



Sketchbook

Something we've never done before!

FEBRUARY 2022

SAWG HAS A BOOTH AT THE TUCSON FESTIVAL OF BOOKS!!

Saturday, March 12 - Sunday, March 13

All SAWG members who have published a book are welcome to be highlighted in our booth. We need suggestions as to what should go in our 10' x 10' booth and on our tables. We want to highlight our gallery and our beginning watercolor classes! Send your suggestions for promoting both to Karyn at kvampotic@gmail.com.

If you'd like to work the booth on either Saturday March 12th or Sunday March 13th, Karyn is taking names. A committee of interested members will meet and discuss your suggestions. Unless you're willing to set up and take down panels with paintings, we'll be limited to posters, flyers, literature, a book corner (we're not selling anything) and one or two plein air painters. The festival supplies the booth (all set up), a 6' table and 2 chairs. **The rest is up to you!**

Our Valentine's Day February General Meeting

When: February 14th, 6:30

Where: Celebration Center - St. Francis in the Foothills at 4625 E. River Rd.

Who: Randy Hale will give us a demo following our general meeting. Social distancing and masks are required. The church is very spacious and has lots of breathing room so we hope you will join us. If you can't drive in the dark, ask a SAWG friend to bring you.

Bring your money for raffle tickets and to rent DVDs. Come early, get a snack and visit with your art colleagues.

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2022 WORKSHOPS

Randy Hale
Feb. 15-16, 17-18, 2022
Steve Griggs
March 15-16, 17-18, 2022



Clip and Save! MEETING SCHEDULE

February 14	Monday	7-9pm	General Meeting	Randy Hale, Artist Demo
March 14	Monday	7-9pm	General Meeting	Steve Griggs, Artist Demo
April 11	Monday	7-9pm	General Meeting	Rick DeMont, Artist Demo
May 9	Monday	7-9pm	General Meeting	Scholarship

HAPPY VALENTINES'S DAY

February is an interesting month in Tucson with so many activities to attend such as the rodeo and the gem show; there are holidays to celebrate, and we have all our snowbirds back. We celebrate prime visitor time at SAWG with our Annual Show, our 54th this year. That's really a quite remarkable thing for a non-profit such as us to have survived that long. Look for some snippets of the early-years newsletters in this Sketchbook.

We are doing something we've never done before. Karyn Vampotic arranged for SAWG to have a tent at the Festival of Books March 12th - 13th. It will be great publicity for us. Read her article for more info.

Please note that they will be repairing the front parking lot from Feb 21-25. See the article and diagram for more details. It won't affect us from the standpoint of hanging a show but it may deter visitors during that time.

We eagerly await to find out if we were selected for grant funds from the Arts Foundations for Tucson and Southern Arizona. We just learned that Marty Plevel was the only SAWG member selected for the Western Federation Watercolor Society exhibition hosted by New Mexico's watercolor group. Fifteen of our members submitted 37 entries. We will share more in next month's newsletter. Congrats Marty!

We have had several of our members contract Covid for a second time or having had the vaccinations and boosters. We must remain vigilant. Our workshop chair is asking our instructors to confirm their vaccinations and to be cognizant of our at-risk attendees. Both Randy Hale workshop sessions are full but the tables are spaced out and everyone gets their own table. We will continue to be careful.

Don't forget to come to the gallery to see and buy the beautiful paintings by the late Carolyn Kenney-Carter. All proceeds support SAWG.

The newly-named "Try Watercolor with SAWG" classes are being scheduled for most Saturday mornings in March and April. This is a great way to introduce folks to SAWG and our preferred medium. Another Pair of Eyes is held on the second Saturdays.

Would you like to teach in the gallery? Look at the gallery calendar on the website under the Members Only page to see all the open morning spaces. Contact me if you are interested in reserving the time slots.

Happy Valentine's Day. Oh yes, our general meeting is on this holiday. Take your sweetheart to dinner on the 13th and avoid the chaos on the actual day. The service will be better, and then you can attend the meeting.

Stay safe, President Kay

Remember - To submit any articles for the Sketchbook to Sandy Walker, walkersj@cox.net. Deadline is ALWAYS the 15th of each month.



WOW!

SOLD!

