



OCTOBER

NEWS

President's Message

Moab, Utah is a beautiful place and yesterday I painted the cliffs and a view of the Colorado River, after getting my canvases authenticated (proving that I hadn't cheated; these surfaces were bare). Then this morning I set out early in the crisp autumn air with another artist and we found the perfect spot to capture yellow-green trees against a lavender-blue ridge.

If all this sounds heavenly, let me just go on to complain that my painting stool ripped & collapsed, landing me backwards in the weeds with oil paint striping my arm. I survived that (at least it didn't happen during the downtown "quick-draw" competition set for later this week). But the logistics of camping in a Class B motorhome (essentially a modified van) with a husband and a cat and all that we collectively need is challenging--and now it is raining and we have a tornado watch!



Assuming I'll survive both the good and the bad experiences of this plein air festival, I'll see you soon! *Yours Creatively, Rita*

Artists of the Month

Congratulations to Sue Davis and Pat Sharp for their fabulous interpretation for our "Lost and Found" challenge.

October Program Announcements

Vada Lavato will be giving a demonstration of the techniques she will teach at her upcoming "Mixed Media and Alternative Surfaces Workshop."

“Weekend with the Masters” Workshop Review

by *Grace McKee*

This workshop ran from Sept 23-26 at Dana Point, CA. I took Nancy Guzik's 'Painting children' workshop the first day. She taught us to use small strokes and clean paint as well as taking one's time. C.W. Mundy's workshop (stilllife) was about the use of design, texture and contrasts, to name but a few points, to achieve a striking stilllife. The last workshop I took was Quang Ho's portrait one, where I think I learned the most: good drawing is very important but one can achieve a likeness with values. This workshop is a fabulous event for painters, somewhat expensive but one gets to meet the present day masters and learn from them.

Announcements

- ◆ **EVAA owes a huge "Thank You"** to Mark Tufte of Country Bank for including in the Verde Valley Concert Association's 2010-2011 program a half-page color ad for EVAA at NO COST TO US. We can show our appreciation of VVCA's support by attending their concerts. The next one is January 14th, 2011: Tuva throat singers "Huun Huur Tu", nominees for a 2008 BBC World Music Award.
- ◆ **Logos** Verde Valley Concert Association is still looking for logo designs for their tote bags and/or T-shirts that represent a combination of EVAA and VVCA working together for the local arts. Please send submissions to Rita Elkins.
- ◆ **Dawn Moffet** will be instructing two workshops at the Arboretum at Flagstaff. Art of the Gourd Oct.23 from 1:30 to 4:30. The Arb's website is www.thearb.org for registration details.
- ◆ **Adrienne Pritchard** was juried into the Sedona Art Center showroom and gift shop. She will also be submitting a few jewelry sets for the holiday show opening November 23 and running till December 14.
- ◆ **Bonnie Jellison** won the photography contest at the Country Bank for her cat photograph.
- ◆ **EVAA members** given awards at the NAWS Experimental Show: Award of Excellence: Rose Moon "Guardian of the Scapegoat", and Honorable Mention: Wayne St. John "Two Pot Holiday."
- ◆ **Did you do your bio yet?** Please help us create a book with all of our biographies. Take a minute to write up a little about yourself and your artwork and bring it to the next meeting or email it to Rita.
- ◆ **Judith Robinson** posted her photos of last months meeting at: <http://gallery.me.com/anoriginalbyjudith#100971> Thank you Judith.

Opportunities to Show your Art

Cottonwood Public Library El Valle members have been hanging their artwork in the library for many years. There are 9 spaces available each month. Contact Benton Henry (928) 639-1570 if you are interested. Benton asks that you drop off your work between 11am-12pm. on the same day as the General Meeting.

Northern AZ Rehabilitation & Fitness We also have the privilege of hanging 3 paintings a month at the Northern AZ Rehabilitation & Fitness, the change out day will be the Wednesday before each meeting. For further info call Brenda Strom at 649-1705 or email b4brenlee@core.com.

Art Walk is happening the second Saturday of the month. Contact Barbara Donahue at Wind Dancer/Smoke Shop for details of how to show your art free of charge.

EVAA Shows

- ◆ **Jan 25-Mar 26, 2011** Jerona Java Cafe & Gifts Juried Exhibition
- ◆ **April 1-30, 2010** Pillsbury Wine Tasting Room & Gallery

EVAA Workshops

October 30, 2010: Mixed Media and Alternative Surfaces Workshop with Vada Lavato.

Discover how incorporating a new medium into your work can be very exciting. Demonstrations will be presented on a variety of ways to get started in mixed media using watercolor, acrylic, ink, colored pencil, pastel, collage and more. We will be making interesting, one of a kind papers to incorporate into your work. Elements contained in a good painting will be explored. Surfaces not usually associated with painting and collage will be introduced. Individual help and critiques will be given throughout the workshop. All levels welcome.

Vada has taught art to pre-schoolers through senior citizens. This will be a relaxed, fun class to get those creative juices flowing. Bring whatever materials you have. Samples of mediums and surfaces will be available to share. If you have a surface you would like to experiment on please bring it. We will produce between two and four pieces (maybe more) during class. Class size is limited to 20, cost \$50

A suggested supply list is available from the instructor at rogvada@q.com or 928-567-0660.

Class sponsored by El Valle Artists Association and Verde Art Club Workshop Series and will be held at the Verde Valley Campus, Yavapai College

November 20, 2010: "Wearable Art - Beginning Beaded Jewelry", with Nancy White scheduled for Saturday Nov 20th at Jerona Cafe. Nancy will show us how to create our own jewelry just in time for the holidays.

February 19, 2010: Glitter Workshop. A glitter workshop is on Saturday, Feb 19th at the Glitter Institute in Cottonwood from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a half-hour break for you to eat your packed lunch. Barbara Trombley will present the outline of this workshop at our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb 10th. so be sure to attend if you think you'd like to sign up for this workshop. The cost will be \$40 with a portion of it going to EVAA.

Remember if you have an interest in giving a workshop to be held in one of the Yavapai College classrooms you must submit your plan with photos, workshop outline and your credentials via me to the college Art Club before the next semester starts! Yes, that's now for the spring semester. Workshops should not duplicate what is being offered by the college. Please talk with me about your interest. -Wayne St. John 634-7427.

Area Art News

Northern Arizona Watercolor Society (NAWS) Meets the 4th Fridays at 9 AM September - April. www.NAWSaz.org.

Sedona Visual Artists Coalition (SVAC) Meets the 3rd Thurs. 6:30pm in Sedona. SedonaArtistsCoalition.org



Happy Birthday
Stoney Harby!

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Carl Campio will demonstrate his techniques working with plaster.

November 11, 2010

Vada Lovato will demonstrate "Exploring Mixed Media and Alternative Surfaces"

October 14, 2010 – 12:30 PM

We Meet at Evangel Worship Center:
Mingus & 14th, Cottonwood AZ

GENERAL MEETING

El Valle Artists Association
P.O. Box 2864 - Cottonwood, AZ 86326

