

From the Art Room

In This Issue: Three Artists Giving Back

Kathy Morgan is Keeping Busy this Summer



A new design in leather working with another artist who cuts out state quarters.



Latest knitted baby bonnet.



Baby Rocker Puzzle that Kathy made for her Camp Fundraiser "Nite Under the Stars".

Helping Kids with Special Needs

Camp Knutson is dedicated to nurturing the well-being of persons with identified needs in a setting which celebrates God's love for community and creation. Kathy generously gives her time to spark creativity in these special kids.

Camp Knutson sits on a beautiful, updated 30-acre campus located on a picturesque peninsula, surrounded by towering pines and nestled between the pristine waters of Whitefish and Trout Lakes. The camp is fully accessible and volunteers have over 60 years of experience working with special populations. The trained staff adapt activities to the needs and skills of each camper and the medical support staff is available 24/7.

The camp provides a relaxed, non-competitive atmosphere in which campers gain greater self-confidence and self understanding through fun traditional and non-traditional activities which include Arts & Crafts.



New summer projects for Camp Knutson are beaded snakes and turtles, along with dream catchers.



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*From
the
President*

Summer in Minnesota is keeping me busy and a little crazy - too many things to do and not enough hours in the day! I hope all of our Art League members are enjoying family and friends! My summer camp is starting full force next week and the 4th of July brings 16 family members to play at the lake. August will be calmer and then in the fall, I look forward to seeing all my Verdes friends.

Have a great summer.
Kathy Morgan

Renaut Works Closely with The Gentle Barn Tennessee



Nancy with Dudley, the Gentle Barn's Ambassador, who passed in June.

The Gentle Barn rescues animals from severe abuse and neglect who are too old, sick, lame, or scared to be adopted into homes. They are a sanctuary for horses, donkeys, cows, pigs, sheep, goats, turkeys, chickens, llamas, peacocks, emus, cats and dogs. Once rehabilitated, the animals help give hope and inspiration to children with the same stories.

Proceeds from the sale of Nancy's art go to the Gentle Barn Tennessee. Nancy is featured in "What Are You Up To?" on page 5.



Nancy with Miles, who will take over as Ambassador. Nancy has a special bond with Miles, she was the first person that he approached.

gentlebarn.org



Firewise Fundraiser

by Margie Barritt

For several years Verdes Art League members have contributed art to the silent auction, raising money for the Firewise in the Verdes. The auction is held in conjunction with the November annual Firewise event. Watch for more information about the Firewise event and the opportunity for Verdes artists to aid in funding the continuing efforts to keep the Verdes safe from fire.

Jack Vogler, Art Ambassador



Jack Vogler is President of "Art Ambassador for a Colorful World". Art Ambassador helps children and young adults express their vision of the world through art. When children draw and paint their creative spark is ignited. They develop skills like cooperation, confidence and leadership. Art provides a colorful retreat from everyday life, bringing joy and laughter to the children and the communities that delight in them.

Art Ambassador uses art to engage the children in their education, provides lectures, and creative projects. Their community philanthropic activities and scholarships also reward and inspire those with whom they work.

Visit their website if you wish to donate:

artambassador.org



June in the Alcoves



Jack Vogler has visited Tonto and Rio Verde for 25 years always taking pictures of the surrounding area and often setting up his easel to quickly paint the scenes en plein air.

Jack's in-home gallery features many painting of this area along with numerous others of the Grand Teton Range and Yellowstone in Wyoming, Santa Fe and Taos, New Mexico, and the east coast area of his previous home in Connecticut. Vogler now resides in Tonto Verde.

Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera at the Heard

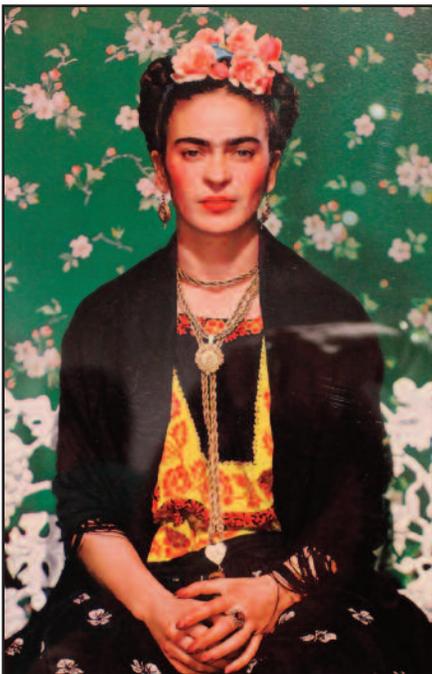


Jane Lewis and Susan Murphy escaped the art room on June 14th Summer Draw Studio to visit the exhibit at the Heard Museum.