January has continued with sales of artwork. Sales happen because of the wonderful artwork in our shows, on the website, social media (Facebook & Instagram) and in gallery purchases. **We are our own best advertiser of things happening in SAWG's art world. Make sure to share all the happenings at SAWG on your personal social network.**

Here's what's been happening in the month of January, we sold ten original paintings: two additional paintings from the Holiday Show, four painting from the Lasting Impression show, four original paintings from bins. We also sold four giclee's from the bins, and seven sets of cards. **Woo-Hoo!!!!**

Fundraising sales have been happening too, we also sold three original paintings from the Carolyn Kenney-Carter fundraising collection in the back room. All proceeds from these sales go into SAWG's General Funds account to be used where needed. We also sold 8 SAWG tote bags, and 9 Frank Rose cards which helps fund SAWG's Scholarships.

Customer purchased pieces from **Judith Billings, Fran Dorr, Sheila Hamann, Beverly Heasley, Sally Inman, Summer Celeste, Loisanne Keller, Kat Manton-Jones, Del Marinello, Sherry Matlack, Diana McBroom, Judy Milne, Jean Pascek, Karyn Vampotic, Sandy Walker, and Paula Weech.**

Congratulations to all our artists who sold pieces!

We LOVE seeing those red dots!

Submitted by — Sue Emer

WEBSITE!

Are you aware of the exhibit opportunities on our wonderful SAWG website?

As a member you can easily subscribe to 2 programs:

"Featured Artist" - 15 images for a min. of 3 mos. @\$30. + tax, 6 mos. @\$50 or 12 mos. @\$90 always + tax

"Paintings/Prints" - 15 images for a min. of 3 mos. @\$15 +tax, 6 mos @\$25 or 12 mos. @\$45 always + tax.

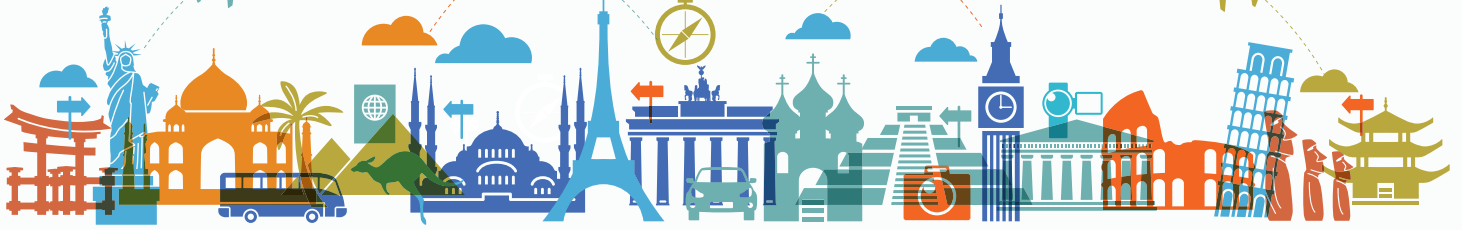
Show some LOVE!!!!

The many ways YOU can help the Guild and Gallery

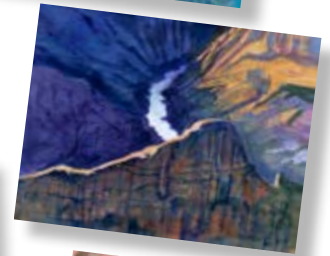
- Volunteer
- Docent at the Gallery (you do not need to be in the show)
- Participate in a Workshop
- Enter Shows
- Join the Sketch/Hike group
- Purchase a Gallery Bin (they are selling well!)
- Place cards in the Gallery (It's FREE!)
- Purchase a "Featured Artist" and/or "Paintings and Prints" on the website
- Promote SAWG and the Gallery to your friends and family
- Pass out show cards to everyone you know!
- Make the Gallery a destination. There are great lunch spots all around the Gallery
- Participate in Another Pair of Eyes and Open Studio
- Take advantage of Framers Corner
- Rent a DVD for a month at a time
- Enjoy the demos and commradery at our monthly meetings
- Donate to Scholarship

NEW MEMBER EVENT

If you joined SAWG in the last two years, Karyn will send you an email invitation to attend our New Member Event! It will be held Saturday February 19th from 10 – 12pm at the Celebration Center at St. Frances where we hold our general meetings. Plenty of room to safe distance while you meet other new members, find out all about them as well as the benefits of your SAWG membership. The only prerequisite is to want to have fun! Light refreshments served. Don't wait for the email – rsvp to Karyn at kvampotic@gmail.com. (I've got your info if you already contacted me.) This is a light and easy fun morning. We want to introduce you to each other and what your yearly dues earn you. Seating limited to 24 for safety – there are 21 spots left – so don't wait! Reservations are a must.

