

Gilbert Visual Art League



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Let's Mark Our Calendars!

April Meeting

**DON'T FORGET
GVAL Meeting
Thurs. April 4th**

Please join us at 6:30pm on Thursday, April 4th for our GVAL Monthly Meeting. Bring your unfinished art for critique, if you wish. Bring completed current artwork to be considered for the GVAL Artist of the Month. The rules for critique and AOM can be found on our website's Member Meeting page at <https://gval.org>. GVAL artists Sharon Hess, Jean Smith, and Deb Randall will demonstrate how to properly frame and wire your art for hanging in art shows. They will also share tips for the best presentation of your art. In addition, Jean Smith will answer any questions you may have concerning board positions in the upcoming election. Nomination requests were emailed on March 14th. If you missed it, you can check it out <https://gval.org>.

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Artist of the month – Elvie Becker**

GVAL Members: Our nonprofit art league has grown in so many great ways. Let's continue being a leading art group. Take a look at how the GVAL Board is organized. Please nominate yourself or member friends with their permission for the board. We look forward to mentoring new board members. We will gain from your ideas and talents. Thank you. -The GVAL Team

Jane Bradley - Art Vine editor

Demo by Sandy Ashbaugh in March



Sandy did a wonderful presentation of ceramics using Bmix pottery clay. Her pieces are brilliant. See her website at sandyashbaugh.com

Artist of the month



Congratulations to Elvie Becker who was chosen by secret ballot as the GVAL March Artist of the Month! See more of Elvie's work at a couple of her websites <https://elvie-becker.pixels.com/> and <https://fineartamerica.com/profiles/elvie-becker>

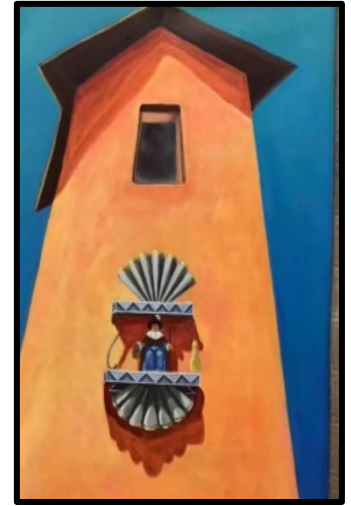
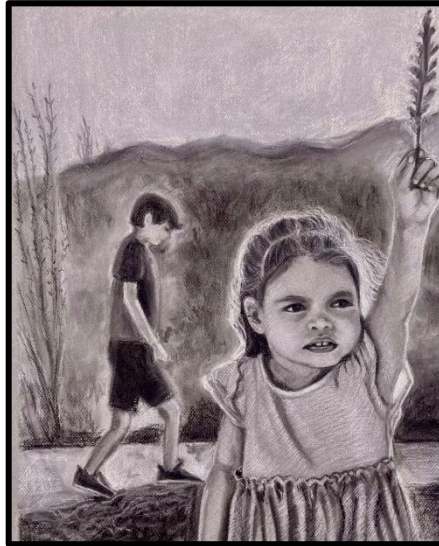
SPOTLIGHT ON SUZANNE RIOS

By
Donna Finter



Suzanne Rios is a native of Arizona who has been drawing since she was a child. As an adult she attended art classes at Mesa Community College. Suzanne is creative in many ways... painting, drawing, decorating, photography, gardening, and culinary arts.

Much of Suzanne's creativity is influenced by her love of family, nature, and her Hispanic heritage. On the right, "Luz De Mis Ojos" (Light of my Eyes) a charcoal on paper was awarded an Honorable Mention in Drawing at the 2024 GVAL Juried Show. After a visit to Chimayo, New Mexico, Suzanne painted "Santo Nino De Chimayo." The work took Second Place in Oil at a GVAL Juried Art Show.



Santo Nino De Chimayo



"Taos Storm" on the left, is a large oil painting from a photo Suzanne took in Taos, New Mexico.

Suzanne and her husband John, own Rios Auto Sales. John is an award-winning upholsterer. Cars, especially restored lowriders are a big part of their lives. The hubcap (below left) is Suzanne's recent oil painting. The men in the car were painted from one of Suzanne's photos. It is a 24X48 oil painting. She plans to do a series of car art.



Suzanne Rios-Spotlight Artist

Suzanne's home is a place of tranquility for her. She designed the mural (pictured to the right) on a wall in her backyard. Gardening is one of Suzanne's favorite hobbies. She combines that with culinary and visual arts. Suzanne says she is grateful for the little things in life.



“Granadas” 12X16 Oil on Canvas



Below is a lovely still life arranged by Suzanne, which she painted with oils. That day a group of GVAL artists had a brunch at her home and painted together. Suzanne enjoys sharing her interests with fellow artists.

Egg salad sandwich (above) with edible flowers from Suzanne's garden. On her Facebook page, Suzanne names plants, and tells which ones are edible.

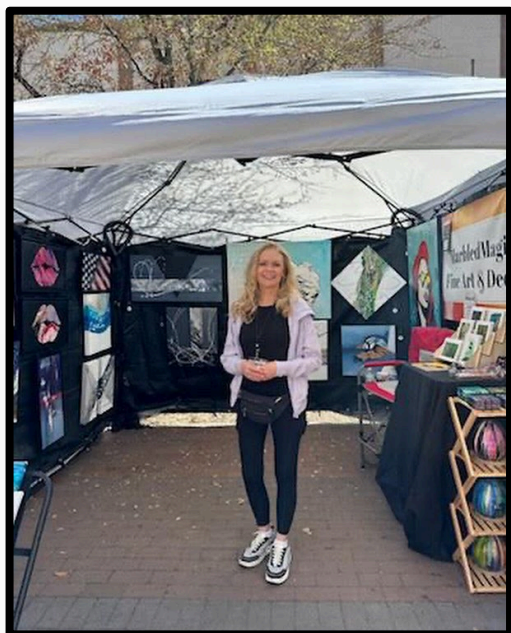
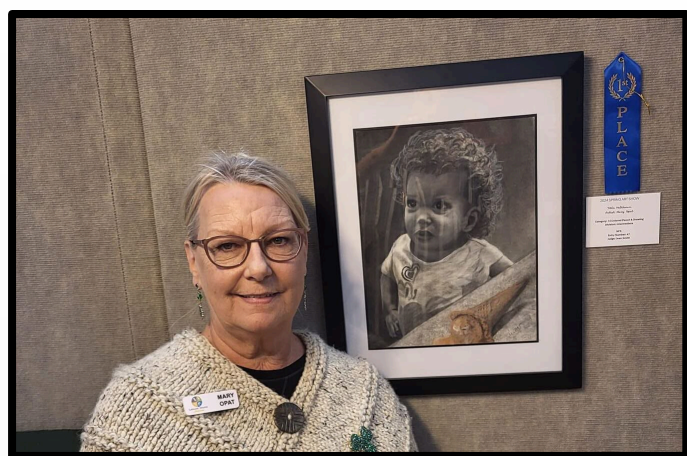


Enjoy more of Suzanne's creativity on Instagram @susannaorios.

Artists in Action



Congratulations to Mary Opat! Her painting "Mystical Mirage" was Awarded Best of Show and First Place in Mixed Media at Leisure World's Art Show. "Meltdown" won the People's Choice Award and First Place in Drawing. "Rust Bucket" won First Place in Oil and sold. She was also awarded Third Place in Oil for "MG", which also sold!



Congratulations to Lynn Marble on her Recent art sales at the Tempe Festival of Arts, which was held March 8-10th.

