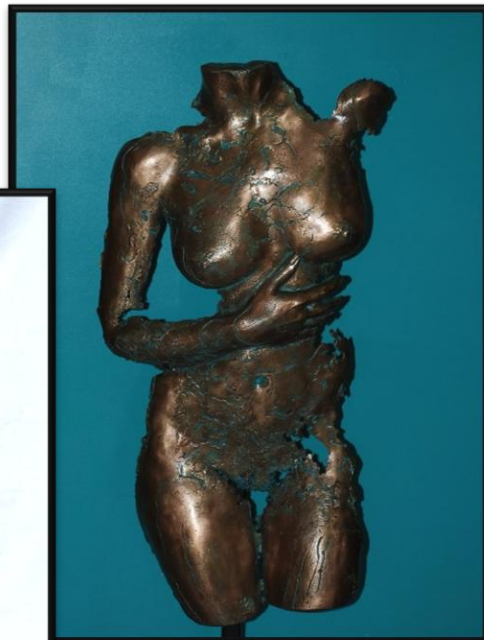
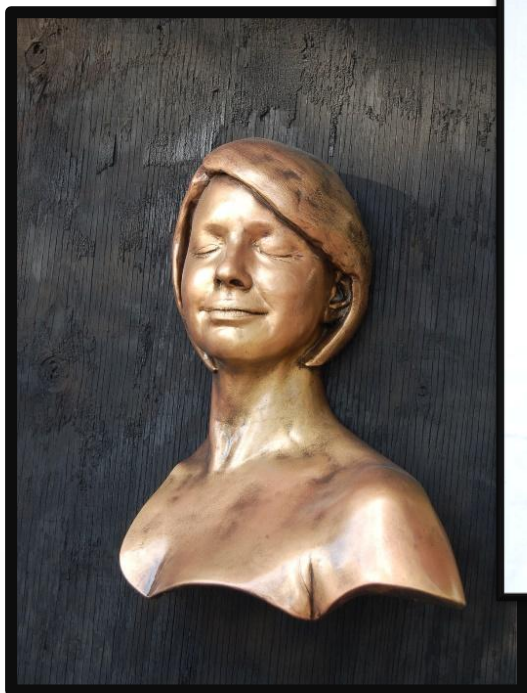
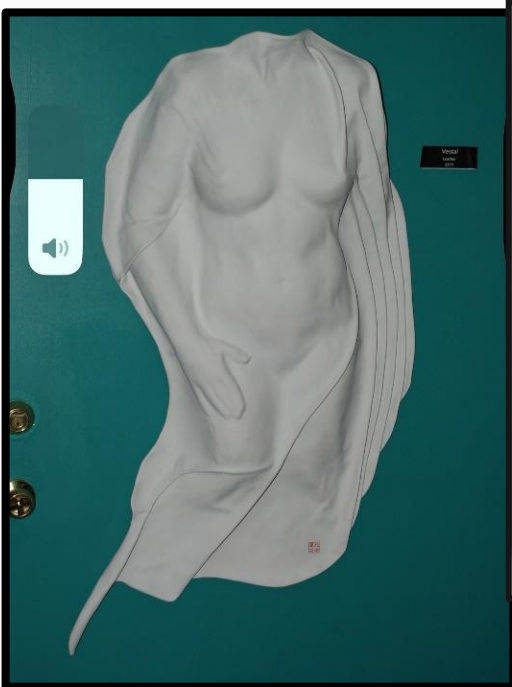


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**Bill Gullwing will be our  
demo Artist in October!!**



**Mark Your  
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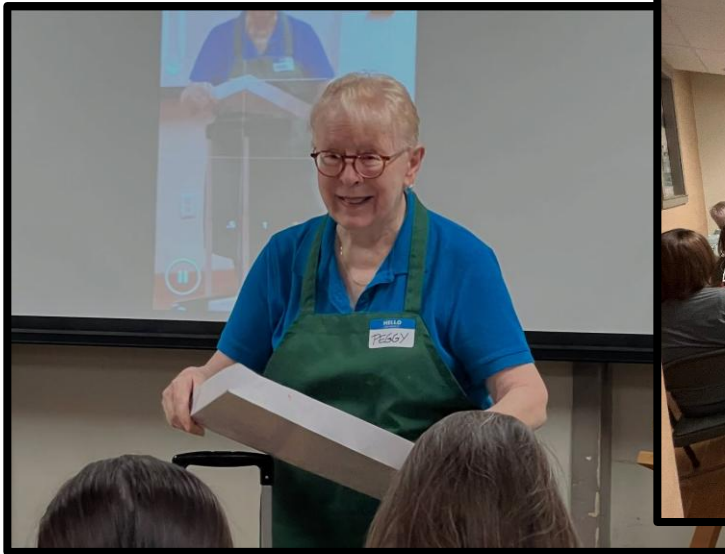


**Be Sure to See**

- ☐ New Feature-Artist Spotlight – Olivia Shelton
- ☐ Artist of the Month
- ☐ Community Outreach
- ☐ Bill Gullwing presenter for October
- ☐ Member Art Show

