



# December NEWS

## President's Message

This Holiday Season our El Valle Artists have much to be thankful for.....besides, our obvious good fortune to be in the VERDE VALLEY, doing our artwork. We had a very successful "Walkin'on Main Street"; great paintings are up at Cottonwood Library, the Cottonwood Bank, No. AZ and the Rec .Bldg. Everyone participating can be pleased with our nice showings. Now it is time for us to give to our much beloved Cottonwood Boys and Girls Club. Be sure to check your closets or buy some art supplies for the young people. Janet Baser and Tommy Bain will deliver their presents from us right after our Thurs. Dec. EVAA Meeting. Remember, you can just write a check to "Cottonwood Boys and Girls Club" and bring it to the meeting. They are always so appreciative, and will send you a receipt for taxes... Since some of you are new to the Valley this year, you may not know about the usual up to \$420.for a couple..or \$\$\$ as a single that can be given to our local schools, and is tax deductible at the end of each year. I will mention it again at the Dec. meeting. Jan 17th we will be showing more of our efforts at Jerona, for our Annual EVAA Jerona Show. Always check with our VPs for Events/Shows/Classes, as they have the latest info. Be sure and bring a special goodie for our December POT LUCK... We will have a ham for the main course, so any thing you can add to it will make it that much more yummy!!!!!! Sue S. Davis, Pres.



## December Program

Congratulations to Debbie Gallagher for being chosen artist of the month for November! Her entry won for the theme "Inner Workings" and is now on display at the Cottonwood Library. If you have not viewed El Valle's display at the library, be sure and do so. The library is proud to display the local talent of our members. The theme for December is "Brainstorm" so now is your chance to do some of the wild and crazy things you have been thinking about doing with paint, paper and whatever your little heart desires!

Our December meeting Program will be Joanie Wolters, demonstrating her fiber art projects. The SAT. 9-4 p.m. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Workshop will be held at her basement studio on Stutz Bearcat Rd. in West Sedona right off Highway 89A across from the Super 8 Motel. She has offered a special \$60. price and most of you have already signed up as she only has room for about 10. She will have signs up at the bldg. directing you to her Basement Studio. Joanie has been a schoolteacher in California, and is currently on the Sedona Arts Center Board, Volunteer Coordinator... always looking for volunteers there.

## Announcements

### A SPECIAL DRAWING FOR EVAA DONATION TO COTTONWOOD BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Carl Campio has generously donated his Copper Handmade Jewelry for the December Meeting. A drawing of \$1. per ticket for each of the items by the club members, will help our Holiday Giving.

Carl would like all proceeds to go to the Cottonwood Boys and Girls Club from El Valle. So come anxious to participate if you choose.

UPDATE on Participation in Various EVAA Activities: Here is a review and clarification of our rules, voted on by the EVAA Board, in case you missed any:

1.WORKSHOPS: Any EVAA member will get a 10% discount on all scheduled workshops. EVAA will receive 10% for the workshops after expenses, the rest going to the teaching artist. (Discounted cost allowed for scholarships given will be considered an expense of EVAA)

2.SALES EVENTS: EVAA did ask for a 10% donation for the total of items sold at "Walkin on Main" by participants. This is to help our club, if a member chooses, and would be appreciated at any sales event. This voluntary contribution has been a long-standing practice.

Have YOU "BRAINSTORMED" on what art item you would like to be selected for the ARTIST OF THE MONTH award to be placed in the Cottonwood Library?

Put on your thinking cap and creative hands to bring along a special item ... of course "BRAINSTORM" is this month's theme.

**Nancy White** has her handmade glass icicles in the "Small Gifts" section at the Manheim Gallery in Cottonwood.

## Shows

First I would like to thank all of you who participated in the Country Bank, we can be pleased to be in it, as it is a good show.

TAKE DOWN IS 14 DECEMBER, 2011 AT 11AM TILL 12 NOON.

Just a reminder that in January we have the show at Jerona Cafe. So plan on what you would like to exhibit. FYI Rita Elkins is in charge of it and will be giving you further information.

Thank you. Bonnie Jellison

Rita Elkins will present the Prospectus for the Jan 17<sup>th</sup> Jerona Annual EVAA Art Show at the Dec. meeting and answer questions at that time. Bonnie Jellison, Events Chairperson, and Rita will team up to make this an outstanding Art Show. We will have prizes, as occurred last year and a special JUDGE to select the "best of the best". A Reception will help encourage all to attend. We will want you to have an ARTIST BIO at the show. Forms for your Artist biography will be available, at the meeting

## Area Art News

NAWS will have their regular meeting Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Rose Moon will do a presentation on using history to inspire abstract work. Following the presentation will be a Holiday Brunch (Potluck). So bring your best dish and holiday cheer to share with fellow artists.

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**The Arizona State Centennial Artist Trading Cards Project** Deadline Dec 15, 2011 - Contact [Artists' Coalition of Flagstaff](#) The Arizona State Centennial Artist Trading Cards Project commences on August 15th 2011 and submissions will be accepted through December 15, 2011. Your work must be in the form of a trading card, 2 ½" by 3 ½" in any medium. These artist trading cards are original works of art, self-produced by anyone of any age in the state of Arizona with the theme of the Arizona State Centennial. That means virtually any subject that pertains to the history and present life in Arizona, its breathtaking scenery and rich multicultural traditions. This is a chance for creativity on a small unique scale. Let your imagination run wild, using, but not limited to, painting, photography, collage, metal, fiber, ceramic, and glass. The only restriction is size. Participants can submit up to 10 cards and will be returned, after the exhibit, 10 different, unique; one of kind cards from 10 randomly selected other participants. One of the results of this project is to put Arizona artists in touch with each other and open lines of communication and facilitate dialogue between artists that is difficult in such a large territory as Arizona. To that end your contact information should appear on the back of each trading card. The sponsoring organization, the Artists' Coalition of Flagstaff reserves the right to reject any cards not pertaining to the subject matter. There will be a touring exhibit during 2012 and submitted cards will be exhibited in art galleries in Flagstaff, Sedona, Jerome, Prescott, the Phoenix and Tucson areas and Bisbee. Upon completion of the touring exhibit you will be returned the same number of cards that you submitted from all different artists.

## 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.

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. Call Bonnie Jellison for further info.

Cottonwood Recreation Center paintings: Let's plan on changing out the paintings on Jan 2, time to be mutually determined. Paintings displayed should be about 18" x 24" or larger just so they show up in a large room. Note: the size is not hard and fast. The REC Center asks that you sign a release of liability and give 20% of the sale price to the REC Center when you sell your piece. Questions can be directed to Wayne St. John at 634-7427 or 300-7784.

### GENERAL MEETING

December 8, 2011 – 12:30pm

We meet at Evangel Worship Center: Mingus Ave & 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Cottonwood AZ

Second Thursday of each month.

### Board Members

President: Sue Davis (928) 300-2352  
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### Photos from the November Don Rantz workshop.



*Rita Elkins and Bonnie Jellison*