in our "canteen" supplies each month and replenish them as needed, being reimbursed by EVAA of course.

Finally, we'd like a Sunshine Chair to send well wishes to those members we learn are seriously ill or otherwise in need of friendly contact, or to send sympathy cards on occasion.

All the rest of the positions have candidates or don't need filled this year, but we'd like to present a full slate at April's meeting so that a vote can be taken in May, our final meeting this year. Please call me to "give back" to EVAA by volunteering in some way. It is an enriching experience and our group will be stronger for it, ensuring Verde Valley artists opportunity and encouragement in the years ahead.

EVAA Shows

◆ **April 7 – June 8, 2011 EVAA Miniature AND Photography Show** at Pillsbury Tasting Room, 1012 N. Main St. in Old Town Cottonwood. Reception: April 9, 2011 Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

April Program

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

April Announcements

◆ Welcome to new EVAA member **Lydia Petes** who works in watercolor. We currently have a total of 64 members. Check with Debbie Gallagher at the next meeting for membership information

◆ **Stoney Harby** did a drawing of an owl which will be entered in the El Valle miniature show. Stoney Harby is now in a different room at Kachina Point Rehab in the Village of Oak Creek - Room 209A. He will probably be there another month or so. He is doing much better & wheeling himself around the rehab center.

◆ **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.

◆ The **Acme coupon cards** that we were selling, are going to be discontinued after Dec. 31st.....so anyone that bought them, need to use them before the end of the year.

Opportunities to Show your Art

Verde Valley Fair is a good place to show your art. We sell art there every year, and EVVA members have made big sales in the past.

Take-in is Monday, April 25th, 9am to 6 pm and Tuesday, April 26, 9am to noon. See page Please 40 of the fair book for general instructions. Please bring art to the Art Building at the Fair Grounds. As people sign up to sit for a session, I will give them a free ticket. If someone will be coming several times I will be able to get a 5-day ticket for them. The change is that I will be able to give out the free tickets on Monday and Tuesday as entries come in. In the past it has been a hassel getting tickets to everyone because the tickets were not available early. And the key to free tickets, of course, is sitting a session at the fair. Sign-up sheets will be at the meeting

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.

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 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.

EVAA Workshops

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

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

Northern Arizona Watercolor Society (NAWS) 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

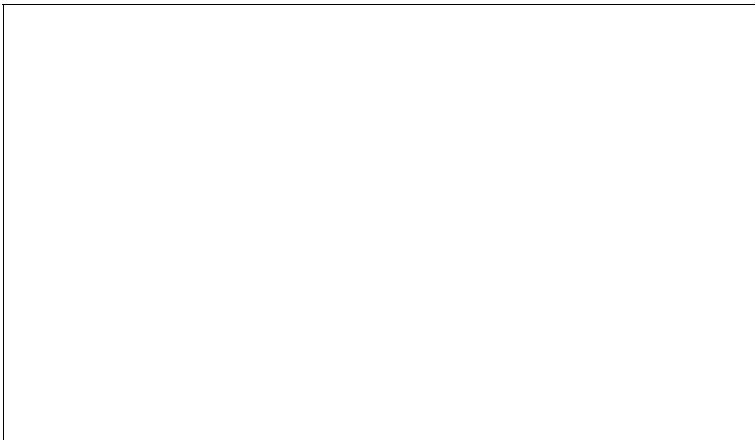
Congratulations to Randolph Brunt on creating the winning art piece for March. April's theme is "Windows Within".

2010 – 2011 Board Members

- President
Rita Elkins (928) 634-8623
- First VP & Workshops
Wayne St. John (928) 634-7427
- Second VP & Membership
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- Third VP & Programs
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- Secretary
Judith Garlock (928) 634-1692
- Treasurer
Janet Baser (928) 649-0482

2010 – 2011 Committee Members

- Promotion
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- Fundraiser
Sheri Bordcosh (928) 646-5118
- Newsletter & Website
Nancy White (928) 274-0187
- Library Exhibit
Benton Henry (928) 634-1675
- Telephone Chair
Carolyn Ward (928) 254-8663
- Photography
Judith Robinson (928) 634-7048
- Art Show Organizer
Bonnie Jellison (928) 634-1121



GENERAL MEETING

We meet at Evangel Worship Center:
 Mingus & 14th, Cottonwood AZ at
 12:30 p.m. Until approximately 2 p.m.
 Next Meeting: Apr 14, 2011 - 12:30 pm