

From the President

On the way to Phoenix and then Las Vegas, and on the return trip home, the time and miles flew by because I, as a passenger, was engaged and thrilled with a new database program that I downloaded to my Mac laptop called Bento 3, it allowed me to easily format a page with all the data I want to store on each of my works of art, and (this is the truly great part) easily add a photo to each record, right there with all the facts. I mean, how many pieces can you call “Red Rocks” or “Desert Beauty” without losing track of what particular piece that is? (I don’t know if this product helps PC users; it may be that they would have to buy a complete database program called Filemaker). When my 30-day free trial ends, I’ll buy the \$50 program.

Then in Phoenix, I pleased my friend Connie, who had the task of labeling all the works in an art show, by showing her the free download of Avery templates by DesignPro (this is available for both Mac and PC users).

She, in turn, had earlier turned me on to the very supportive and informative “Robert Genn Twice-Weekly Letter” emails (rgenn@saraphina.com).

Finally, just last month our Newsletter and Website guru Nancy White told us about two websites that sell hand-made items--check them out: www.Etsy.com and www.Artfire.com. (Nancy’s store is www.etsy.com/shop/sedonavisions). Could this be an avenue for your work?

So what, you say, if you are not computer-savvy? Well, my point is, EVAA is here to share what we know, and provide opportunities to grow as artists. Our mini-workshops are designed to share what we know artistically, and the meetings, web site and newsletter assist us in participating in the local art scene and sharing our ideas, desires, opportunities and experiences. We welcome all artists, whatever medium, whatever level. Come and participate.

November Meeting Program - “Landscape in Soft Pastels ” with Rita Elkins



Join Rita as she demonstrates a pastel and allows you to experience what it is like to draw on sanded paper. She will show you how else it can be manipulated to get unusual effects. This is a prelude to the workshop scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21st.

Rita Elaine Elkins, President, El Valle Artists Association (EVAA) is offering a one-day landscape workshop in soft pastel, to be held in Room L-103 courtesy of El Valle and sponsored by the Art Club at Yavapai College. She has studied under Susan Ogilvie and Albert Handell, won many awards in pastel and is currently showing three of her pastels in a juried exhibition at SunDust Gallery in Mesa AZ through Nov 16th. This is the perfect time of year for enjoying the outdoors and Fall colors, and soft pastel is an amazing tactile medium to express the scene.

Bring all your pastels, and an 12” x 16” sanded paper taped to a good support. If you do not have any or would like to try the Art Spectrum Colourfix (sanded) Painting Boards, Rita has them available for \$8 apiece, and if you need to use her pastels from hard to soft, \$2 more. Bring your own favorite scenic photographs. Rita will help you focus on the essence of a scene and how to make it the center of attention.

Rita brings to this workshop the latest info from last May’s *International Artists’ Pastel Association Conference* in NM and focused experience in plein air painting over the past year. The class is \$40.00 for six hours, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, November 21st. All levels of experience are welcome.

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October Workshop with Gini Goldie



Gini Goldie's Oct 12th Creativity workshop, using hand painted papers for developing paper, was very successful for the participants as each one went home with a terrific painting. It was a really exciting experience for everyone and we had two participants that were not EVAA members - and this shows that our commitment to community service is working. Since so much was going on during October many people asked that this workshop be repeated and Gini at first agreed to do this, but life circumstances may get in the way. If you are interested in taking this workshop for the first time or continuing the more advance 2nd stage please email Gini - goldie@commspeed.net. If she can she will run another workshop in the late Spring.

Opportunities to Show Your Art

Walkin' On Main Nov 14th. If you are a member of EVAA, and/or the Cottonwood or Cornville critique groups, and you want to show your work on Nov 14th, you need to bring it and a way to display it to Main St. before the show opens at 11 a.m. At the Nov 12th EVAA meeting, I will hopefully have an idea of how many of you are participating, and therefore how many pieces you may bring.

Christmas Market Nov. 28th. EVAA will be having a member-only market to show and sell your art in time for the holiday season. The location will be the new Tao Center just over the bridge on 89A in Cottonwood. \$10.00 fee for booth space. More details to come at the November meeting.

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, Thursday, Oct. 8th.

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 bren@surfmk.com.

Sweet Jill's in Cottonwood is redecorating to have an old world cozy atmosphere and is looking to display art on a rotating monthly basis. Email Jennine if you want an opportunity to show your art. Be sure to identify your art as El Valle affiliated. info@SweetJillsCafe.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 along with Walkin' On Main Nov 14th. For future Art Walks please contact Barbara Donahue at Wind Dancer/Smoke Shop.