*Now Showing!***LASTING IMPRESSIONS SHOW****JANUARY 4 – FEBRUARY 6****In Gallery & Online****Juror and Awards Judge: Dan Wiemer**

The first SAWG show of 2022, Lasting Impressions, is a wonderful and diverse show featuring many styles of painting and diverse subject matter. Thank you to all the SAWG artists who entered the show and also to all those who helped with check-in, hanging, promoting and serving as docents for this colorful and memorable show. Special thanks to our judge and juror, Dan Wiemer, for his thoughtful and insightful comments regarding his award selections which he based on design, technique, creativity, and entertainment/engagement of the viewer. If you were unable to attend our awards reception you can view a video of his comments on the SAWG website.

**Congratulations to the award winners:**

Best of Show: Judith Kohn for First Frost

Award of Excellence: Rick Wheeler for

The Colorado Weaves Through Grand Canyon

Loisanne Keller Award of Distinction: Chuck Albanese for Mystical San Xavier

Award of Merit: Robin Miller-Bookhout for Base de Fleurs (Vase of Flowers)

Award of Merit: Jean Pascek for We Can Do This!

Honorable Mention: Margaret Erath for Gin Rummy

Honorable Mention: Paula Weech for The Poetry of Color

Lasting Impressions closes February 6th so there's still time to get down to the Gallery to see the show or view it online.



People's Choice
will be announced next month.

Upcoming Shows!

54th Annual Show

FEBRUARY 8 – MARCH 6, 2022

In Gallery & Online

Juror and Awards Judge: Randy Hale

In Gallery Reception: February 17th 5-7PM

The 54th Annual Show upcoming, is a tradition as well as a Point show. We are so pleased to have Randy Hale as our Juror, Awards Judge and Workshop instructor. Randy leads workshops all over the country as well as an annual outing in Italy. Popularity, skill, and experience makes him an "in demand" artist. Plus, he loves the west, and always enjoys visiting Tucson to teach and paint. From Randy's website: "My work, and my entire approach to living emerged from a landscape which shaped a bigger-than-life way of thinking. Western art can be many things, but the soul of my work was born of those intuitive sensibilities that assure us anything-is-possible. The 54th Annual Show runs from February 8th to March 6th. The live reception will be on Thursday, February 17th from 5-7 at the Gallery.

Submitted by — Tad Lamb



We are so lucky to live in this beautiful Sonoran Desert and, as artists, to be able to paint it! SAWG is proud to offer the annual Fiesta Sonora show as a chance to share our interpretations of this region: its awesome landscapes, its people and animals, its towns and cities, workplaces, and celebrations. Steve Griggs will be the juror (yes, it is a Point show) and also the awards judge. Let's show him how unique and exciting this place is! The show runs from March 8 through April 3, and the entry **due date is February 18**. We'd love to see your artwork in the show!

Go to the SAWG website to enter the show online or download an entry form. While you are there, please click on the Resources folder to review the Show Policies, the Standards for Presentation of Artwork, and Defining the Sonoran Desert, a document with a map and description of the Sonoran Desert. Contact either of the show chairs with any questions: Tracy Lynn Ross tross3@yahoo.com (520) 907-8941 and Judy Constantine judycons@gmail.com (520) 743-3389

Submitted by — Judy Constantine

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

This month I'm looking for someone to take over the calendar online. This is an easy task that can be done without leaving home and only takes a couple of hours a week. Perfect job for a new member to be in the know! Email Karyn at kvampotic@gmail.com for easy training. Want to get to know more members? Sign up to learn how to be our docent coordinator. Simple computer skills and a willingness to give back to the organization that gives you so much are all that's required. Email Karyn. Isn't it time you stepped up to take on some responsibility? What does SAWG mean to you? Isn't it worth some effort?

Submitted by — Karyn Vampotic

SAWG HISTORY

The Sketch Book 1982

This is the front page of the September 1982 Sketch Book.

Note: Over 300 active members!

Meetings at a Church!

CRAZY Jurying process
(lucky it's not like that any more!)

