



# Gilbert Visual Art League



October 2023

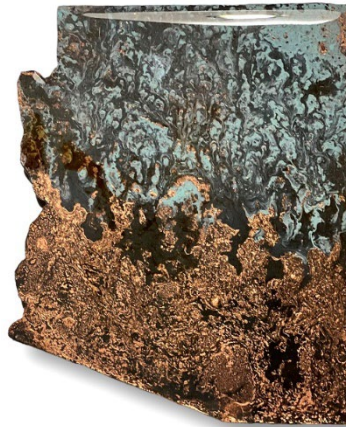
## Mark Your Calendar

**Don't miss seeing the member show! Open until Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, continuing online at [GVAL.org](http://GVAL.org)**

Marty Oelrich will be our November presenter. Marty is an artist and manufacturer. He is the owner of Saw & Steel, LLC, which produces handmade lights, décor and fine art. What started as a hobby in his garage in 2014, now operates with 5-7 employees in a 5000sq/ft. facility, where they produce hundreds of pieces per month, consisting almost exclusively of his designs.

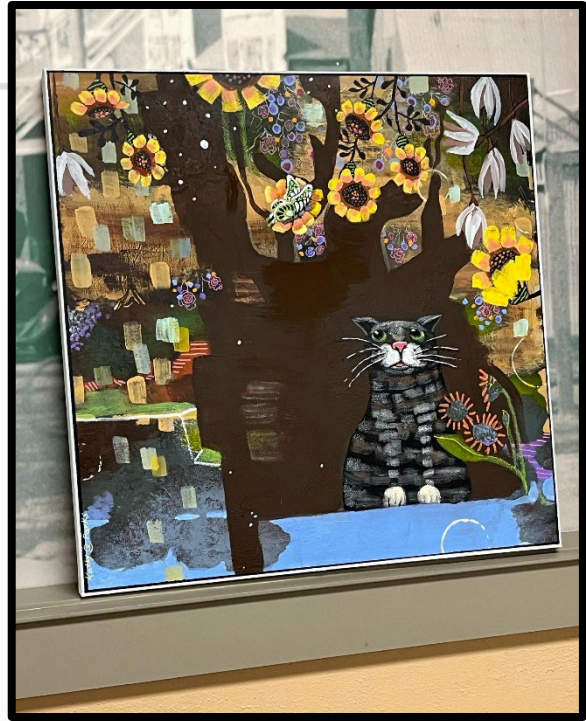
### Be Sure to See

- ❑ Feature- Artist Spotlight- Heather Coen
- ❑ Member show
- ❑ Artist of the Month
- ❑ House of Refuge Halloween
- ❑ Marty Oelrich presenter for November





Thank you, Kathy Q. Parks for a creative, fun presentation at our October Member Meeting! Her style is nonconfrontational, happy artwork. One unusual technique Kathy uses on old or unfinished pieces is rotating them and painting over some of the existing portions, creating an entirely new take on the original.





## Artist Spotlight Heather Coen



Heather Coen paintings have been recognized and published by every major art magazine including, Art of the West, Plein Air Magazine, American Art Collector, Colored Pencil Magazine, Southwest Art and others. She began her career by apprenticing to two major artists and then, over the coming years, took classes and workshops to hone her skills. Heather's career was halted for five years by her husband's debilitating brain disease and eventual demise. Unfortunately, that was followed by a two year recovery from knee surgery and bone replacement which got infected. All the momentum over the previous thirty five years was lost. She had moved from Colorado to Arizona just before these tragic calamities took place. Since then, she has risen from the ashes in Phoenix and began painting with a vengeance.

Having been awarded “Master Signature Circle” from Paint America, “Signature” from Pastel Society of Colorado and Plein Air Artists Colorado, she intends to resurrect her art career and resumed about three years ago.