## GVAL September meeting

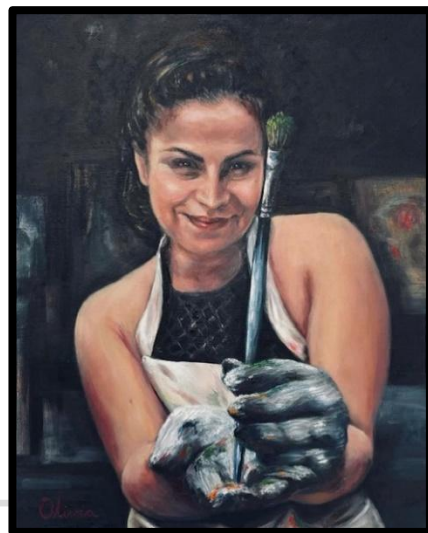
Peggy Wroblewski gave an interesting talk at our September GVAL meeting! Peggy shared her plein air landscapes and tips. She uses water-soluble oils. The Riparian is one of her favorite local places to paint outdoors. Peggy's enthusiasm inspired many members to sign up for a plein air experience together at the Riparian later in September







## Artist Spotlight – Olivia Shelton



Olivia L. Shelton is a Mexican artist, lived in California until 2001. Currently she resides in Gilbert AZ.

Today, her inspiration still comes from her dreams and emotions, those hidden feelings we all carry and wish some on canvas, to give them form and voice. Her preferred mediums one could understand. Her goal is to capture those emotions are Oils and Acrylics.

Her journey with Gilbert Visual Art League (GVAL) brought her new friends and new growth. GVAL gave her the community she had been praying for, and meeting artists like Jean Smith and Suzanne Rios has inspired and supported her in countless ways. Suzanne Rios, especially, has become her true art partner—they paint together, critique each other's work, and push one another to keep growing. Currently Olivia L. Shelton is very proud to be part of the GVAL board member group. At GVAL she has been honored with several awards from GVAL, including Artist of the Month three times as well an honorable mention in one of their seasonal shows. Recently, her work has been accepted into multiple galleries; Vision Gallery, Arizona Latino Art Center, XICO Gallery, and The Monastery, Peoria.

Through every step, art has been her constant. It has carried her through challenges, brought her community, and given her hope. She believes art is more than beauty on canvas – it is the voice of our dreams, our struggles and our emotions.

# Olivia Shelton







# 2025 GVAL MEMBER ART SHOW NOV 9 - DEC 3

**DROP OFF ART THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 6TH FROM 5:30 TO 7:30  
PM**

**ART HANGING FRIDAY NOVEMBER  
7TH FROM 9AM**

**RECEPTION TBD.**

**FREE FOR ACTIVE (PAID DUES)  
MEMBERS**

**3 PIECES UP TO 60" (SIZE TO  
INCLUDE FRAME)**

**NO TIME CONSTRAINTS FOR WHEN  
THE ARTWORK WAS CREATED.**

**SHOW APPLICATION DEADLINE  
NOVEMBER 2ND AT MIDNIGHT**

**ART MUST BE FRAMED, WIRED AND  
READY TO HANG.**

## ARTIST OF THE MONTH



**Congratulations to Olivia Shelton! She is GVAL's Sept. Artist of the Month! Her wonderful art piece "Agritopia Garden" was painted with Acrylic and oils.**

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

GVAL SERVES MANY PEOPLE THROUGH OUR ART COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS AT 6 LOCATIONS: HOUSE OF REFUGE, MESA (CHILDREN 5-11); HD SOUTH, GILBERT (ALL AGES); CLARENDALE OF CHANDLER (ASSISTED LIVING AND MEMORY CARE RESIDENTS); COOLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, GILBERT (ART STUDENTS); VERENA AT GILBERT (RETIREEES); AND HIGLEY SCHOOLS ARTS FESTIVAL, GILBERT (ALL AGES).

THESE ART EXPERIENCES WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT GVAL ARTIST VOLUNTEERS. THEY NOT ONLY SHARE THEIR TALENTS AND LOVE OF ART, BUT THEY SHOW HOW MUCH THEY CARE ABOUT THE STUDENTS.

OUR ART LEAGUE IS STARTING A NEW PROGRAM FOR THE MOTHERS AT HOUSE OF REFUGE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT ANY OF OUR ART PROGRAMS, EMAIL OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR AT [DONNAFINTER@GVAL.ORG](mailto:DONNAFINTER@GVAL.ORG).



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