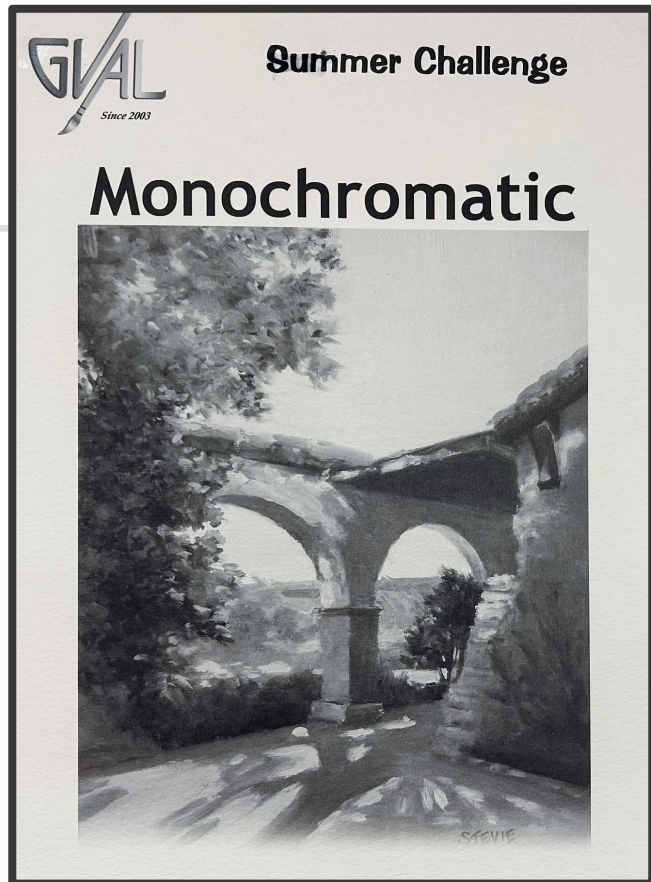


Gilbert Visual Art League

See you in September!!

- **Special GVAL Announcement:** GVAL Members: Each summer an art challenge is announced, and those pieces are entered in the Artist Of The Month competition for September. This year, the summer challenge is "Monochromatic".



Artist of the Year – Linda McGuinness



GVAL Artist of the Year is Linda McGuinness! She won with her beautiful watercolor entry, "Sunflower and Crystal". Eight wonderful Artist of the Month winners were in the competition. Members chose Linda's art by secret ballot at our June dinner.

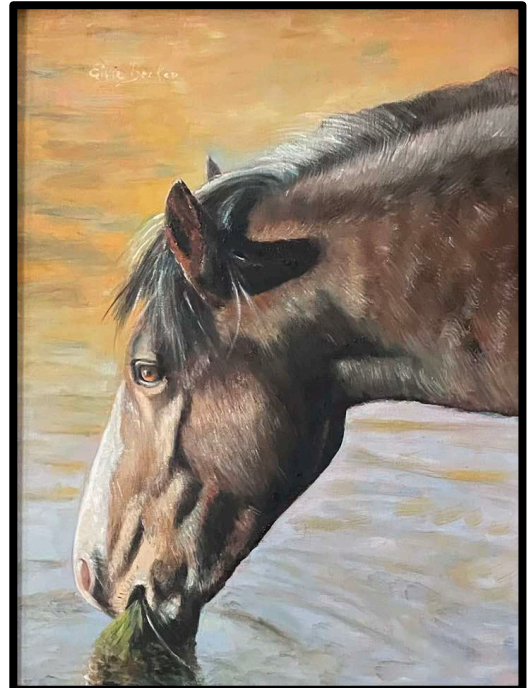
June Meeting



- Our final GVAL Member Meeting of the season was a great success! The June meeting was a potluck social and silent auction fundraiser at HD South in Gilbert. Our new season will begin with our September Monthly Meeting. It hope you will join this wonderful group of artists for another informative, fun-filled meeting. It will be held Thursday September 5th at 6:30 with a guest artist presenting.



Spotlight on Elvie Becker



Elvie is a self-taught artist who uses various mediums and is inspired by the Masters of the Renaissance. She is a member of the Mesa Art League, Gilbert Visual Art League, and attends workshops at the Scottsdale Artists School (SAS).

She loves to paint portraits in oils. She has completed Scottsdale Artists School's "The Academy", a two-year course in drawing in charcoal and painting the figure and portraits in oil with renowned artist Tim Rees. Has attended workshops held by artists Jerry Salinas, Tina Garrett, Romel de la Torre at SAS. She won awards from the "The Best and the Brightest" and "Fresh Paint" Contests hosted by SAS. Some of her works can be seen in All Saints Catholic Church on Recker Road in Mesa.

Elvie has been a Mesa resident for almost twenty-five years. Elvie has retired from Mesa Public Schools as a Teacher's Assistant in classrooms with Special Needs Children. She is a wife, mother and grandmother.

Her motto is: "ancora imparo" (Michelangelo's) – "still I learn".

Elvie Becker Continued



House of Refuge



After the children at House of Refuge learned about spiders and their webs, the kids designed their own. The art was a big hit! Thank you to GVAL volunteers Peter Eobbi and Karen Meldrum for the art fun. The activity was planned and led by Peter. He was also assisted by House of Refuge's Milena Cooper and her helpers



Bouncyband.
wiggly seat
big sensory cushion
for kids age 6-18

increase focus!

For class, meals, and homework time

13" 33cm
blue

Children naturally have a need to move and have sensory input, so GVAL purchased 10 wiggly seats for the children at the House of Refuge Community Center. The seats will give sensory input for kids with those needs and allow movement within a chair or on the floor for little wigglers.



- Our art league year will resume September 5, 2024
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Please share some of your current artwork or your art
accomplishments during the summer