

GVAL NEWSLETTER April, 2007



Gilbert Visual Artists' 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,

Upcoming Elections

Gosh, how quickly this year has flown! Elections for GVAL board are coming up next month! Be thinking of who you'd like to nominate to serve on the board from among our members. We suggest that you talk with the person that you would like to nominate to see if that person would be willing to serve. Nomination forms will be available at the April meeting. Nominations should be submitted by April 30th, please.

The duties of the Board members are as follows:

Chairman: Schedule and conduct regular meetings of the GVAL governing board. Preside over all general meetings and activities of GVAL. Guide and motivate members of GVAL to accomplish the vision and mission of GVAL in the community. Be the primary interface for GVAL with local organizations and government bodies.

Secretary/Treasurer: Provide agenda for committee meetings. Maintain minutes of committee meetings. Periodically update the committee on the status of the GVAL funds and budget. Prepare and present to members annual financial report.

Membership: Make available membership forms at GVAL meetings. Collect forms and fees for new members and dues of existing members. Retain data from membership forms and provide this information to the board – this record will include contact information and other pertinent information on the members

Monthly meeting coordinator: Develop plans for all the monthly GVAL meetings. The meetings should be planned several months in advance. Be the primary contact for persons who will present at the monthly meetings. Book the meeting place and see that resources that may be needed by the presenter are in place.

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Artist Coordinator: Seek opportunities to display the work of local artists in the community. Collect and maintain information regarding GVAL artists who are seeking opportunities to display work. This information will consist of details that are important for the featured artist's purposes such as biographies, type of work, size of work availability and so on. Schedule and execute featured artist exhibits.

Annual Art Show Coordinator: Select a committee for organizing one or more art shows. Work with local government and private organizations to coordinate and organize the show. Propose a budget for the show on a per show basis. Propose fund raising activities. Monitor and control expenses within budget. Multiple other details for the art shows i.e. publicity, call to artists, awards, etc.

Publicity/Newsletter: Maintain a list of newspaper and other publicity contacts. Contact newspapers and other information outlets regarding GVAL activities, monthly meetings, art shows, featured artist shows, etc. Complete a monthly newsletter and send it to all GVAL members and other interested parties.

New Committee

We are forming a committee to seek sponsors for GVAL. Committee members at this time are Doug Daniels as chairman and Sally Daniels and Don Sahadi as committee members. We would like this committee to have at least 5 members. Would any of you be willing to help with this endeavor? Many hands make lighter work for all.

Art Show at Library

You may or may not be aware that GVAL will be displaying our artwork in the lobby of the Southeast Regional Library at Greenfield and Gilbert Roads from April 14th – May 21st. Hanging date for the first showing will be on April 13th. If those of you who will have pieces in that session cannot deliver your pieces on that date, you can leave your art with Georgia on April 12th from 7 a.m – 9 a.m. or 4 p.m. -7 p.m. Call Georgia for directions to her place or to arrange a different time. Georgia's number is listed in the board member box of this letter. The first three weeks will be a display of the works of our members that won awards at the recent Gilbert Community Fine Arts Show. During the last two weeks, we want to feature works done by other members of GVAL. We know that there is a lot of talent in our group and we'd really like to showcase your work.

To those of you who have already committed to displaying your art at the library, please get the necessary paperwork to our artist coordinator, Cheryl McNeill ASAP if you haven't already done so. Cheryl's email address is listed in the Board Member box of this newsletter. If you have not yet committed to display your art and would like to do so, please contact Cheryl before April 23rd. Acceptance will be on a first come, first served basis. We need an artist biography (short), a photo of the artist, a release of liability form and \$5 for each piece of art displayed. These items may be delivered to us when you come to the April meeting.

Workshops

We would like to do some day long seminars concerning the creation and marketing of art and other related subjects. The timing of such events will probably be next fall at this point. Would you be interested in participating in such a seminar? Does any particular subject matter peak your interest?

GVAL Web Site

The changes in the website are now complete. We now have photos from the art show in February and a list of the winners of the art show under the SHOW heading of the website. Come see if one of our cameras caught you at the show. Or better yet, look at all the beautiful art work. The Web address is www.gval.org if you haven't bookmarked it.

April Meeting

The monthly meeting will be on April 19th at 7 p.m. at the site listed below. We have two speakers for this meeting, Cheryl McNeill and Mary Ellen Fresquez.

Cheryl is a native Arizonan, born and raised in Mesa. For many years, she was deeply involved in professional politics. She found a need to express herself creatively and decided to learn more about working with glass which had always intrigued her. That which started as a hobby quickly became a career. Within a couple of years, Cheryl was showcasing her work to interior designers and design showrooms across Arizona. She also does custom designs for countless individuals. Cheryl draws her inspiration from her surroundings – scenery and people. Cheryl won a first place ribbon for one of her pieces at the Gilbert Community Fine Arts show in February

Mary Ellen Fresquez left engineering after 18 years to start a paper arts store in downtown Gilbert called Ink It! After 8 years and turning the business into a nationally known entity, Mary Ellen has decided to continue her life journey by reforming that business into a new art gallery. She is currently doing research for that venture. Mary Ellen has served as president of the Gilbert Downtown Merchants Association and is a member of the Gilbert Redevelopment Commission.

We are looking forward to an interesting evening with these talented ladies.

Meeting time/place

The next meeting is on **April 19th at 7PM**. Our meeting place located at the intersection of Guadalupe and Gilbert. We will be meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month at the office of **Maricopa Workforce Connections (MWC) Career Center at 735 North Gilbert Road, Suite 134, Room 7, 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. The office is located between **MWC Business Center & Leather Furniture**.

See you on the 19th.

-Georgia, Lana, K, Helen, Cheryl and Rose

Upcoming Meetings:

April: Cheryl McNeill/Adventures with Glass
Mary Ellen Fresquez/ A proposed Art Gallery in Gilbert!

May: Elections and critique

June: Barbara Tibbets, watercolorist

ART LINKS

School will be finished for the year sooner than we'd like to think! What productive activities can we think of to keep our youngsters occupied during the long hot summer days that we know are coming? Is there an artist in him/her crying to get out? I recently learned of a organization that teaches art to young people and they have a school nearby! Their website is www.monart.com.