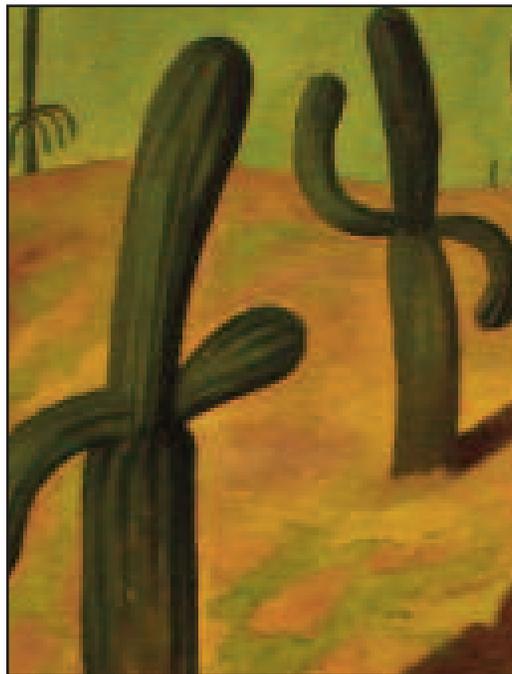
The exhibit offered a rare chance to see and experience masterpieces by two of the most important and recognizable artists of the 20th century. The works, from the Jacques and Natasha Gelman Collection, include Kahlo's *Diego on My Mind* and *Self-Portrait with Mon-*

keys, both featuring the artist's inscrutable and intense stare, hallmark brow and braids. The exhibition also presents major examples of Rivera's canvas paintings, including *Sunflowers* and *Calla Lily Vendor*, which reflect the artist's exuberant use of color and sympathetic and uniquely stylized depictions of Mexico's Native peoples.

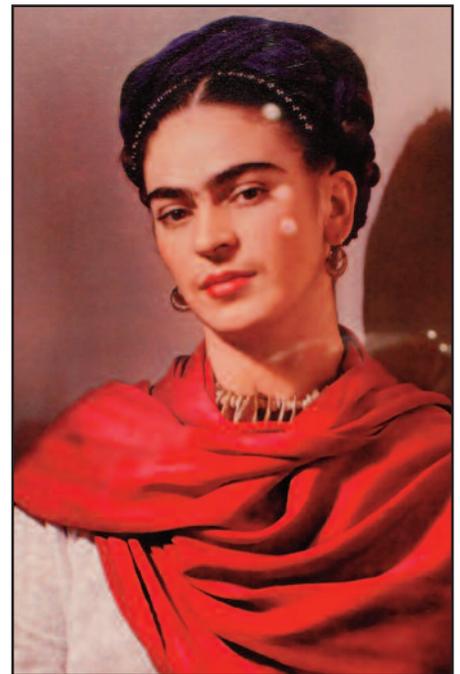
Many photographs of the couple were included.



Frida Kahlo on White Bench
Carbon print by Nickolas Muray, 1938



Detail of a Diego Rivera painting.



Frida Kahlo with Red "Rebozo"
Carbon print by Nickolas Muray, 1939

5 Things to Remember When You Are Drawing



1 Step Back From Your Work

When you step back from your work, you can see everything. Take time to reflect on what's working and what's not.

2 Draw What You See Not What You Know



Remember to keep looking at what you're drawing all the way to the end.

3 Consider Composition



Where do you want the focus to be? How will it all be laid out?

4 Be Patient With Yourself

No matter how long you have been drawing, you're still always learning.



5 Enjoy The Process



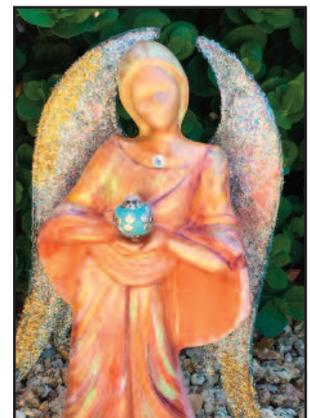
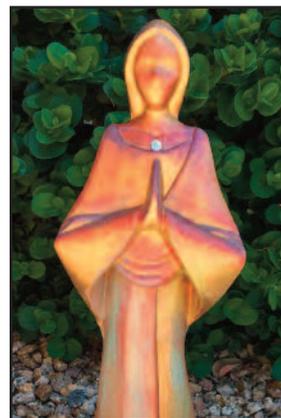
There's plenty of time to sit back and look and make improvements.

