



WICKENBURG ART CLUB ARTIFACTS

October 2011
Our 48th Year!

Editor's Notes

Looking back on September, we had a very good beginning to our 2011-2012 season. Our Youth Art Committee held two successful after-school art sessions on two Wednesdays, the 14th and the 28th. Over 20 students have signed up for these sessions, which continue on the second and fourth Wednesday through the fall.

Steve Plichta instructed a class on charcoal portrait drawing and everyone who attended produced great results. How do you do that, Steve? We have two more excellent instructors coming this fall (See *Exciting Art Classes* on Page 3). We gained four new members in September (See *Welcome to our New Members!* on Page 3).

Dave Hill held a WAC plein air paint-out at the Spur Cross Ranch Conservation, a Maricopa County Regional Park on September 22nd. He will announce the details for the October 20th plein air paint-out at the October 10th General Meeting.

On September 22nd WAC hosted the Chamber of Commerce After Hours Business Mixer (See article on Page 5), which was a great success.

The drawing group resumes their sessions in October (see Page 7). Exhibits VP, **Pamela Morris Johnson** and her chairpersons coordinate the display of members' work at the October Friends of Music after-concert receptions at the Community Center and around town at various business locations year 'round. See Page 3 for a complete list of venues and the artists who are displaying their work at each.

We'll wrap up the month of October with a WAC Rummage Sale at Sharon Pearson's house. (See Page 2 for more details.)

We've also included announcements of paint-outs sponsored by other organizations

Chuck Holcombe, Artifacts Editor

Election of 2012 Officers

It's almost time for WAC members to elect new officers for the 2012 calendar year. The search committee has found the candidates listed below, and we are still open for other nominations. If you are interested in being a candidate, or wish to nominate someone else, please contact **Marian Koegele** at 928-684-1151 or come to the October and/or November General Meetings. Elections will be held at the November 14th General Meeting, when we also welcome nominations from the floor. New officers are sworn in at the December 12th General Meeting. The new term for officers begins January 1, 2012.

Marian Koegele, Search Committee Chair

Here are the candidates:

President: **Jane Holcombe**
1st Vice President — Programs: **Nancy Hill**
2nd Vice President — Exhibits: **Pam Morris Johnson**
3rd Vice President — Building: **Fred Fleck**
Treasurer: **Sharon Pearson**
Secretary: **Suzanne Cabala**



Wickenburg Art Club Notices

§ **Pamela Morris Johnson**, WAC Vice President of Exhibits, will schedule a **Jurying** event in October for those artists who are not yet juried and who would like to be eligible to exhibit art at WAC-sponsored events. Sign up on the jurying sheet at the club or contact **Pam** at PamjNaz@aol.com. You must be WAC or Arizona Art Alliance juried to exhibit your work at various business venues under WAC's auspices and to participate in the Las Senoras Home Tour & Holiday Craft Fair or Artists at Work on November 12th (sign-up sheet at the club).

§ **The Las Senoras Home Tour & Holiday Craft Fair** will be November 5th at the Community Center. WAC has reserved three 10' x 10' spaces for the display and possible sale of works by our juried artists. We're asking each participating artist to contribute \$5.00 to help defray costs. Artists must set up their art between 11:00am and 2:00pm on Friday, November 4th, and pick up their pieces at 4:00pm sharp on November 5th. **Linda Parker**, event chair, will assist those artists who are not able to meet that schedule. Call **Linda** at 928-684-7114 or 928-684-7129 to make arrangements, reserve your space, or to ask questions. Please reserve your spaces early so we can accommodate all who wish to participate.

§ **WAC is on Facebook!** If you use Facebook, check it out and "Like" Wickenburg Art Club. We'll use Facebook to supplement communications on WAC events, share inspiration, and post photos of activities. Facebook administrator is **Donna Drake** (azdawna@yahoo.com). If you have a show of your own coming up, or had a sale you'd like to brag about, or have your art hung somewhere ... **let's share!**

§ We would really appreciate any members who have art supplies that they are no longer using sharing them with the students in our Youth Art Program that we hold at the Art Club. Items such as colored and/or black markers, crayons, watercolor pencils (colored and regular), art erasers, paper and sketching paper, etc. THANK YOU!

