

Gilbert Visual Art League

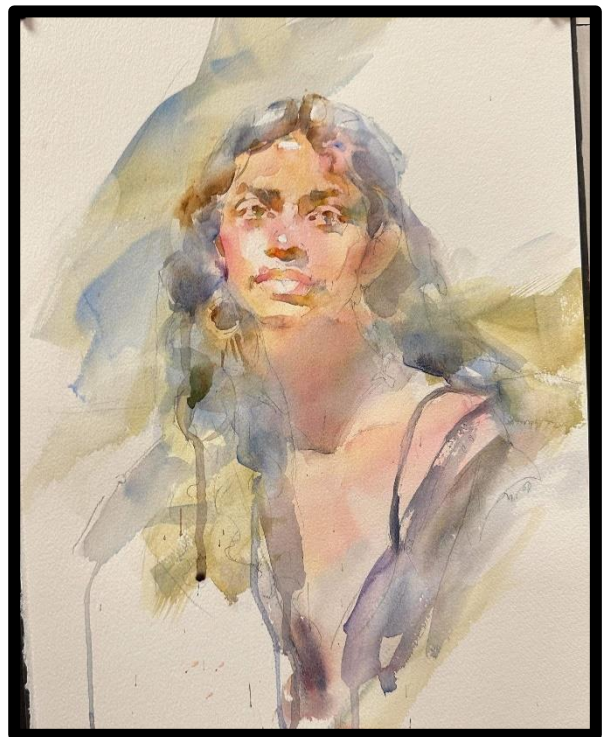
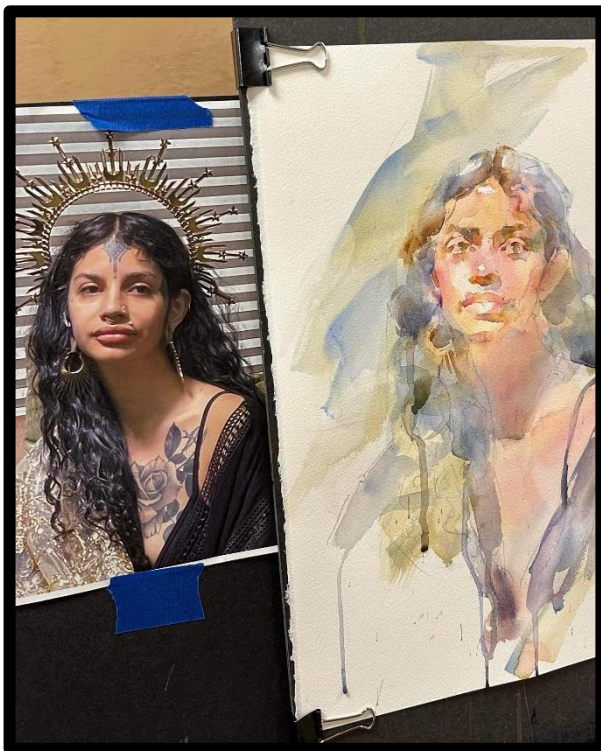
MEETING JUNE 1

- Our **6 pm June 1st meeting** will be the last one of the season. We will be gathering at HD South, in the Neely room (where our monthly meetings are held). The meeting will include the announcement of the Artist of the Year, the Summer Challenge, the Silent Auction Fundraiser and of course a great potluck!
- Our silent auction is both fun and rewarding. Members are invited to bring art supplies no longer needed. As in the past, they will be set on tables in the Neely Room. Members will have the opportunity to list the amount they are willing to offer for each item. At a designated time, you can claim your items. Cash or checks are preferred, but cards will also be accepted. The proceeds go to the GVAL general fund to defray expenses



May zoom demonstration by Annette Smith

What a delight to watch Annette Smith of Scottsdale Artist School demonstrate her painting style at our May meeting! She starts by drawing an excellent portrait on cold press paper. Then with the paper on a vertical easel, she swishes watercolors on some of the background. Next, Annette paints watercolors on the portrait allowing the colors to blend and drip. When the paint is dry, she works on defining the features. Thank you, Annette Smith for demonstrating your amazing, loose watercolor portraits and your quick wit! We thoroughly enjoyed your presentation! See more of Annette's art at <http://annettesmithfineart.com/>



