

GVAL NEWSLETTER May, 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

Elections will be tallied at the May 24th meeting. Lana has sent ballots to everyone by email. If you can't attend the meeting, please submit your vote by email back to Lana. The board member duties are listed below for your consideration.

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

GVAL art will be in the Southeast Regional Library lobby until May 21st. A few new pictures were hung on the 4th. Come and enjoy the art.

Member Activities

Another genre of creativity has been entered by one of our members! Nancy Engler has had a short story of hers included in the recent **Chicken Soup for the New Mom's Soul**. The East Valley Tribune published an interview with Nancy on April 24th. Kudos to Nancy.

A number of members in our group have sold some of their art, including one from the current show in the library. Congratulations to all of you who have had sales.

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? Contact a board member with your feedback.

GVAL Web Site

We 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.

May Meeting

The monthly meeting will be on May 24th at 7 p.m. at the site listed below. The week of the meeting has been changed to the 4th Thursday for this month so that our speaker will be able to attend. We will be back to the 3rd Thursday next month. We will have the elections and our speaker will be Mary Ellen Fresquez. Mary Ellen could not get to the meeting last month due to a conflict with another group that she is an integral part of.

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. She is eager to tell us of her plans.

We are looking forward to an interesting evening.

Meeting time/place

The next meeting is on **May 24th at 7PM**. Our meeting place located at the intersection of Guadalupe and Gilbert. We will be meeting 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 24th.

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

Upcoming Meetings:

May: Elections
Mary Ellen Fresquez

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 an organization that teaches art to young people and they have a school nearby! Their website is www.monart.com.