

GVAL NEWSLETTER March, 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.

Welcome

I failed to list our new members last month due to the large amount of information that I needed to publish concerning the art show. Now the list of new members is even larger. Please join us in welcoming Marsha Blumm, Ariel Body, Sarah Boliek, Michael Hayslip, Jasmine Holmes, Josephine Lazarus, Winnie Liang, Victoria Little, Karen Mulder, Ann Person, Danielle Peterson, Deborah Randall, Virginia Olivares-Rayher, Carolyn Russell-Williams, Susana Valenzuela, Jan Waters, Brittany Woodbury, Marilyn Ticknor, Lari Smith, Susan Osuch, Ronnie Long, Maria Carney and Goerge Lenz to our organization.

*** ART SHOW ***

The 5th annual Gilbert Community Fine Art Show ended on Feb 23rd at 4 PM. It has been a wonderful celebration of our local area talent.

Our juror, C. J. Rider did a wonderful job selecting the best of so much wonderful art. A list of the award winners is as follows:

* Best of Show *

Goey Chocolate Caramel Nougat # 1 by Edward Kinnally

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People's Choice

1st- *Heavenly Glow* by Danielle Peterson

There are ties for both second and third place in this category.

2nd - *Summer Solstice* by Winnie Liang

Gardenia by Michelle Cornelius

3rd - *Without Disturbance* by Susan Osuch

Kimber by Jean T. Smith

Watercolor

1st - *Red Buddha* by Nicolai Sinu

2nd - *Confetti* by Marsha Blumm

3rd - *Sunday Morning* by Sandra Wilderman

Oil

1st - *Sticking Close* by James E. Wilson

2nd - *Angel's Trumpet* by Lana Leibow

3rd - *Laury'n's White Dress* by Jean Turner Smith

Acrylic

1st - *Misty Mood* by K. Grover

2nd - *Country Lane* by Margaret Loyd

3rd - *Correlation* by Peggy Wrobleski

Drawing

1st - *Superstitions* by Deborah Randall

2nd - *Floral Fantasia* by Karen Davis

3rd - *Rodeo* by Lari Smith

Photography

1st - *Menacing Clouds* by Michael Hayslip

2nd- *Ghost Town Tea* by Laurie Russo

3rd- *Shades* by Jeanette St. Germain-Boere

Alternate Media

1st- *Spirit Chief* by Jim Davis

2nd- *Copper and Green* by Ted Woods

3rd- *Freedom* by Lacey McClure

Congratulations to all of these wonderful artists. Your work is beautiful.

A note from our Art Show Coordinator

I would like to thank all of you for your hard work in making this year's art show a success. I also want to apologize for the errors, and there were several. The work at this year's show was fantastic. I was blown away by the variety of arts and the quality of artwork submitted for the show. I was also impressed by the number of you who were willing to sit with the art and mingle with those coming to see the show. Having you there to help explain the process made it much more successful. I am new to the League (since last fall) and really enjoyed getting to know so many of you. We have a blog up on the website and I encourage you to express yourselves there and give us ideas for the next show. This year wasn't perfect, and I apologize for that, but many of you have expressed your joy at being involved. Hopefully, next year will be even better.

Jean Turner Smith

Our thanks are also extended to the merchants who provided such wonderful food and merchandise prizes for the awards reception. These include:

- Jerry's Artarama on the southeast corner of Rural and US 60
- Arizona Art Supply at 1628 E. Southern Ave
- Trader Joe's on the NE corner of Baseline and Gilbert Rd.
- Fresh n Easy on the NE corner of Guadalupe and Higley
- Basha's on the SW corner of Baseline and Greenfield
- Sprout's Farmers Market on Williams Field and Val Vista.

WEBSITE

Our website at www.gval.org is updated weekly. The blog is up and running now and our blogger welcomes input. Let us know if you have any ideas to make our web site even better.

Learning Opportunities

NEW! 40 Tricks with Watercolor, by Watercolorists Alice Van Overstraeten & Sandra Neumann Wilderman. *An introduction to watercolor by learning 40 easy techniques.* \$40/class, or \$120/4 classes. \$15 materials fee. **Wed, Mar. 5, 19, 26, Apr. 2, 1 - 3:30 p.m.** Limit: 6 students.

Sandra is one of our members and a fantastic watercolorist. This class is offered through Art on Boston in Chandler. Their web site is www.ArtonBoston.com and their phone number is 480-917-1122. Contact them to enroll in this class and/or to learn about other classes that they are offering.

March Meeting

Our monthly meeting will be on March 6th, 2008 starting with a critique at 6:30 pm and the regular meeting and speaker at 7 pm.

Our speaker this month is Barney Davey. Barney Davey is president and founder of Bold Star Communications. In a career spanning three decades, he has been intimately involved in the art print business.

Through Barney's extensive art industry contacts and experiences, he was privileged to observe the best practices of leading art publishers and artists and to note similarities in their attributes and strategies. He has distilled that knowledge and now shares it with visual artists who desire to learn how they can use the print market to further their career.

Barney frequently speaks on art and Internet marketing. He is the author and publisher of the 280 page book *How to Profit in the Art Print Market.* Barney is also the editor and publisher of the free ezine, *Art Print Issues* and frequently blogs for *Absolute Arts*, one of the leading fine art sites for artists, collectors and patrons.

To learn more about Barney, visit his web site
www.barneydavey.com.

Meeting time/place

The next meeting is on **March 6th, 2008 at 6:30 PM**. Our meeting place is located at the intersection of Guadalupe and Gilbert Rds. We will be meeting the 1st 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. There are some changes coming up concerning our meeting place after March. We will keep you posted.

-Georgia, Lana, Helen, Jean, Rose, Andy and Ed

Upcoming meetings

March: Barney Davey – author of *How to Profit in the Art Print Market*

April: William Hancock – Stained Glass

Nominations for board members for coming year – descriptions of board member duties can be found in the newsletter archives on the web site www.gval.com in the April, 2007 issue.

May: George Lenz – Digital Photography
David Higley – Oil Glazing on landscapes

Elections of board members

Feature

A note from Rose

I have decided that featuring an artist on the website and in this newsletter is redundant. Therefore from now on the featured artists will be on the artist page of our website at www.gval.org only. There are now three artists from our membership on that page. Get your information to me and I will be glad to feature you. The information that we would like includes a photo of yourself doing your art, some examples of your art and a biography of you as an artist.