§ Check out the **West Valley Arts Council** Website! WVAC has listings of various arts events taking place in the West Valley. By clicking on the link for "Artist Opportunities" from their homepage, you can find listings that include connections for displaying your work, teaching, and commissions. Find them at: <http://www.westvalleyarts.org/index.html>.

§ **To all artists:** Please retain the WAC art identification cards that describe your works of art displayed at our studio or at any venue. We've been using more than we need to.

§ **A Reminder!** If you purchase materials for WAC at Kwikprint, Ace Hardware, or Johnson Lumber and CHARGE it OR WISH REIMBURSEMENT, please leave a signed copy of your receipt in the "Treasurer" slot on top of the filing cabinet in the office, or personally give it to **Sharon Pearson**. She also needs to know what the material is to be used for. If the receipt is small, you may attach it to one of the forms found in the "Treasurer" slot.

§ **DON'T FORGET WAC's RUMMAGE SALE on Saturday, October 29th!** We're holding the sale at **Sharon Pearson's** home, **950 S. Ocotillo, Wickenburg, AZ 85390** to reserve the WAC building for art-related events only. **Sharon** has storage space, and is collecting and storing items until the sale if you want to dispose of them sooner. All types of items are welcome, including clothing. However, we need more! Please deliver donated items to Sharon at her home or at the studio. **You'll get great bargains at this event!**

§ Please don't leave the building messy and disordered. If you are working in or otherwise using the building, police the area before you leave.

§ **The Board Meetings' day and time is now the first Tuesday of each month at 2:30pm.**

§ A Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce Web page at <http://wickenburg.toolsforbusiness.info/arizona/1b/art/> contains links to a number of resources especially for artists. It's worth checking out!



Artists at Work Art Show and Sale November 12th!

It's not too soon to think about participating in WAC's Fall Artists at Work on Saturday, November 12th. We normally have up to two-dozen club members in this event in which artists display their work for sale and demonstrate their techniques. Attendees can vote for their favorite artists for the Peoples' Choice Award. Participation is free, but space is limited, so please sign up soon. We will have room for artists at tables and easels inside and outside, and we welcome all media from WAC-juried artists. Each artist must also commit to demonstrating their techniques and may offer their own original art, prints, and giclees for sale. Look for the sign-up sheets the next time you are at the club, or call chairperson **Helen Jenson** at 928-671-1149 to sign up!

Exciting Art Classes

WAC is pleased to present the workshop "Jewelry from Junk" by **Shari Keith** at our clubhouse on Saturday October 15th. **Shari** has created many different types of art from found objects, not just jewelry. These include wall-mounted sculpture and unique decorative objects. The workshop will be from 9:00am to 4:00pm. The cost is \$55 for members and \$75 for non-members, which includes a \$10 charge for materials to use in the class. Those who register early, on or before October 10th, will receive a \$5 discount. We encourage you to bring your own found objects. Turn on your creative energy and help the environment at the same time by recycling that stuff you have but just can't seem to part with. **Shari** will also demonstrate her art at our General meeting on Monday, October 10th at 7:00pm. The class sign-up sheet is on the table in the kitchen area of the club. Please direct questions about this class to Harold Nuoffer at (623) 544-1833, or e-mail him at hnuoffer@aol.com.

You can also sign up now for future workshops by **Cyndy Carstens'** November 17th class on painting Sky-scapes, and **Julie Gilbert Pollard's** class on painting Water on December 3rd. Class descriptions and supply lists are available next to the sign up sheet on the table in the Kitchen area. Please take advantage of these fine teachers to improve your knowledge of art. Thank you!

