



# Gilbert Visual Art League

## November Art Vine

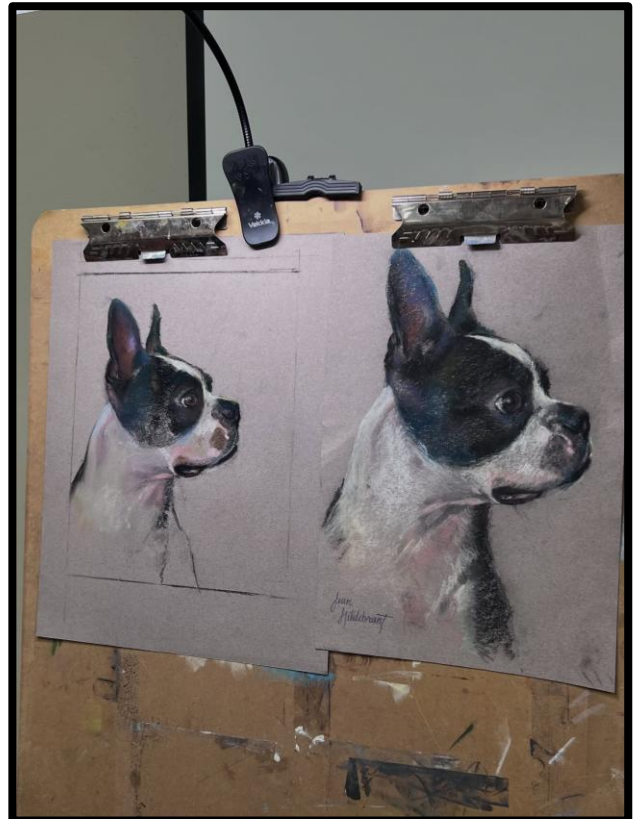
### • GVAL HOLIDAY PARTY

- Join us December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm for our annual holiday party.
- Members can bring a guest and a dish to share.
- A-G Main Dish H-N Side Dish O-U Salad V-Z Dessert
  - A gift valued at \$20
- We will be voting for the most bizarre or festive outfit!



# November presentation

What a wonderful presentation by Jean Hildebrant at the GVAL November member meeting. Jean is an artist of exceptional talents who shared with us invaluable information about creating animal and people portraits. We all thoroughly enjoyed seeing her beautiful pieces and learning about some of the tools she uses. Artists who want to learn more about painting animals can enroll in her class scheduled to start in February at Scottsdale Art School.





## ARTIST SPOTLIGHT ON SUZANNE RIOS

Suzanne Rios is a native of Arizona who has been creating art since she was seven years old. She is a multi-talented creative artist whose interests include visual art, culinary art and gardening. Often her garden produce becomes her muse before it ends up on the dinner plate.

Today she works exclusively in oil and charcoal. She finds inspiration for her art in her American and Hispanic heritage, the beauty of the desert, classic cars and her familial roots. Her artistic style is representational; themes include figurative, cultural, botanical, landscape and surrealism.

This has been a momentous year for her. She created the cover for the fourth edition of the novel *El Hermano*, by Carmen Baca. She has won awards, juried art and has been invited as a guest speaker to present her garden related art to two local garden groups. She has enjoyed sales, and has been exhibited in several galleries.

Along the way she has built strong friendships with other artists. Suzanne and her friend and fellow artist from GVAL, Olivia Shelton, critique encourage and support each other. If you asked Suzanne what advice she would give to other artists she would encourage them to find another artist with whom you can share this wonderful journey.





# Suzanne Rios





## Artist of the Month



Congratulations to Linda  
McGuinness  
November Artist of the Month


"For the Birds is a 16X20  
watercolor

## Verena Sale in Gilbert

**ART FOR SALE**  
**AT VERENA IN GILBERT**  
**\$20-\$25**

**DEC. 5<sup>TH</sup> AND DEC. 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9AM TO 4PM**

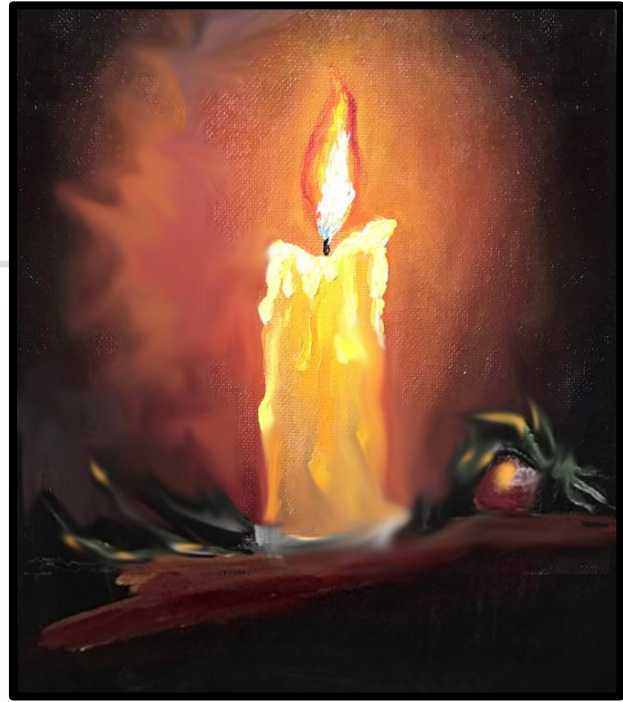
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Small Artworks  
Sale  
at Verena  
1505 E. Willis Rd.  
Gilbert  
Dec. 5th-6th  
9 a.m. -4 p.m.  
Come support  
fellow GVAL  
members  
Gift beautiful art!  
Give original work!

## CLASSES OFFERED AT HD SOUTH

- Join HD SOUTH and the Gilbert Visual Art League for this fun and interactive art "workshop. Pam Hendricks and Donna Finter, members of the Gilbert Visual Art League (GVAL) will lead participants in a workshop teaching acrylic art techniques. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required at HDSouth's website. Cost is \$5 or free to members of HD South. "



Gilbert Visual Art League artist Peter Eobbi is teaching a Holiday Card class at HD South on Dec. 13th from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. All materials provided. Cost is \$5 or free to museum members. Registration is required at <https://hdsouth.org/>.



## Community Outreach

**Gilbert Visual Art League** strives to provide education at our monthly meetings through professional artist presentations and by supporting various outreach programs in our community.

**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 (retirees); 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 started a new parent program in November 2025 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).





## Monthly Meetings

GVAL hosts a monthly meeting the first Thursday of each month September through June at 6:30 p.m.

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 School. Park behind Museum. See

<https://hdsouth.org/> for more information.

Any info for the newsletter please email [redjb7@cox.net](mailto:redjb7@cox.net)

Our Member Show ends on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, but will continue online into the spring. Be sure to visit and see the wonderful artwork until then. Here are a few samples.

