

## From the President

It was a whirlwind January with the Jerona opening, and I'm recharging my batteries in Laguna Beach CA by going to the Laguna Art Museum and several galleries. The museum is having a regional artists' auction this weekend, and I thought they'd actually made a mistake when I looked at the first tag: putting an "Opening Bid" down vs. a "Value" of \$4600. Wrong! As I went on, the least a person could bid was \$350 for a little sketch, and in my opinion, most of our work was far superior to many of their offerings. Life isn't fair, is it? Circumstance and chance impacts so much of our success in the art world, for one. All any of us can do is create with our hearts engaged, and share it with others. Maybe that should be our mantra for February, since this month is traditionally symbolized by hearts: HEARTS ENGAGED.

Happy painting!

## Artist of the Month



In January we began a new practice of bringing one piece of our artwork to our monthly meeting to allow our fellow artists to see what we do and if they like, to vote on their favorite amongst the offerings. (Congratulations Jeanne Jones, for your winning dramatic floral water-color!) We had a dozen or so entries and I hope there will be more this time. The artist gets acknowledged with a sign in the Cottonwood library where the artwork is shown in a display case (nothing over 11" high) or on the wall.

## Jerona Juried Show Winners

**Best in Show** - Harold Ullery "Sycamore at Red Rock" oil painting. To say that it came as a surprise to **Harold Ullery** when he got the call that he'd won the \$150 "Best of Show" award at Jerona, is putting it mildly. His response (avoiding vulgarity) was "You gotta be (bleep) me!" But Harold had a career in graphic art, and "loosening up" was his primary goal when he joined Clive Pates' plein air class these last couple of semesters at Yavapai College. Obviously Clive thought Harold accomplished that nicely. Way to go, Harold!" Complete list of winners on page 2.



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## Jerona Juried Show Winners cont'd

### Category 1 - Watercolors

1st	Gail Stedman	"Sailor's Delight"	Watercolor
2nd	Daisy Williams	"Paria Riffle"	Acrylic
3rd	Rita Elkins	"Timeless Sentinels"	Watercolor
Hon Mention	Judith Robinson	"Get Out of Who's Chair?"	Watercolor
Hon Mention	Jeanette Suggs	"Mt. Shasta"	Watercolor
Hon Mention	Pamela Fox-Klauser	"Pink Inside"	Watercolor
Hon Mention	Lisa Quam	"Northern California"	Watercolor

### Category 2 - Oils, Acrylics, most Collage & Mixed Media

1st	Debbie Gallagher	"Vigilance" Collage	
2nd	Mary Lois Brown	"A Hard Day at the Office!"	Oil
3rd	Grace McKee	"Yellow Umbrellas"	Oil
Hon Mention	Two Brenda Strom	"Michigan Winter"	Oil
Hon Mention	Two Lola Dennis	"Morning Time for 'The Mittens' "	Oil
Hon Mention	Two Stoney Harby	"Apache Warrior"	Oil
Hon Mention	Two Carolyn Carsula	"kiss Me Quick!"	Acrylic Ink

### Category 3 - Pastels, Pen & Ink, Drawings, Photography

1st	Isabelle Lacey	"Golden Eye" Photography	
2nd	Linda Fraser	"Footprints to the Canyon"	Photography
3rd	John Tonemah	"Faces of Spring"	Colored Pencil
Hon Mention	Wayne Johnson	"Threadleaf Japanese Maple"	Photography
Hon Mention	Randolph Brunt	"My America"	Photography
Hon Mention	Jacquie Hair	"Pomegranates"	Colored Pencil

### Category 4 - Sculpture, Lapidary, Jewelry, Ceramics, Woodworking, Pottery, Welding, Fiber Art, Weaving, some Collage & Mixed Media

1st	Ray Harvey	"Spirit Bird"	Ceramic
2nd	Betty Gaudy	"Purple Mountain Majesty"	Mixed Media

## Lampworking Demo with Nancy White

In our last meeting in January, to kick off the year, we were pleasantly surprised with a glass bead demonstration from local bead maker and EVAA member Nancy White. She shared the different rods of colored glass used and explained how different glass can produce different results.

Then she lit up! The glass is formed around a metal rod with a torch to melt the glass as she rotated it to make the shape. Nancy's specialty, is placing bits of Sedona red rock into her beads that give it something you can carry around with you. Her work is on display at the Art Mart in Sedona currently and is doing well. We were given a view into the passion of what it is to make beads through her demo. The talk was enjoyed by all in attendance. Thanks Nancy! Happy Beading!! - Lisa Quam

## Area Art Organizations

**Art Club** Feb. 18th 12:30 Yavapai College campus, Room F119

**Northern Arizona Watercolor Society (NAWS)** Meets the 4th Fridays at 9 AM September - April. [www.NAWS-az.org](http://www.NAWS-az.org). **Sedona Visual Artists Coalition (SVAC)** Meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm in Sedona. [www.sedonaartistscoalition.org](http://www.sedonaartistscoalition.org)