Harold Nuoffer, 1st VP, Programs

OCTOBER 2011 ARTISTS ON DISPLAY

Bank of America — **Dave Hill** — Oil
Meridian Bank — **Nancy Hill** — Watercolor
Community Hospital Clinic — **Sandy Dereau**, Oil
KwikPrint — **Donna Gleneen Ross** — Oil
National Bank of Arizona — **John Koegele** — Oil
Library Lobby & Inside Walls — **Chuck Felder** — Acrylic
Library Display Case — **Marty Clark** — Stained Glass
Friends of Music — **Terrie Grasse** — Watercolor

The Oil Painters of America

is holding a Free Paint Out at **The Farm at South Mountain**, Saturday, October 22, 10:00a to 2:00p. Call **Sandi Ciaramitaro** at 480-861-1010 for details.

REMINDER: The Hospitality Committee *always* needs volunteers to help prepare the coffee and tea, and set out the refreshments for the meeting each month. **Please help!** Call **Jeanne Fleck** at 920-360-9570.



One Busy Volunteer!

This summer, **Marian Koegele** has been very busy in her roles as Chairperson of the 2012 Gold Rush Days Artisans' Fair, and Chairperson of the Board of Directors search committee. **Marian** has surveyed and measured Stone Park (checking out the changes of trees, benches, water spigots, etc.) to ensure that her map of booth spaces is accurate, sent out mailings, reviewed and accepted new applications for booth spaces, and performed at least a dozen other related tasks.

This year, she is aided by two co-chairs, **Neill Carter** and **Linda Parker**. Neill will manage city-wide vendor parking with the assistance of long-term Gold Rush parking volunteers **Norm** and **Nan Geitz**. **Linda Parker** is the Volunteer Coordinator for Gold Rush.

We still need a person to assist **Marian** this year and be in an apprentice role preparing to take over **Marian's** Gold Rush Chairperson duties in 2013, as 2012 will be her last year in that position. The Gold Rush Days Artisan's Fair is, by far, the most important event that WAC holds, as it provides a major portion of WAC's income each year. We need a capable person to take over this event so it can continue to live up to its stature as one of the best fairs in Arizona.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO MEMBERS:

As we head into our busiest seven months of the year, we have already made appeals to members to volunteer in the many necessary roles that keep us functioning. We need officers, chairpersons, and many worker bees to support our special events. We hope you will help us whenever and however you can while enjoying the benefits of membership in WAC.

WAC is also part of a larger local arts community, and, we artists are truly fortunate to have in our community the Desert Caballeros Western Museum (DCWM), a world-class museum. Many of you already volunteer for both organizations. Recently, **Dr. James Burns**, the museum's Executive Director, and **Marilu Rix**, Visitor Services Manager, approached us to explore ways in which WAC and DCWM can work together. They appealed to us to reach out to our members on behalf of the museum, and asked us to forward a message to our members. There is some urgency, because the museum is holding a general orientation on Tuesday, October 4th from 9:00am to 11:00am. Chuck and I will be there. The message from **Dr. Burns** and **Marilu Rix** is on Page 6.

Jane Holcombe, W.A.C. President

We Welcome our New Members!

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members. We look forward to meeting all of you and hope you will find fun, friendship, and plenty of events to satisfy your craving for creativity. Let's have some fun together! Our newest members are: **Nicki Hamilton, Joe Ann Hancock, Jim Hunker, and Terri Twible.**



Monthly Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce Mixer held at WAC!

WAC had the pleasure of hosting the Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce mixer on the evening of September 22nd. The Chamber holds this monthly event as a get together for local businesses to meet and mingle, as well as to learn the latest on Chamber events and other happenings. We really took the opportunity to shine! **Marian Koegele** and **Linda Parker** made sure the space was filled and labeled with work from many of our talented artists. Visitors made lots of comments throughout the evening regarding the wonderful artwork displayed and the attractiveness of our space. It seems, for many folks, WAC is a hidden gem.