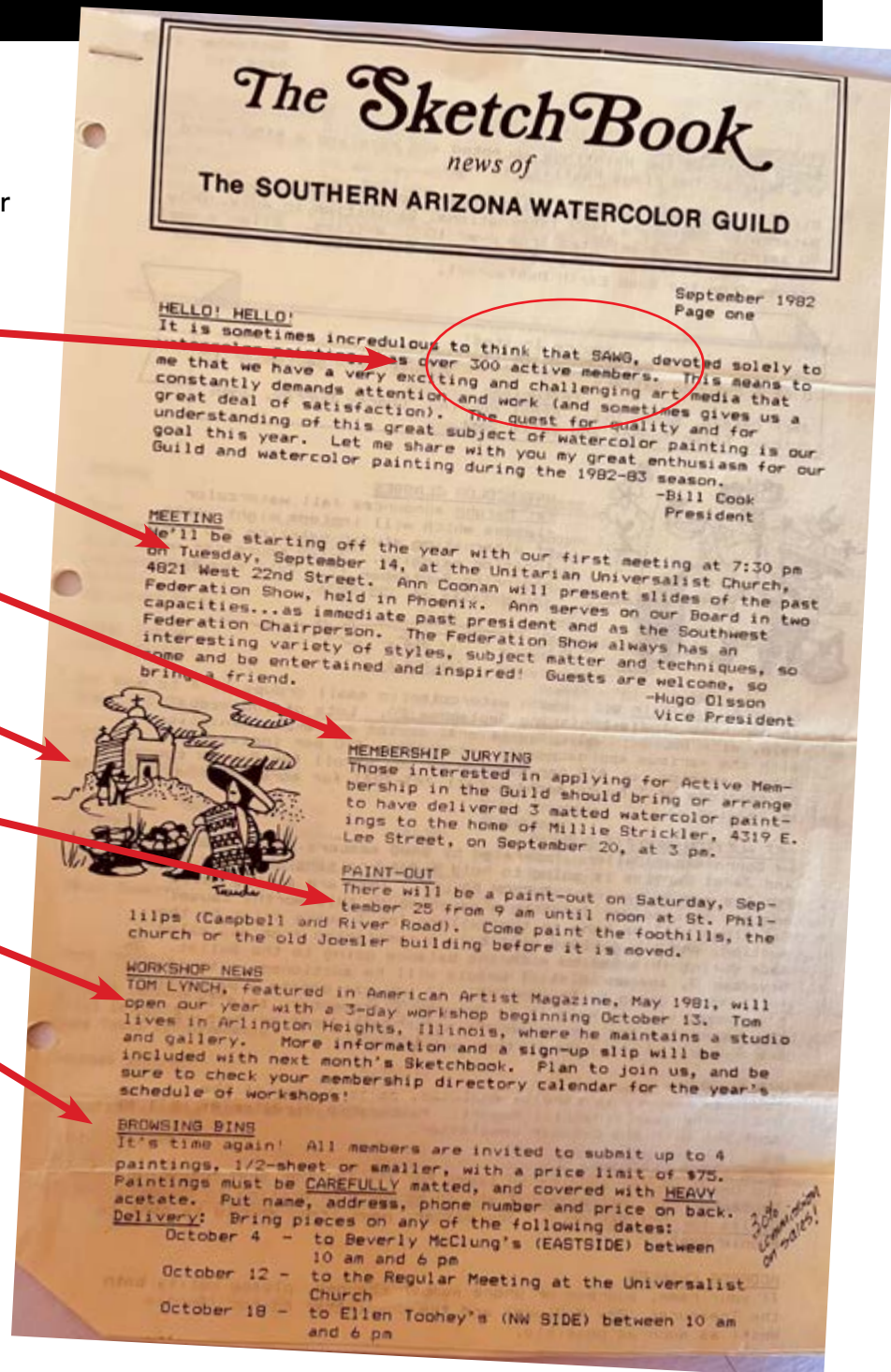
Hand drawn graphics!
(maybe we need to do that again?)

Paint outs!

Workshops!

Bin Sales!
None over \$75 and
30% commission to the Guild!

Our SAWG logo - Originally designed by well reknowned artist, Tom Hill who recently just passed away.



ANOTHER PAIR OF EYES!

MEMBERS!!

