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TO ALL GVAL MEMBERS

Welcome to GVAL Art Vine a publication for GVAL members.

If you are interested in hanging your art around town let me know. There is no longer a hanging fee for each venue. In the future each art will only pay a 20% commission to GVAL for art sales that is generated at the venue. See the **Venues available to artists of GVAL** to see where we are currently showing. Our next meeting is Jan. 5th 6:30pm at the Gilbert Small Business Alli-

ance located at: 2530 S. Val Vista Dr. Ste. 103, Gilbert 85296

Located in the Kohl's shopping center at Williams Field and Val Vista

If you have not renewed your membership dues please do so now. Dues are due September 1st. So if you have not renewed you are not a current member.

Map to meeting



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HELP GVAL GET NOTICED ON SOCIAL NETWORKS

We need your help in getting GVAL noticed. Please put our link in your websites www.gval.org. It will help GVAL get more noticed in search engines. In addition GVAL has a presence on Facebook. Just search for Gilbert Visual Art League on Facebook and LIKE our group. Tell you friends also to like us. Each member should be following us on Facebook. Jasmine will be uploading pictures of the Art Show and the Social. It's been a fun year. Let's get the word out and help increase our membership and presence in Gilbert.

VENUES AVAILABLE TO ARTISTS OF GVAL

- Bergies Coffee Roast
- Cholewka Law Offices
- Gilbert Small Business Alliance

If you want to hang your art in any of these places contact George Lenz 480-363-5939. It's a way to get exposure and make some sales. There have been sales at Bergies and Cholewka. So don't miss out, show your art!

GVAL IN COMMUNITY

Since its creation, the league's mission has been to promote and support the visual arts with Gilbert, AZ. GVAL has hosted eight annual community fine art shows starting in 2003. We have partnered with the Gilbert Historical Museum to host the art shows and monthly meetings. We also receive support from the Town of Gilbert. GVAL is always looking for ways to grow within our community. We had a booth at the 2009 Global Village Festival and are hoping to coordinate with other art shows in the near future. OUR SPONSOR AND SUPPORTER THE TOWN OF GILBERT <http://www.gilbertaz.gov/default.cfm>



Artwork of the Month Rules

1. You must have attended 3 meetings as a dues paid member in the last 12 calendar months.
2. A two dimensional art must be framed or on gallery wrapped canvas must be 1 1/2" minimum.
3. If you have had your art critiqued at that meeting, you may not also enter it in "Artwork of the Month."
4. **If you are a first, second, or third place winner, please remain after the meeting to be photographed for the Art Vine.**
5. Each artist may win first place only once a year (January to November).
6. All monthly first place winners will bring a piece of artwork to the December meeting to vie for "Artist of the Year." Monthly winners may enter any piece of work they wish in the December "Artist of the Year" contest. This allows sales and lets artists exhibit what they feel is their best effort.

HISTORY OF GVAL

In 2003, The Gilbert Visual Art League (GVAL) was started as a part of the Gilbert Fine Arts Association (GFAA) so the group could focus on promoting visual and

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performing arts within the community. From 2003 to 2005, GVAL operated within the GFAA under the direction of Chuck Lambson and Tammy Cowden. In the summer of 2006, Georgia Mulholland,

Lana Leibow, Helen Marquardt, and Andy Kirchberg incorporated GVAL as a separate non-profit organization so they could put more emphasis on the visual art focus of the club. Michelle Cornelius was president for several years. In 2011 GVAL was nominated for a "History Award"

ART AROUND TOWN

Art classes offered by Jean Turner Smith: **Portrait Workshop** - 6 three hour classes covers from the drawing of the portrait to a finished painting. **Ongoing Painting class:** Work in the medium of your choice. Daytime class or evening class is available and held at her studio located in south Gilbert (Val Vista and the 202). For information or to enroll, email Jean at jeanaes@aol.com or call 480-497-0677.

Sandra Wilderman will be **with Watercolors**", starting Rural Road, # 1-3 in Tempe, and ongoing. For dates and 7th, when the new class manart@cox.net.

Art Venues and Painting Classes

teaching "Pouring & Painting" in January, 2012 at **Jerry's Artarama** at 4421 S. AZ 85282. Each class is three hours times please contact Sandra after December schedule will be finalized, at snwildermanart@cox.net

Gilbert Art Walk 4th Friday night from 6pm to 10pm — For information and to sign up go to www.gilbertartwalk.com

Gilbert Art Walk 1st Saturday Morning of the month from 10am to 2pm - For information and to sign up go to www.azartpromo.com.