Artist Co-op. Lisa Hering of Old Town Marketplace is opening up space for an Artist Co-op. She may be contacted at 204-1379.

Upcoming Workshops

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Program Announcements

December 10, 2009 - The December program is all about you, the EVAA artist. Please bring a painting, sculpture, jewelry or whatever your art medium is that expresses your values as an artist. We would like all of EVAA artists to share what their art means to them and how they would hope others view it. We may begin a new idea of voting on art - or artist - of the month and have your art labeled as such at our exhibit space in the Cottonwood Library. We will bring this up to the membership at the November meeting. Also don't forget that our December meeting is our Holiday Party, so bring your favorite pot luck dish and an art materials gift for the Cottonwood Boys and Girls Club (or a check made out to them). HELP - Please give Gini your name if you are willing to help with hospitality.

January 14, 2010 - The January program will feature a lampworking demo by Nancy White. She will show us how to create a glass bead by melting colored glass rods on a torch.

Announcements

Gini Goldie will be in Sedona Visual Artist Coalition's "Beneath the Surface" exhibition in Tlaquepaque. Her oil painting of a nude is called "And she thought, "....." The show runs through Nov. 18th.

It's Elemental, the fall annual Fine Craft Show at Coconino Center for the Arts runs from November 21 to December 19. Opening night is November 21 from 6 - 8 pm. It is on Fort Valley Rd in Flagstaff next to the Museum of Northern AZ. Check out the website at www.FlagstaffCulturalPartners.org

Northern Arizona Watercolor Society. There are two workshops coming up.
Sue Archer's 'Watercolor: Beyond the Basics', March 29 - April 2, 2010
Carl Dalio 'Color Power and Composition', May 11 - May 14, 2010
 Contact Jill Jepson at 282-2343 or email her at kjjepson1@yahoo.com for further information.

Clarkdale Chamber of Commerce is offering independent artists a deal for joining by end of November. Contact Elizabeth Gerstner or the Chamber directly.

Area Art Organizations

ACTVV meeting is January 19th 2010 at 11am Bldg F Rm 119 at Yavapai College.

Yavapai Art Club next meets on Nov 5th at 12:30 Bldg F Rm 119 at Yavapai College.

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

Sedona Visual Artists Coalition (SVAC) Meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm in Sedona. www.sedonaartistscoalition.org

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GENERAL MEETING

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

NOVEMBER 12, 2009

12:30 PM

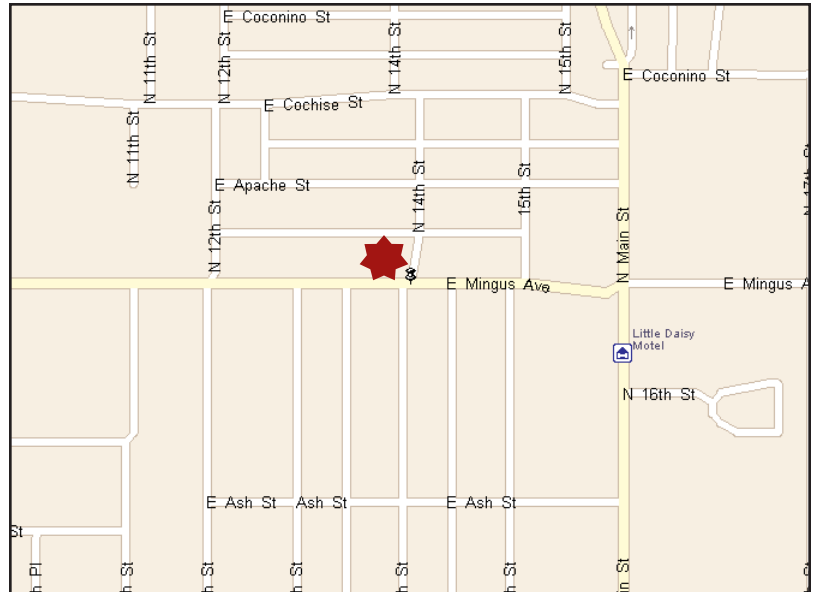
Rita Elkins - Demo

“Cool Tricks with Pastels”

DECEMBER 10, 2009

12:30 PM

Holiday Pot Luck Party and Show and Tell



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