*Do you want help in making
one of your paintings better?*

ANOTHER PAIR OF EYES (APOE)

February 12, 2022

Robert & Helen Jennette Gallery



SAWG Signature member, Shannon Russell and Saguaro Fellow member Loisanne Keller are hosting Another Pair of Eyes (APOE) class on Saturday, February 12, 2022, at the Jennette Gallery in the SAWG Gallery. Bring two paintings you would like feedback on, along with your questions about Value, Contrast, Composition, Center of Interest, Perspective, Landscape, Figures in paintings, Portraits (Shannon will offer skin tone advice) and whatever other questions you may have about your paintings. We want you to be excited about your painting, and perhaps our suggestions may help you make get the results you want.

Please register for this event by emailing Shannon Russell at shandanrus@cox.net or Loisanne Keller at loisanne@loisannekeller.com. Class size is limited to 10. Registered participants will enter the back door of the Gallery at a few minutes before 10, and put their paintings (two paintings are encouraged) on the tables. The artist may remain anonymous if preferred. When all the paintings are assembled, the Loisanne and Shannon will view and make positive comments on each painting. Participants are encouraged to ask questions during the evaluation of the painting. No painting will be done in this session.

We ask for a voluntary \$5 donation which goes to SAWG for use of the Jennette Gallery. The SAWG artists/hosts are volunteering their time to give support to YOU!

Hosts for February are Shannon Russell and Loisanne Keller

Please register at the emails mentioned above. Date and Times: February 12th, 10:00–Noon

Parking Lot Repair

Members please be aware that from Feb 21st through the 25th, the front center parking lot will be repaved and striped. The photo shows the area under repair. At least we will still have the sidewalk row available for our visitors.





HALE • GRIGGS!

WORKSHOPS ARE HERE!!

Dan Weimer's second two day workshop was one short of capacity with last minute sign ups after his incredible demo! Randy Hale arrives to demo at our February General Meeting on February 14th. Both of Randy's workshops are full, but you can waitlist yourself on the website where you would register. Life happens, so grab a spot! You have your own table and the demo audience chairs are well spaced with your health in mind.

Your last chance at workshop excitement this year is in March with **Steve Griggs**. Steve is a fun and gregarious loose painter who says "I like to think of my paintings as a love letter to the people places, and moments that make up the human experience." Reach deep inside and sign up for either his landscape workshop or his cityscape adventure! Don't miss out (again). Registration is open and waiting for you.

Submitted by: Karyn Vampotic/Workshops



PUBLICITY NEWS

Due to a generous donation from a SAWG member, Publicity has placed extra print and online advertising for February, March and April Shows. A print ad will be in Saddlebag notes newspaper and online in The Tucson Daily Star (Tucson.com.) We can pick our zip codes so our ads will appear in these areas, SAWG Gallery, University of Arizona, Downtown, West of Freeway, Star Pass, North River Rd at Campbell, East to Tanque Verde and East out to Houghton Rd and Old Spanish Trail.

Also SAWG is registered to participate in The Tucson Festival Of Books in March. We will be exposed to thousands of people to hand out our Show cards, paint plein air, pass out Membership Information, promote our Art Classes, etc. We need Volunteers!

Publicity continues to place a free listing of our monthly shows online at major media outlets, radio, tv, magazines and newspapers. We will continue to have our Show calendar cards available at all kiosks in the Tucson International Airport. Members of SAWG deliver our show cards to Motels, Hotels, Resorts, Libraries, and community centers throughout the city. Like to help? Please contact Karen Vampotic if you're interested in Publicity.

Sandra Montgomery, Publicity Chair

Advertisements that are currently running...



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SAWG members and interested artists...



FEBRUARY

SWEETWATER WETLANDS PARK

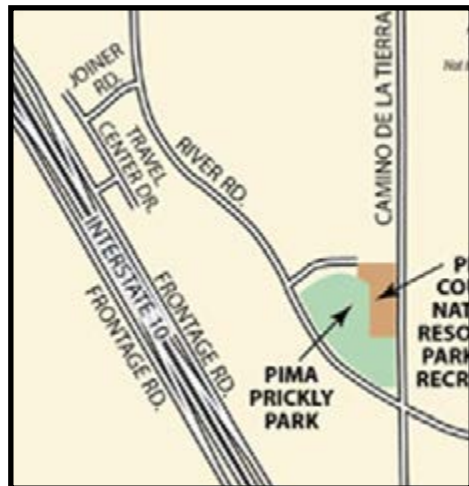
SAWG members and interested artists. Please join us for a sketch hike at Sweetwater Wetlands Park, 2511 W. Sweetwater Dr. Tucson 85745. Friday, February 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. We'll meet at the trailhead at the NE corner of the park. There is a restroom, water fountain, and ramada. Contact Kat Manton-Jones for more details. (520) 822-6732



