



MAY

NEWS

President's Message

I know I'm seriously procrastinating when I find almost anything interesting to do except what I know I should do. I've organized my closets and cleaned up the garage. But here goes, my last "President's Words" for the two years I've acted as your El Valle President.

Last month I gave a sales pitch (still need that Treasurer's job filled!) and this month I need to thank all of you who supported El Valle in countless ways. God knows I'm very grateful for you. You've seen me in action and know that I'm not the most organized person, and travel and golf figure prominently in my life, not to mention painting! But together we've made El Valle a fun and vibrant organization, albeit small and only moderately successful in attracting the community's interest. There's so much more we could do if Verde Valley had a Fine Arts Center. Our total savings have only increased by about \$1500 in the time I have been in office. We'll never get there without partnership with the community, and as we know, the community has enough problems without worrying about the Arts. But I hope you will agree with me that they need us, and we need to keep El Valle alive and well for our growth as artists and for our future generations of Verde Valley artists. Once again, THANK YOU, and best wishes for a wonderful Summer. See you in August!

EVAA Shows

◆ **April 7 – June 8, 2011 EVAA Miniature AND Photography Show** at Pillsbury Tasting Room, 1012 N. Main St. in Old Town Cottonwood. Kudos to Pat Sharp who had two sales from the show.

May Program

◆ Its the installation of the new officers this month. Also, we will have an auction of gently used art supplies that are cluttering your studio ; open and silent auction.

May Announcements

◆ Judith Robinson has a wonderful link again for us to see images of EVAA members. Thank you Judith. <http://gallery.me.com/anoriginalbyjudith/101173>

◆ Rose Moon got into the Arizona Biennial at the Museum of Art in Tucson. The painting is

an oil called "Mixed Presence." The opening will be June 24, 6-8, and the show will be open until October 2, 2011.

- ◆ The board approved that all who had entries in the Pillsbury show and have sold any item, may replace that item with another. Call Bonnie Jellison so she can be aware of any changes in art work.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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

◆ **Caboose Visitor Center** will be re-opening May 7th as a self-serve kiosk...any EVAA members interested in exposure to visitors coming through Clarkdale and/or going to the train (most train goers drop into the Caboose)... they can join the Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce and create a small display for exposure.

◆ **The Sketchbook Project World Tour 2012 - It's like a concert tour, but with sketchbooks.**

[The Sketchbook Project](#) is a traveling exhibition of sketchbooks created by artists like you.

Anyone – from anywhere in the world – can be a part of the Project. To participate and receive a blank sketchbook that will join our 2012 tour, sign up now!

Thanks to the enthusiasm of the Art House community around the world, we're especially thrilled to reveal that the 2012 Tour will be going global for the first time! Sign up now for first dibs on this year's new custom sketchbooks and join the most exciting Sketchbook Project to date.

With new features, new books and a custom-designed library cataloging system, the 2012 Project is ready for a world tour – all we need is your work.

Gini Goldie did the last one and plans to do it again - it's really fun and pushes you to get art done!!! The theme you chose directs your art which can be any media that will fit in the book!

[Http://www.arthousecoop.com/projects/sketchbookproject](http://www.arthousecoop.com/projects/sketchbookproject)

◆ **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.

EVAA Workshops

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

◆ On Sunday, May 8th, the 21st **Annual Northern Arizona Student Art Show** awards were presented to students from 16 area schools. El Valle has been donating a \$100 award for the "Best Art Depicting the Verde Valley" the last few years. The choice was made by a consensus of professional artists, this year to Mingus HS student **Cruz Chavez**. Little did anyone know until the festivities ended that Cruz is the grandson of our own Bea Chavez, one of our Honorary Members and a founding member of El Valle in 1972! Cruz will come to our meeting on May 12th to show us a piece of his work and "make his grandma proud"! Come and watch Bea beam!

◆ VERDE VALLEY FAIR ART AWARDS, Professional Division, 2011

Best of Class 600, Two Dimensional	Debbie Gallagher	"Lemons"
Best of Class 601, Three Dimensional	Wayne St John	"Pottery, Thrown, With Top"

VERDE VALLEY FAIR ART AWARDS, Amateur Division, 2011

Best of Class 600, Two Dimensional	Kathleen Wheeler	"River Left Ruin, San Jaun"
Best of Class, Three Dimensional	Carolyn Van Sant	"Gourd"

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

◆ **The Northern Arizona Watercolor Society** Members' Spring Exhibition will be hung at the Special Exhibition Gallery at SAC on May 3, in time for the First Friday Art Walk in Sedona. NAWS will have it's own awards night reception on Fri. May 20, after having been judged by renown artist Tom Lynch.

◆ **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

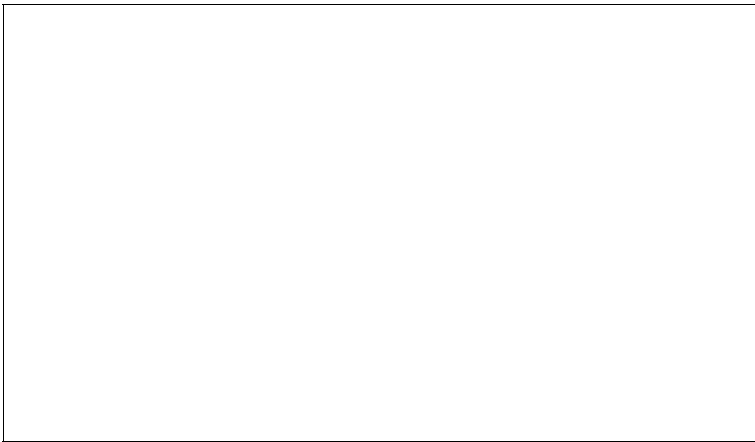
It was a tie between Lynette Kovacovich and Benton Henry. As the library only has one position for Artist of the Month, Lynette's painting will be put up now and Benton Henry's will go up later. They will share over the summer.

2010 – 2011 Board Members

- President
Rita Elkins (928) 634-8623
- First VP & Workshops
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- Second VP & Membership
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- Secretary
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- Treasurer
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2010 – 2011 Committee Members

- Promotion
Nancy Carlzen (928) 451-2722
- Fundraiser
Sheri Bordcosh (928) 646-5118
- Newsletter & Website
Nancy White (928) 274-0187
- Library Exhibit
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- Telephone Chair
Carolyn Ward (928) 254-8663
- Photography
Judith Robinson (928) 634-7048
- Art Show Organizer
Bonnie Jellison (928) 634-1121



Next Meeting: August 11, 2011 - 12:30 pm

We meet at Evangel Worship Center:
Mingus & 14th, Cottonwood AZ at
12:30 p.m. Until approximately 2 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING

El Valle Artists Association
P.O. Box 2863
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