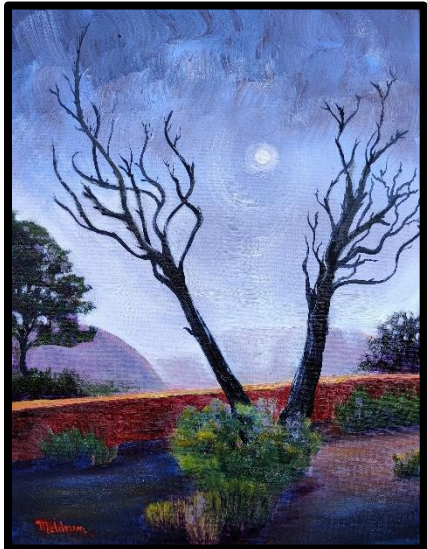
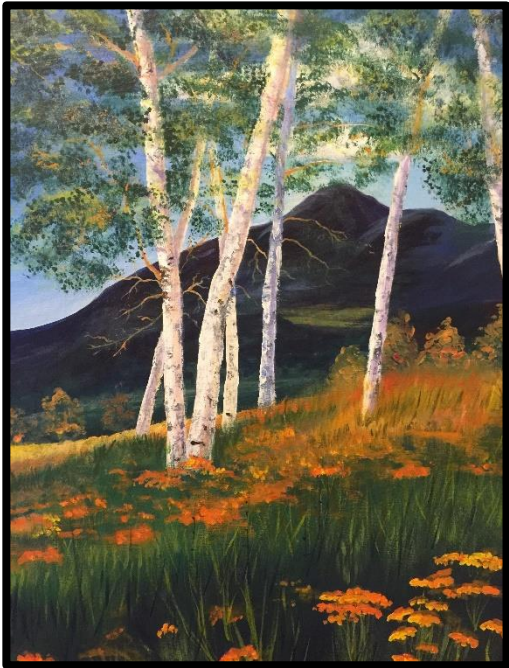
Artist Profile - Karen J. Meldrum

Karen J. Meldrum has always dabbled in art throughout her early life growing up in Los Angeles, (Covina) California, but after moving to Arizona in 1991 she decided to become an art teacher and graduated from ASU with a degree in Art Education. She taught high school with Chandler School District for 18 years. After graduating in 2000 Karen joined Arizona Clay Association and volunteered constructing and collaborating many permanent tile murals with artists Helen Helwig and Niki Glen at various schools. Eventually she had her ceramic students at Hamilton High school create tiles for the mural in the lobby at the school with these artists.

In teaching various media she always came back to the exciting variety of ceramics; there are so many possibilities and it spurs so much creativity in her hand built art. What inspires her is the beauty of organic shapes and harmonic colors of nature and mixing different media to get the effect she wants. Karen has done commissioned work and sold artworks at the GVAL art shows in the past 2 years and is continuing to hone her craft by taking classes and volunteering for the senior ceramic class at the Chandler Community Center.



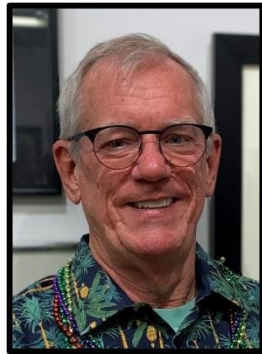
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Artist of the Month



Congratulations to John Priddy, who was our May artist of the month. His piece is titled "Paradise Burned". Amazing artwork!!



Thanks to GVAL Volunteers!!

The Higley School District Art Festival at Williams Field High School was a big success on May 1st! Thanks to GVAL volunteers Sharon Hess, Peter Eobbi, Jean Smith and Richard Van Belleghem for Hosting fun art activities for children and adults.



House of Refuge Art Outreach



• Don't forget the House of Refuge Art Outreach will continue through the summer! The kids at House of Refuge made nautical banners last Wednesday. This was led by Donna Finter, Jennifer Smith and Gracie Gilpin. If you want to know more about being a volunteer for Children's Art Time, contact donnafinter@gval.org



Happy Summer!



- GVAL will take a summer break after our June 1st meeting. Our art league year will resume in September. Enjoy summer vacations and creating your summer challenge art project.

- GVAL is active year round on Facebook and Instagram. Please share some of your current artwork or your art accomplishments during the summer. Email photos and your accomplishments to donnafinter@gval.org. We love celebrating you and your art ♡