The attendees were 115 attendees and they arrived both early and with appetites. Our Hospitality Chairperson, **Jeanne Fleck** made sure we were prepared for the crowd. **Jeanne** worked with the Culinary Arts team at Wickenburg High School to help with the refreshments. (See letter on Page 6 from Culinary Arts teacher **Brooke Walters**. The students prepared and served tasty appetizers for the event and made sure that there was always food on the buffet tables. They did a great job and got a lot of recognition from the Chamber members for their work. We truly enjoyed their talent and hustle.

WAC President, **Jane Holcombe**, spoke to the group and provided information on upcoming classes, available studio time, and other activities such as plein air outings available through the Art Club. We thank our talented artists who donated work for the Chamber's raffle. They included a turned Mesquite weed pot by **Don Vance**, a painted porcelain coffee mug by **Sandy Shelley**, and a woven basket by **Jeanne Fleck**. Congratulations and Thank You to all the members who made this a successful, fun event!

Donna Drake, Publicity Chair



LEFT: Wickenburg High Culinary Arts students who prepared buffet items.
UPPER: Stephanie Fornoff, Webb Center Box Office Manager, and her daughter.
LOWER: Guests outside WAC.
RIGHT: Dessert buffet by the Culinary Arts students.



Lack of a Chair for an Important Event

This 2012 event still doesn't have a chairperson:

The **WAC/AAA show** needs a chair (or co-chairs). This show is open to all AAA artists, whether or not they are WAC members, but we normally offer it exclusively to WAC members first, and then open it up to other AAA artists so a prospectus must be created to promote it ahead of time. Preparation for this requires several hours of work a week beginning now, and a week of work during the March 25th through 31st show. Because we need to widely promote this show, if we do not find a chair for this position soon, we may have to cancel it.

REMEMBER! Your WAC membership card entitles you to a 15% discount on *NON-SALE* items at: **Arizona Art Supply** (two stores), **The Cutting Edge** (framing) in Wickenburg, and **The Art Store** and the **Frame & I** in Prescott. It doesn't help with catalog purchases however.

If you know of a WAC member who is ill, in the hospital, or who has lost a family member, please let **Jeanne Fleck**, 960-360-9570, know so we can send them a card from their friends at WAC!



Wickensburg High School
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928-684-6600

September 23, 2011

Dear Wickensburg Art Club,

Thank you for inviting my Culinary Arts students to prepare and serve refreshments at your mixer last night. It was a great experience for the students and we all had a lot of fun. Exposing the students to such events reinforces their desires to become productive and active citizens in their community. We appreciate the opportunity to practice these skills that are so needed in order to be successful in the world of work!

I have attached the receipt for our expenses. I have highlighted the specific amounts for the mixer. The student experience and reimbursement for these expenses is sufficient. However, as we discussed, a program donation in any amount is greatly appreciated.

Not only did I enjoy seeing my students perform well, I personally had a wonderful time visiting with all the art club members and very much enjoyed seeing all the art work on display. My life is so busy I never have the chance to get out and visit with people or browse in an art gallery...last night was like "killing 3 birds with one stone"!

Thanks again, and I hope we can do this again next year!

Brooke Walters
Culinary Arts Teacher
Wickensburg High School

A Message from Dr. James Burns and Marilu Rix of the Desert Caballeros Western Museum

The Desert Caballeros Western Museum is preparing for a busy Season as we enter our 52nd year. In December our new Cultural Crossroads Learning Center will open, providing expanded exhibition and programming space, and facility rental space. With growth come new opportunities – and new challenges. One of those challenges is volunteer staffing for the new facility.

We recognize that volunteers are a precious and limited resource. The Museum could not continue to function without the tens of thousands of volunteer hours contributed each year. We invite you to consider volunteering with the Museum.

There are many ways that you can utilize your talents at the Museum. These volunteer opportunities are the beginning of a partnership between the Wickensburg Art Club and the Museum that could be very helpful to both organizations. We look forward to finding creative ways to work together to meet the needs of both organizations. We are very interested in further discussion about how WAC and DCWM can cooperate.

