

Gilbert Visual Art League

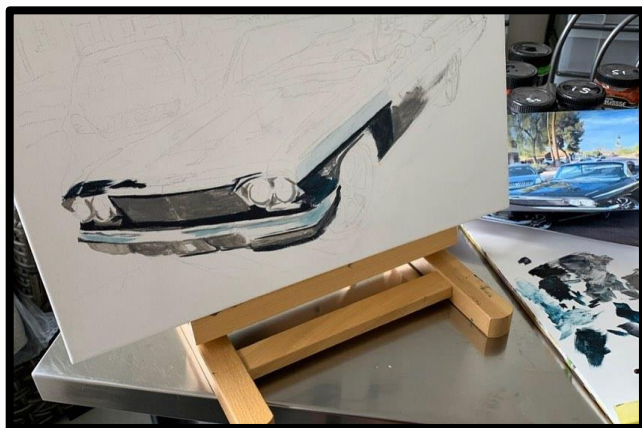


JANUARY 2023

John Priddy

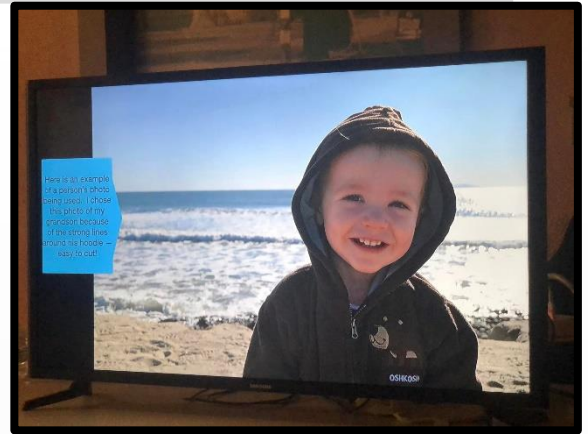
Join us on February 2 at 6:30 pm for our Member Meeting! Bring your artwork for critique and a completed painting for a chance to be voted Artist of the Month. John Priddy will be our presenter at our meeting. You've probably seen some of his brilliant works at various GVAL art shows – he's the car guy. Here are two complete works and one of John's paintings in progress.

“For this demo, even though the subject may be automotive in nature, I'll be covering what goes on behind the scenes, what makes a good composition, details about lighting, and how to create the illusion of shiny surfaces, especially chrome, and the role of reflections that apply in everyday objects, not just cars...”.



January Meeting

We opened 2023 with an excellent member meeting! There was a well-prepared, informative presentation by artist Stevie Denny on photo sketching! That is a mixed media watercolor process for art journaling.



Artist of the Month – Heather Coen

Congratulations to our January Artist of the Month, Heather Coen! Members chose her "Grand Canyon Seven" oil painting as their favorite. It is on a 16 by 20 canvas.



ARTIST SPOTLIGHT JUSTINE MANTOR-WALDIE

Justine Mantor's art works reflect the vistas of the McDowell and Superstition Mountains she views from her Fountain Hills Home. Her images focus on the shape patterns as she depicts shifting abstractions of light and shadow. Her conviction is that artistic images can contain healing and transformative possibilities. In her research and excursions to Egypt and Mexico she has been profoundly influenced by the ancient images. She creates works that reflect the land she sees with an internalized dialogue with the landscape of her life.

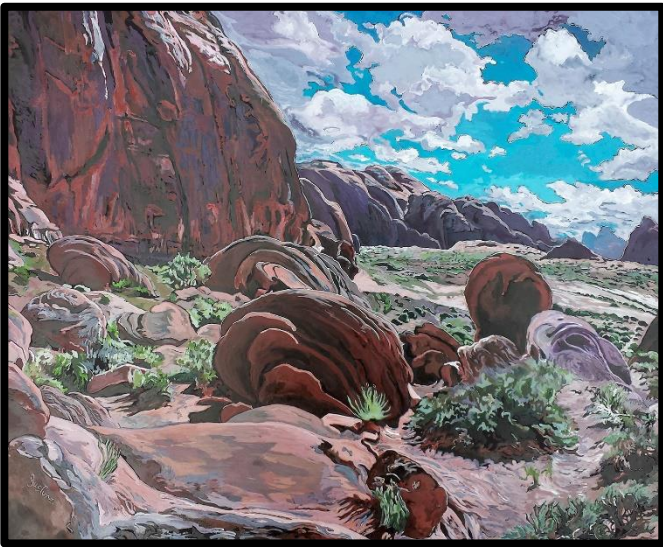
- Embarking on a visual dialogue as a journey toward personal healing has been an integral part of Mantor's layered, artistic images. She was particularly inspired during trips to Mexico where she discovered the tiny, silver *Milagro* medals pinned to images of Christ or to images of Saints on display in churches and used to promote self-healing or in testimony to the miracle of an actual healing. *Milagros* are known in Spanish-speaking and European countries as "Little Miracles" and are little metal shapes which depict a hurt body part, a broken object or an ailing animal, as healing meditations directed toward the injured entity. Mantor creates sculpted and painted *Milagros* which are "my created visualizaitons of pain and hurt and are designed to send a positive message which may promote healing of the self and illustrate the earth's interconnected wholeness."



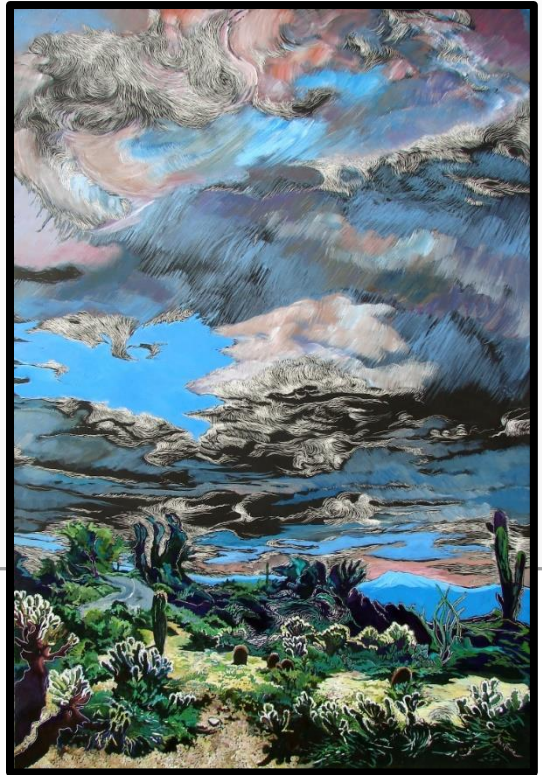
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on classes taught
by Justine see her
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Justine Mantor-Waldie



Justine paints with acrylic inks, pearlescent inks and etching on black scratchboard and clayboard



HOUSE OF REFUGE



The kids at House of Refuge Community Center are hands down the best!!! They expressed themselves through their many hand art ideas... kittens, ice cream cones, X-rays, zen designs, florals and more. Cora Newell led the activity. Peter Eobbi, Donna Finter and Liz Thompson assisted. What a great Day!
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GVAL's 20th Annual Juried Fine Art Show and Sale

**20th Annual Juried Fine Art Show and Sale
February 25 – April 4, 2023
Hosted by Gallery 4 at HD South
10 S. Gilbert Road, Gilbert, AZ**

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