## Upcoming Workshops

**Feb 19, 9:30 to 4:30** Carolyn Ensley Encaustics Workshop in Bldg G, Rm 107, \$65  
*"Encaustics, the ancient technique and its applications to contemporary art."*

**March 13, 10 - 4** Debbie Gallagher/Vada Lovato *Creative Watercolors*, in Bldg L, Rm 103 \$50. Students will create interesting effects and textures with a variety of materials to enhance their work. Students can bring unresolved paintings to critique, problem solving and new techniques. Various water media, collage, weaving and stamping will be used throughout the workshop

**April 17, 10 - 4**, Rose Moon Workshop *"Creating Art from Your Imagination"* in Bldg L, Rm 103 \$40. We will learn methods of accessing the sub-conscious mind in order to bring back images to the awakened conscious mind to paint, draw or do a collage. All levels are encouraged to attend. Media: Water media, pencils, charcoal and/or collage.

## Program Announcements

A big thank you to Nancy White who gave us an insight, literally and figuratively, on lamp work glass beads at our January Meeting.

**February 11th** - Once again Yavapai College art teacher, the energetic and enthusiastic **Carolyn Ensley** will be doing the demonstration. This time she will give us an insight into encaustics - an age old method of incorporating wax into colored pigments.

## Announcements

**Verde Valley Fair - Art Show. April 28 - May 2, 2010** To my fellow EVAA members: Once again EVAA will manage the Art Show at the Verde Valley Fair.

Although I support our participation, I know that some of our membership does not agree and will boycott the Art Show. For our newer members the background of the discontent relates to the action of the Fair Board in doubling the rental rates for both monthly meetings and workshops. Our participation in this project is a big part of our solid commitment to promoting art in the community. I will again join with Jeanne Jones to make the 2010 Art Show as good as we can. This one project allows amateur artists a place to show their work, and perhaps win a ribbon. For me, the best part of the show has always been the works of "Yes the Arc" and their joy at seeing their work displayed and winning a ribbon. The professional artists in the show also reach a new audience and show what great work is available in the Verde Valley.

I hope that those members who wish to boycott will only keep their works at home but will lend their physical support to the show, and help us with setting up and sitting the show. Sincerely, Janet Baser

**EVAA at Gem & Mineral Show, 12-14 Mar 2010** - EVAA will have a space and members are invited to show their work. More details at our Feb 11th meeting.

**Loving Bowls** project fundraiser for Verde Valley Humane Society. Wanted - people to make ceramic bowls to donate art for silent auction and to help with some organization. Please contact me as above or call (928) 649-6573

**Northern Arizona Watercolor Society.** *Sue Archer's 'Watercolor: Beyond the Basics'*, March 29 - April 2, 2010. There are only 5 spaces left. Ann is very organized, knows color theory very well, has lots of visual aids, spends time with each student. Their's was only a 4 day workshop and wished they had one more day with her and want her to come back. The cost is \$450.00. Contact Jill Jepson at 282-2343 or [kjjeppson1@yahoo.com](mailto:kjjeppson1@yahoo.com) for further information.

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## GENERAL MEETING

Located at the Evangel Worship Center:  
Mingus & 14th, Cottonwood AZ

**February 11, 2010**

12:30 PM

*Carolyn Ensley, Encaustics Demo*

**March 11, 2010**

12:30 PM

*Debbie Gallagher and Vada Lovato,  
Creative Watercolors demo*

## WELCOME

### New January Members

Pamela Fox-Klauser	Spring Bright Tonemah
Bill Klauser	John Tonemah
Daveen Saimo	Isabelle Lacey
Wayne Johnson	Tommie Bain
Alice Hickey	Sheila Boyle
Fred Newton	Linda Lee Chambon-Gay
Grace McKee	Marsha Graham
Joni Kelly	Jill Jepson
Linda Fraser	Beth Jones
Mary Lois Brown	George Lauman
Mary Jane Cooke	Gail Stedman
Linda Kahn	Joanne Wallbridge

**DUES - Renewal dues are payable January 1st of each year**, with a late fee after March 31st. New membership from November thru December includes the next year's full membership. If you have not paid this year's dues, please mail your check to: El Valle Artists Assoc. PO Box 2864, Cottonwood, AZ 86326.

*EL VALLE is a Member of the Cottonwood Chamber of Commerce*

## 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](mailto:b4brenlee@core.com).

**Call to Artists** - Community Art Projects For Cottonwood Old Town Association (OVA) Opportunities have been identified, briefly described below. Details are available through the Old Town Association: Structural Art, Old Town maps, Event submissions, General: Art Walks, Chocolate Walk, Film & Art Fest, Cruz-Ins and More. Contact Hezekiah, Cottonwood Parks & Rec Dept. (928) 649-0676.

**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.

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