

**GVAL NEWSLETTER October, 2007**



Gilbert Visual Art League provides local artists with opportunities to exhibit their work in the community, to form associations with other artists, and to practice and improve their art skills. The organization strives to benefit both the artists and the community by promoting workshops, classes, and exhibits as well as coordinating volunteer opportunities to foster arts and art appreciation in Gilbert.

*A note from GVAL board members...*

Dear Members,

Well, it has finally cooled off a little. Hope the autumn changes have helped inspire you in your art endeavors.

**\*EVENTS\***

An event coming up that you may be interested in is the Learning & Product Expo: Art being held in Pasadena, CA on Oct 12-14, 2007. Classes offered with this show actually begin on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. You can get an idea of what may be offered by going to the website [www.learningproductexpo.com](http://www.learningproductexpo.com), and hit the button for Pasadena, CA, then go to class descriptions. This will give you some idea of what goes on at this expo and the class costs.

**GVAL Web Site**

We are continuing the work of improving our web site making it more dynamic and interactive. We would like to put art done by our members in various spots on the site on a rotating basis. We also want to link members' websites to our site. If you would like to do that, let Lana know your website info by contacting her at [lleibow@gval.org](mailto:lleibow@gval.org). The address for the web site is [www.gval.org](http://www.gval.org). Watch for the changes.

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## October Meeting

At our next meeting on Oct.4th we will have two speakers.

Anita Morris will be speaking to us concerning painting in oils and acrylics. Anita was born in Delaware and has lived in three other states before coming to Arizona. She has been in Arizona for 20 years now. She started painting 4 years ago and has tried several mediums and styles of painting in that time. She paints mostly outdoors scenes, has done an abstract and is currently working on her first portrait. She likes to think that she will try any subject or medium. We look forward to hearing her ideas

Our second speaker will be from the "Art on Boston" gallery in Chandler. Either Wendy Fallon or Laurie Fagen will be telling us more about this gallery which represents local, regional, national and international artists and offers shows for various art groups. They also provide studio rental space in which artists can create their art and there is an Artists Cooperative area where artists can have ongoing exhibit space. This should be quite informative.

## Meeting time/place

The next meeting is on **October 4th, 2007 at 7PM**. Our meeting place located at the intersection of Guadalupe and Gilbert. We will be meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at the office of **Maricopa Workforce Connections (MWC) Career Center at 735 North Gilbert Road, Suite 134, Gilbert, AZ**. That's in the same plaza as BIG LOTS, Arby's and Bank of America on the southeast corner of Gilbert Road and Guadalupe Road.

*-Georgia, Lana, Helen, Kristie, Cheryl, Dee, Rose and Andy*

## Upcoming meetings

**October:** Representative from the Art on Boston Gallery

Anita Morris – Painting; Oils & Acrylics

**November:** Mike Evans – Twin Knolls Framing

**December:** To be announced

## Feature

We are now featuring an artist from our membership in the newsletter monthly. Please submit artist profiles of yourself and your art so that we may feature you in a future edition of the newsletter. Thank you.

## Featured Artist



Sandra Wilderman



### ABOUT THE ARTIST

Sandra Neumann Wilderman was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and lived in the Midwest until last August when she moved to Gilbert, Arizona. She studied at the Toledo Museum of Art and earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Northern Illinois University.

Since 1994 Wilderman has exhibited her works in national shows including *Women's Works* in Woodstock, Illinois and numerous group exhibitions including the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Illinois and *The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Art Open* in Chicago, Illinois. Her solo exhibitions include the Triangle Gallery at the Old Town Arts Center in Chicago, Illinois and The Gallery in the Library at the Chandler-Gilbert Community College in Chandler, Arizona.

Wilderman has worked with pen & ink for over twenty years and has been painting with watercolors for another ten years. Wilderman's approach to painting is to pour layers of liquid acrylics onto wet paper, creating amorphous shapes and linear sharpness. Most recently, she creates art by cutting her poured paintings into strips and then weaves them together to form a textural composition.

Of her work Janna Smallwood, writer for the Kane County Chronical, said: "...Wilderman cites artistic influences like Georgia O'Keeffe and Jackson Pollock. Her paintings are somewhat of a hybrid of the two – if not in form, at least in technique."