MARCH

PIMA PRICKLY PARK

SAWG members and interested artists. Please join us for a sketch hike at Pima Prickly Park, 3500 W. River Rd. Tucson, AZ 85741. Friday, March 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. We'll meet in the parking lot. There is a restroom, water fountain, and ramadas. Contact Kat Manton-Jones for more details. (520) 822-6732



February *Congratulations!!!*

Juried members: Signature members: Saguaro Fellow

Melanie Campbell - Carter

Joanne Lustre

William Owen

Virginia Vovchuk

Karyn Vampotic

Barbara Beamer

Lura Everson White

We are sitting at 305 members at the opening of 2022 and wish to welcome back Chuck Albanese. When members return after being gone from SAWG for some time they need to re-apply for their Membership Category. This can be done by downloading the form located on the same page as our Membership Renewal. Membership Categories, such as Juried Member, Signature Member, or Saguaro Fellow, are not lifetime levels, they are maintained by you by paying your dues. If your Membership Category has expired because you skipped a year please fill out the form and send it in.

Submitted by Sue Ritz- Membership Admin

AV Team:

AV Team can use your software expertise! We are still looking for a few good members to help with setup and support. If you are interested, Contact Sue Ritz.

Framer's Corner...

Greetings SAWGies! Framer's Corner meets the third Monday of every month but we can also accommodate additional dates if requested. We would also like to let members know that we GIVE AWAY FREE STUFF!!! Yup! FC has mat board remnants, foam core, some frames, and maybe a mat cutter that can all go to new homes. Be sure to contact Mike Dutton for more information.

Next FC will be February 21.

DVD LIBRARY

As your friendly DVD Librarian (or is that DVD-arian?), I'd like to remind you we have a ton of DVDs for you to borrow for one month for the princely sum of \$1.00 suggested donation per DVD.

You will find a complete list of the DVDs at the meetings AND on our website under the Members Only tab.

We have NEW DVDS!

- Carolyn Homan: Watercolor, the Spirit of Spontaneity
- Chuck McLachlon: The Complete Watercolor Workshop DVD and On the Open Road DVD
- David Dunlop: Painting Landscapes in Watercolor
- Tom Jones: Frosty Morning DVD and Fire on the Mountain DVD (we have others of his, too)
- Kerrin McBride: Acrylic Painting: Stunning Abstract Landscape
- Susan Bourdet: Watercolor: Backyard Wildlife in Watercolor

Remember, it's \$1.00 suggested donation per DVD (or you can always donate more!) and you get to keep it for one month. Stop by my table at the monthly meeting to get your choice to use for the next month!

Submitted by: Karen Brungardt

BEGINNER CLASSES COMING SOON!

NOW AVAILABLE from The Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild...

TRY Watercolor with SAWG



Saturdays - 9-11:00am, \$20
Art Supplies provided • 12 people per class

Class Schedule

March 5 – Painting a Rooster - Karen Brungardt

Learn how to combine a sharpie and watercolor to create a fun, bright, lively painting of a rooster.

March 19 – Painting a Pond - Barbara Beamer

Water is rarely static, has its own colors, tonal values as well as reflecting its surrounding. Brushwork will vary to catch the movement and water tones in the pond.

March 26 – Painting an Ocotillo & Wildflowers - Sandra Montgomery

Students will learn how to develop a desert scene with a mountain backdrop.

April 2 – Painting a Yorkie - Eledel Giddings

Experience the joy of painting a Yorkie portrait in watercolor. In this class, you will be drawing along with Eledel as she shows you how to draw a Yorkie in a step-by-step process. This class will also teach you how to mix different browns using complementary colors.

April 16 – Painting a Rose - Tad Lamb

Learn how to paint a beautiful rose by painting wet colors onto wet paper.

April 23 – Painting a House - Sandra Montgomery

Painting a house with a mountain backdrop. Lesson in cast shadows and two-point perspective.

April 30 – Painting a Desert Landscape - Karen Brungardt

Learn how to paint a desert landscape with a colorful sky and one of our famous saguaros.

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