For more information about volunteering please contact Marilu Rix at 928-684-2272 or mrrix@westernmuseum.org. Don't delay – new volunteer training begins on Tuesday, October 4th. Come check out the many opportunities!



THE WAC DRAWING GROUP – each Wednesday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

Starting on **October 5th**, **Sherry Hill** will model for us on four consecutive Wednesdays. In each session she will be in the same pose and costume, so there will be ample time to finish a painting, detailed drawing, or sculpture. Sherry has modeled for us in the past and is an excellent model. These sessions are scheduled for **October 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th** and are not limited to just drawing — you may use any medium — pastels, oil, sculpture, charcoal, etc. The fee will be \$10.00 per session. You do not have to attend all four sessions, but it is all-out “Drawing Plus” with a live model! They are limited to 12 artists and there is no signup sheet for these sessions.

We encourage all WAC members to join the Drawing Group. Remember, the skill of drawing is fundamental to using any other art medium. Most professional artists spend time drawing in order to maintain their eye and their hand. You don’t have to attend every week, just when the mood strikes you. Try it!

If you have questions, or want to sign up for the October model sessions, please call **Karen Douglass** at **(928) 684-6877**.

Editor’s Note: If you have questions or comments for the editor, e-mail me at **chuck@holcombe.biz** or call 928-685-4643.

**WICKENBURG ART CLUB
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2012**

NAME _____ PHONE _____
Last First

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____ () I would like to receive my newsletter via e-mail (the preferred delivery method).

ART MEDIA (List each media that you work in.) _____

JURIED STATUS: AAA (YES)(NO) WAC (YES)(NO)
Media in which you are juried:

Type of membership: () NEW MEMBERSHIP \$20
() RENEWAL DUES \$20 WAC/AAA JURIED: (YES) (NO)
() STUDENT DUES \$4 SPONSOR _____

() LIFE MEMBER is awarded to members who have made significant contributions to the WAC over ten years, or who have achieved artistic recognition. Recommendations for this honor are presented to the Board of Directors who then approves this award.

Annual membership runs from January 1st through December 31st and must be renewed each January. After the second Monday in March, any members who have not paid their dues are removed from the roster. New members are accepted throughout the year. If joining after July 1st, dues are \$10 through December 31.

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SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

WAC Fall Calendar of Events:

Recurring events:

- § Open Studio every **Tuesday** — 8:30a – 2:00p
- § Drawing Group: Every **Wednesday** — 1:00p – 3:00p
- § Clay Studio: Every **Friday** — 6:00p – 9:00p
- § General Meetings: **2nd Monday** 6p-9p (Social time 6:00p – 6:30p; **Business Meetings** 6:30p-7:30p; **Art Demo** 7:45p-9p) (*Note: These are new times!*)

Other Scheduled Events:

- § **October 15:** Jewelry from Junk Class by **Shari Keith** — 9:00a – 4:00p
- § **October 29:** WAC Rummage Sale at **Sharon Pearson's**
- § **November 5:** WAC Artists participate in **Home Tour Holiday Market** at the Community Center 10:00a – 4:00p
- § **November 12:** Artists at Work Show and Sale — 10:00a – 4:00p at WAC
- § **November 17:** Painting Skyscapes Class by **Cyndy Carstens** — 9:00a – 4:00p
- § **December 3:** Painting Water Class by **Julie Gilbert Pollard** — 9:00a – 4:00p

2010-2011 WICKENBURG ART CLUB

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Fine Art Festival *Chairperson needed!!!*

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| Gold Rush: Artisan booths | Marian Koegele | 928-684-1151 |
| Library Art Show | Nancy & Dave Hill | |
| Vendor Parking | Neill Carter | 928-684-3481 |
| Volunteers | Linda Parker | |

Grants *Chairperson needed!!!*

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