

**GVAL NEWSLETTER February, 2008**



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,

Hi everybody. Spring is trying to come and with it the time for our annual art show along with all the other things we get ourselves involved in.

**!Art Show \*ART SHOW\* Art Show!**

We have received many submissions for the art show. There will be 120 works of art on display for our juror to evaluate. There also are many creative works in the non-juried youth art division to enjoy as well. Include the art show in your plans between Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> and Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. The show will be open during the Gilbert Historical Museum hours, which are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 am – 4 pm. You will get your invitation to the awards reception scheduled for Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm soon. Please RSVP so that we may plan the refreshments accordingly.

For those of you who have works entered in the show, please remember to get your art to the museum on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> between 5 and 7 pm. Our juror will be evaluating the works on display on the morning of Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Bring some of your business cards to put on display to provide contact information for someone who wants to purchase your art. We will have an area set up for this purpose. We have found that people are very interested in seeing artists at work. We would like to have artists actually doing their art as a part of the show.

We still need volunteers to man the show during show hours. On Saturday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, we need one person in the afternoon. On Saturday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, one more person is needed in the morning and two people are needed in the afternoon. On Tuesday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, one person is needed in the afternoon. On Thursday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, one person is needed in the afternoon.

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On Saturday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, two people are needed in the morning and two people are needed in the afternoon. Look at your calendar and see if you can help us out at any of these times. Contact Lana Leibow at [lleibow@gval.org](mailto:lleibow@gval.org) or 480-813-7282 if you are able to help at any of these times.

We also need help on set-up day, Friday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. The art will start arriving at 5 pm, so we will probably get the panels to the museum and start setting up at about 3 pm on that day. Tools that will be needed are portable screw guns, hammers, pliers, wire cutters and the people to run these tools to put up the panels. On setup day we also need runners to bring art from the drop-off point to where it will be hung, people to hang the art, and people to help set up tables for business card display and for use at the reception. On reception day, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, we want a photographer to record the award ceremonies, 1 or 2 people to check guests in, people who will take responsibility to keep the food and punch bowls replenished, assistance in setting up tables and chairs for the awards ceremony and help in after reception cleanup. We are also going to need help taking down the show and cleaning up afterwards on the evening of Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Georgia at [gmulholland@gval.org](mailto:gmulholland@gval.org) or 480-545-8213 if you can help.

## WEBSITE

I updated our website at [www.gval.org](http://www.gval.org) a few days ago. The site now reflects our current activities.

### Help Wanted

GVAL needs someone to interact with Web-Op, our service provider. This person will receive information from various sources and send it all at one time once a week to Web-Op. This will give Web-Op one person to deal with for clarification from only one submission from our organization. This person will not have any design or format duties; just collect and deliver information.

## Class

Jean Smith will be offering another class that will meet on Monday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm starting on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. This class will include drawing and painting. Members of the class are welcome to work with the medium of their choice and can work from their own source or from a still life set up in class. The first 30 – 45 minutes of each class will be devoted to instruction and the balance of the time will be working on your own with individual direction covering all media. Jean plans to address such things as composition, value, placement and color theory. Jean may offer classes at other times as well. To enroll or for more information, contact Jean at [jeanaes@aol.com](mailto:jeanaes@aol.com) or call her at 480-497-0677.

## February Meeting

Our monthly meeting will be on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 starting with a critique at 6:30 pm and the regular meeting and speakers at 7 pm.

Nicolae Sinu will return to talk with us about how to use those markers that are found in those art supply kits to make beautiful art.

Stevie Fresquez, the manager of Jerry's Artarama located on Rural just south of the US 60 has agreed to talk with us about the art making materials carried at her facility, especially those products that are unique to her store.

## Meeting time/place

The next meeting is on **February 7th, 2008 at 6:30 PM**. Our meeting place is 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, Jean, Rose, Andy and Ed*

## Upcoming meetings

**February:** Stevie Fresquez from Jerry's Artarama – product information

Nicolae Sinu – Using markers in art

**March:** Barney Davey – author of How to Sell Art Prints and Giclees

**April:** William Hancock – Stained Glass

## Feature

**Due to the plethora of information that needed to be reported about the art show and other things, we will not feature an artist this month. The format probably will change next month. Watch this space.**