What are you up to?

Nancy Renaut



Nancy has been busy working with the Gentle Barn Tennessee this summer. Her work was featured in a show at Storm Wisdom in Phoenix on June 25th where she also sells her angels. Nancy and her husband are going to Glacier National Park in August and will spend September at the Gentle Barn in Tennessee.



Recent work



Let me know what you're up to this summer!
Email me copy and images at:

sdmurphy@gmail.com

Workshop Possibility *by Marcy Roth*

There is an interesting Arizona landscape artist from Jerome that might be fun to have come do a workshop. His name is Cody DeLong (codydelong.com). Here is some info: He would do a three day workshop for a minimum of 8 people. \$250 for the 3 days. He has a 6 step process that he would teach. The first day is an introduction, then plein air painting. The next two days are studio work, learning the process he uses, and learning about working from photographs. He would need a place to stay. He teaches from an oil standpoint but says he would welcome acrylic or watercolor painters. He works from 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. Until 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. With 1.5 lunch hour.

The workshop will cost \$250 each if there were 8 people to fill the class

If anyone has any interest in this possibility, please let me know at mcroth47@gmail.com.



Fanning while flapping their wings... this is how Grackles keep cool outside the Art Room

Draw Studio Plans for the 2017-2018 Winter Season

October

- Watch Frida Kahlo movie together
- Learn and Practice Contour Drawing
- One week is "Open Studio" where we will all draw a personal choice.

November

- Continue with Contour Drawing with the objective being a finished drawing, perhaps adding color.
- Open Studio one week

December

- Practice drawing "foreshortened" figures for two weeks
- Open Studio
- Rub graphite on paper and "draw" by lifting off with an eraser.

January

- Value Lessons using pencil techniques such as cross hatching
- Open Studio

February

- Perspective Overview
- Open Studio

March

- Repeat one of the topics above for more practice
- Open Studio

April

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- Open Studio

April

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Summer Draw Studio

Summer Draw Studio is still going on during these hot months in the cool Art Room at Rio Verde on Wednesdays from 10:00 to noon. If you'd like to be put on the Summer Draw Studio email list, please contact Susan Murphy at sdmurphy@gmail.com.



Jane Lewis working with white pencil on black paper



Susan Murphy working on a contour drawing



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Demma Gives Oil Painting Workshops



Chris asks you to get out of the summer heat and enjoy a relaxing and challenging oil painting workshop. She will teach the strategies she uses to create her botanical portraits. All materials will be provided. All you need is your interest, an old apron, and your lunch.

The two paintings to the right represent your painting challenge.

Both workshops are located at the Fountain Hills Artists Gallery in Fountain Hills and workshops run from 9:30 to 3:30 with a cost of \$58.00. Registration for



Solo Berry Workshop

Monday, July 10th



Blue Agave Workshop

Monday, Sept. 18th

all workshops are done through the gallery. Call 480-836-9919 to register. Credit cards are now accepted.

Free Instruction Online

Jerry's Artarama has free art instructions online. You can watch over 2,000 free video art lessons. There are over 10,000 hours of art instruction for all media and skill levels.

www.jerrysartarama.com/free-art-instruction-videos

Art Studio Classes at Mesa Arts Center



Art Studio Classes at Mesa Arts Center showcase 15 visual and performing arts studios and classrooms, presenting over 1000 adult and youth classes every year. There is something for everyone... Ceramics, Painting, Glass, Jewelry, Sculpture, Photography, and Multimedia.

www.mesaartscenter.com/classes

“
Creativity is allowing
oneself to make mistakes.
Art is knowing which
ones to keep.”

Scott Adams
The Dilbert Principle

Share Your Art with the Community

by Margie Barritt

Thank you for the artists who have agreed to display their work during the "off" season. You would be surprised how many folks do live in the Verdes in the summer. These hardy people enjoy the Verdes Art League displays when ever they escape the heat by doing activities in the Community Center.

Draw Studio participants showed their work in May and June in a lively display pairing member's work with their photos and artists' statements.

July will feature Nancy Renaut's ceramics and Tammy Peterson's watercolors; both artists use angels as a motif

in some of their work. August's display will include Debi Visconti's cards and Kathy Morgan's knitted work and samples of her many other craft pieces. September and October will be "Meet the New Verdes Art League Co-Presidents" as Marcy Roth's oils and Chris Rich's watercolors will fill the case.