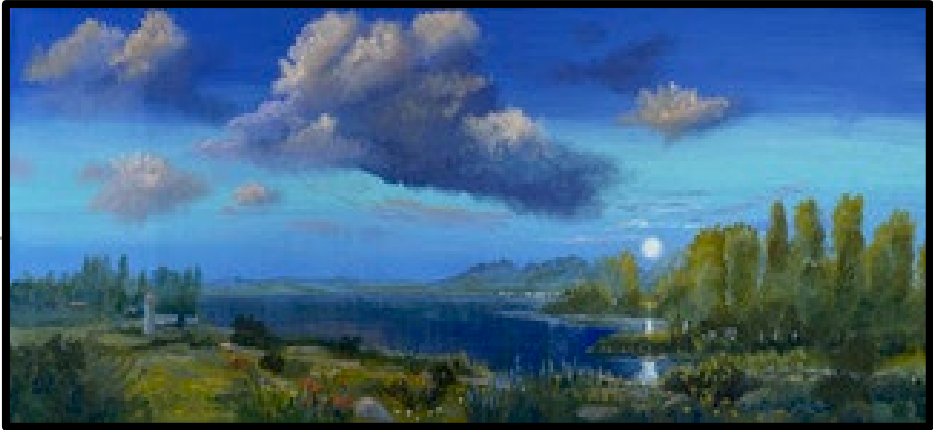
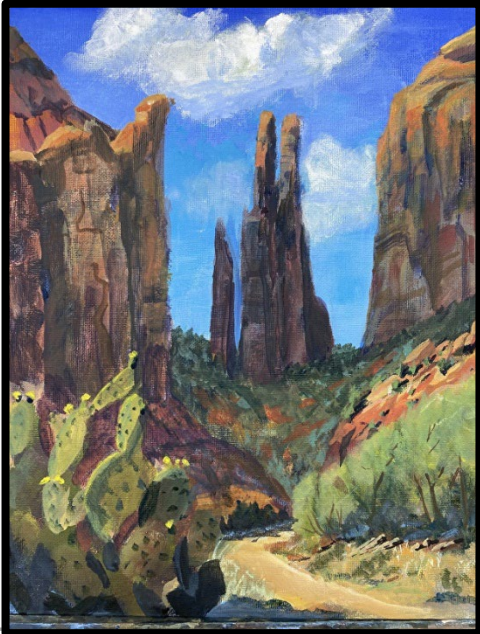
Included in 24 local and national shows in the last 24 months, her resume includes many ribbons and awards. Plein Air events on her biography include events such as “Plein Air Rockies,” “Prairies to Peaks,” “Tailgate 2022” in Sedona, and Artist in Residence for the Boyce Thompson Arboretum.

She belongs to such prestigious national organizations like Oil Painters of America, Women Artists of the West, National Oil and Acrylic Painters, Women Painters West, as well as a number of local art clubs. She currently has work in four different galleries in three different states including Wyoming, Colorado and Arizona.

Heather believes she is, “Creating a legacy, one original at a time.”



Heather Coen





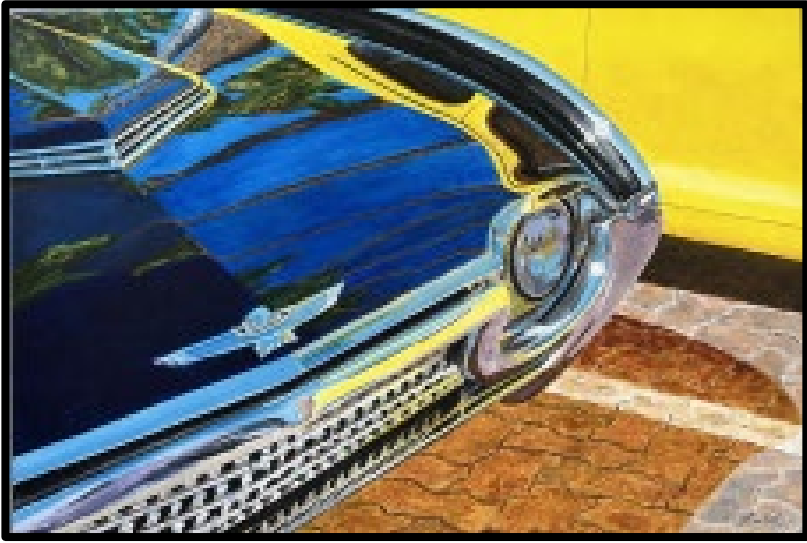
**Again, Linda McGuinness is our October artist of the month for a second year!**



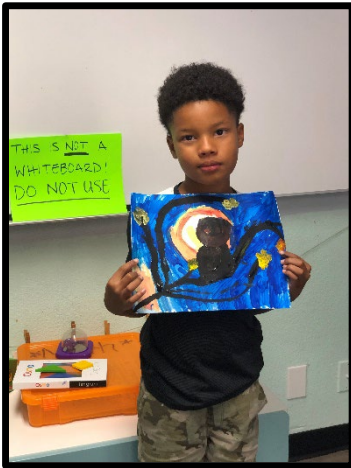
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# CELEBRATING FALL FROM THE HOUSE OF REFUGE



Fall was the recent theme for Kids' Art Time at House of Refuge. Peter Eobbi led a science based art activity painting pumpkins using baking soda, turmeric and hand sanitizer. Donna Finter taught an acrylic pointillism lesson on autumn trees. Christina Rosepapa led the children in a silhouette lesson. The kids had fun and demonstrated lots of individuality

## GVAL Monthly Meetings

**GVAL** hosts a monthly meeting the first Thursday of each month September through May at 6:30 p.m. except June Social is at 6:00.

Refreshments

Art critiques

**GVAL** announcements

Artist presenter/demo

Artist of the Month Chosen

**Location: HD South, home of the Gilbert Historical Museum at 10 S. Gilbert Road, Gilbert, AZ 85296** It is at Elliot and Gilbert Road. Turn off Elliot onto the street between the Museum and Gilbert Elementary. Park behind Museum. See <http://gval.org> or through our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/gilbertvisualartleague/> for more information.



A turkey raffle will be held on the Nov. meeting instead of the 50/50