GVAL Board Members

Jean Smith Chairperson/Art Show Chairperson

Diane Fales Co Chairperson/Meeting Coordinator

Michelle Cornelius Vice Chairperson

George Lenz Artist Coordinator/Newsletter

Jennifer O'hare Membership

Marsha Blumm Secretary/Treasurer

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Deb Randall Art Show Co-chairperson

Our mission is to create a venue for local artists to show their work and be recognized for their talents. The league strives to increase artistic awareness and appreciation in their community and surrounding areas.

Joining the Gilbert Visual Art League (GVAL), a non-profit organization, helps support the fine art in your community. Members and those thinking about joining are welcome to attend our monthly meetings where you will associate with other artists and participate in activities designed to develop your skills. Membership also gives you access to exclusive show venues, a discounted entry fee in the Annual Art Show and eligible to become a juried member of Arizona Art Alliance. You must be a juried member in order to participate in MOST shows and venues offered through the Arizona Art Alliance.

"Promote and support the visual arts within Gilbert, AZ"



For more information about the organization go to <http://gval.org/> or write to **Gilbert Visual Art League, PO BOX 2651, Gilbert, AZ 85299** Telephone: 480.545.4515.

Jan/Feb Meeting

It's almost 2012 and we are lining up speakers. For the January 5th meeting, **Allen Garns** our Art Show Judge, will come back and tell the group what a judge looks for in artwork. This will be very helpful in knowing what changes need to be made to create "winning pieces". He will also give a critique of art show artworks that members may bring in (if desired) as time permits. If you want to bring in an artwork, they will be placed in order as they arrive and he will address as many as he can within his time limit. This is an outstanding opportunity as well.

For Feb 2nd. **Maynard Breese** a local artist and businessman who makes Glicees will speak to us about how to prepare your art for reproduction on canvas.

Call for Art

The State Centennial is coming up and Gilbert is having an art event as part of it. Please mention that there is a call for art with the theme "One Hundred Years Together - Gilbert, Past, Present and Future). The art will be displayed at Higley Center for Performing Arts February 17-18 during the Gilbert Family Music and Art Festival. I will be sending out a prospectus to members later this month but to give people a heads up so that they can start collecting ideas might be a good idea. For more information and to help with this project contact Jean at jean-aes@aol.com.

Fund Raising ideas

We are losing our town grant due to budget cuts so we are looking for fund raising ideas. Let us know if you have any ideas along this line. One of our ideas will be presented at the January meeting: Putting art on donated chunks of wood that will form a "quilt" for the State Centennial art event like the image below.



ART SHOW AWARDS

GILBERT, AZ – The Gilbert Visual Art League’s (GVAL) 9th Annual Fine Art Show, this past November, was a huge success. Michelle Cornelius, past President of GVAL said, “It gave me great pleasure to see GVAL climbing to new heights this year, by partnering with Gallery 225. This contemporary venue with the proper gallery lighting was a perfect setting.” And art show co-chair, Deb Randall, said, “We are thankful to Gallery 225 owner, Mary Ellen Fresquez, for hosting our show this year. It made it very easy for the public to see our show and for the artists to showcase their work in an inviting and professional space.”

The following Artists received ribbons and cash awards at the opening reception. Jean Turner Smith received Best of Show and First Place in the Drawing Category for Firelight, Barbara Janecka received Second Place for Canna Leaves and Michelle Cornelius was awarded Third Place for Inlet Sunset.

In the Oil Category, Jean Turner Smith received First Place for Sisters, Donna Leonard received Second Place for Sofia and also, Third Place and People’s Choice Award for Apache Girl.

Deb Randall received First Place, in the Mixed Media Category, for Offset, Sandy Pieper received Second Place for Eclipse and Ashley Walden received Third Place for I Came For The Refreshments.

In the Watercolor Category, First Place went to Sandra Neumann Wilderman for Slice of Summer, Second Place was awarded to Marsha Blumm for Plumerias 4 and Michelle Cornelius received Third Place for High Country Hideaway.

In the Acrylic Category, John Priddy received First Place for Spikes and Third Place for Bermuda Woody and Sandra Neumann Wilderman received Second Place for Soar. And in the Digital Imagery Category, George Lenz received First Place for My Storybook and Michael Feher received Second Place for Fire Dance of the Shamans.

For more information, about the GVAL, including membership and upcoming shows, visit their web site at www.GVAL.org.