Think about showing your work in the glass case. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the art room or by contacting Margie Barritt at margb@umich.edu.

Alcove Display*

Jackie Yuhas

Artists Scheduled:	July	Emmett Ryan
	August	Lori Coue
	September	Margie Barritt
	November	Connie Lewis
	December	Hannelore Bailey

Available Dates: There are plenty of open dates for the Alcove. Please contact Jackie Yuhas if you wish to show your work. "Sign Up Sheet" is in the Art Room

Glass Case Display*

Margie Barritt and Marcy Roth

Artists Scheduled:	June 17 thru July	Tammy Peterson & Nancy Renaut
	August	Kathy Morgan & Debi Visconti
	September	Eddie Lopez' Students' Work
	October	Chris Rich & Marcy Roth
	November	Elise Verhille
	December	Toni Lowden

Available Dates: We need one more person for November and December. If you wish to display, please sign-up on the Art Room Bulletin Board or contact Margie Barritt

* In order to give all members a chance to display their crafts or artwork, a limit of displaying twice in a calendar year will be observed. Thank you.

Ongoing Classes

General Art Instruction:

Instructor: Eddie Lopez
Rio Verde Community Center Art Room
Mondays: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Draw Studio:

Marcy Roth
Tonto Verde Multi-Purpose Room
Wednesdays 10:00 am - noon (thru May 10th)
Beginning May 17th it will move to Rio Verde for the Summer.
Email sdmurphy@gmail.com if you wish to be put on the Summer mailing list.

Open Studio &
Mini Workshops:

Lori Coue and Cheryl Ravenschlag
Rio Verde Community Center Art Room
Tuesdays - All Day
Wednesdays - All Day
Thursdays - 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Fridays - All Day
Saturdays - Open for Guest Art Teachers

*Summer Sundays
at the Heard*



Stay
Cool
at the
Heard
Museum

July 23rd &
August 27th
11:00 to 5:00

If we pour it, they will come.

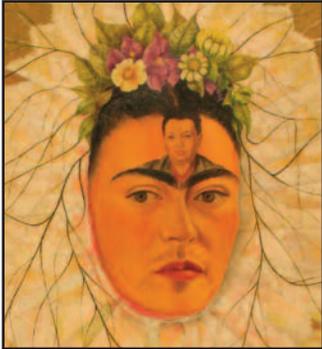
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Current Exhibitions in the Area

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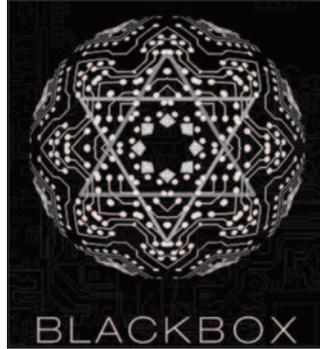


Frida Kahlo & Diego Rivera
Through August 20th

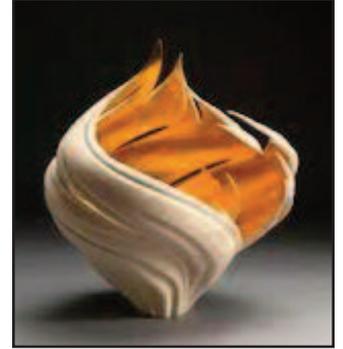


Over the Edge
Fred Harvey at the Grand Canyon and in the Great Southwest
Through December 31st

Mesa Contemporary Art Museum



Black Box
Multi-media artist Christine Cassano
Through August 6th



Making Waves
Group Installation
Through August 20th

Phoenix Art Museum



Samurai
Armor from the Ann & Gabriel Barbier-Mueller Collection
Through July 16th



Longer Ways to Go
Photography of the American Road
Through October 15th



Flourish
A Survey of the New Contemporary Movement
May 12th - August 6th

ASU Art Museum

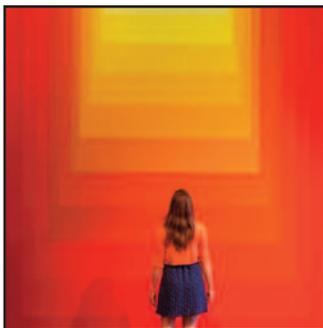


The Violence of Truth
Encounter with Joe Bernadi
Through July 15th

Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art



Ocean of Light: Submergence
A Squidsoup Project
Through September 24th



Murals
James Marshall
Ongoing

Scottsdale's Museum of the West



Grand Canyon Grandeur
Through December 31st



Rennard Strickland Collection of Western Film History
Through December 31st