



Note from President, Dottie Golden

It may be hot, but the VVAA is pretty cool. We are not just an artists' association; the VVAA is a valuable asset to this community.

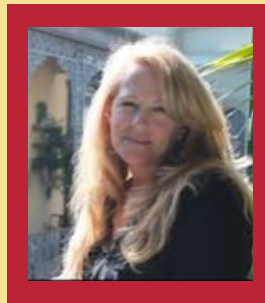
Yes, we offer many classes, workshops, lectures, youth programs, and more at a low cost or free to the public, but why do we put forth such effort? Simply put, because the act of creating strengthens a community. It has been proven time and again that creating art helps improve the mental health of all ages. Art helps to build confidence in youth and helps them developmentally. Creating art builds connections, pulling us together. Our goal is to help to build a community that understands our mission statement, "To promote the power of art to all ages and all cultures." The Mesquite Fine Arts Center is not just for established artists; it is for all levels of artists. Have you never picked up a brush or played with clay? We have you covered. Not interested in doing art, but you want to get involved or help with one of our many events? Contact me or come on in and talk to one of our volunteers. There is a place for everyone.

Make sure you come in to see the Gallery's newest exhibit, "Abandoned Places." This month we are proud to feature our first bi-annual Fiber Arts Exhibition. A stunning display of skilled artists working with earth's elements.

The kids are having a great time playing with clay in the Clay Art 4 Fun program. I stopped by the Pottery Studio yesterday, and the owls they have made are loaded in the kilns and are heating up.

I hope you are having a wonderful summer.

~Dottie



VVAA events



July 30 to August 27
Mesa Gallery: Fiber Arts Exhibit

Mountain Gallery: Themed Competition:
"Abandoned Places"
Sponsored: The Progress



August 2 to August 6
Saxon the Suffrage Cat Entries on Display

August 8
Reception & Awards Ceremony for
Saxon the Suffrage Cat Art Competition

August 11
Board of Directors Meeting 1:00 pm

August 18
Awards Ceremony: "Abandoned Places" 4:00 pm

August 30 to October 1
VVAA Invitational - Sponsor: Karen Fielding

September 8
Board of Directors Meeting 1:00 pm

October 1
VVAA Invitational Reception
11:00 am to 1:00 pm

FIBER ART EXHIBITION

Experience "Fiber Arts" during August in the Mesa Gallery.

Our talented members' artwork is displayed and some creations will "WOW" you.

Materials taken from nature and synthetic fiber are used to communicate a message from the artist, just as a painter uses a canvas.



Fiber Wall Art by Aida Bryant

SPECIAL EVENTS: SAVE THE DATES



OCTOBER IS ART MONTH

Exciting events are in the works for October. The first VVAA "Live Auction will occur on October 14th and the Witches' Ball is set for October 21st. Mark your calendars for these and others to be announced.

GALLERY SUMMER HOURS



July 1 until Sept. 5
The Mesquite Fine Arts Center will be open Tuesday through Saturday
Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Please check the website for information on classes, meetings, and workshops.

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Although no workshops are scheduled for August, be sure to check out the September offerings.
Denise Sims on September 9th:
Beautiful Arrangements and Linda Smith on September 30th: Watercolor Tips, Tricks, and Techniques.
Jean Battaglia will be on board in October with a Jeweled Picture workshop.





VVAA CLASSES & CHANGES

Information on all classes can be found on the website from the Art Classes tab or through the Events Calendar.

Mondays:

Tuesdays: Drawing with Tyler Roylance 2-4 pm Drop-In \$10

3rd Tuesdays: MFA Photographic Society is taking a hiatus until September 13th

Wednesdays: Watercolors with Char Lang - Intermediate & Beginner Classes Drop-In \$10

Thursdays: Beginner Acrylic Classes current students will meet while Vanessa is gone (July, August, September) from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Attendance will be taken, and students will mail Vanessa their work to be critiqued.

Friday, August 19th: Desert Doodling Class 10:30 am -12:30 pm Drop-In \$10

POTTERY STUDIO

July and August Studio Hours

Closed Mondays

Tuesday - Thursday.....8 to 12 noon

Friday.....10 to 5 pm

Saturday.....9 to 1 pm

Sunday.....9 to 5 pm

Art Store hours are supported by studio hours

Kids Clay Art is Wed & Thurs, 1 to 3 pm



Clayart 4 Fun

During August, the two-day “Clayart 4 Fun” sessions are held each week on Wednesday and Thursdays. Click the Pottery Studio tab on the website for the registration form and bring it and fees to the MFA. August 3 & 4; 10 & 11; 17 & 18; 24 & 25.

Monthly Clay Classes

Beginner Hand Building classes with Diane Alexanian are a 3-week session. Pottery Wheel classes with Vonetta Menaka are a 4-week session. Sign-up sheets are posted at the Studio.

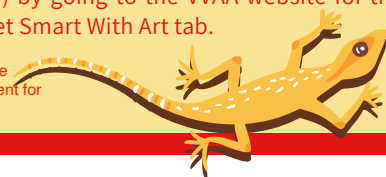
Student Supply Outlet (SSO)

Open daily when the Pottery Studio is open. Limited Art and Pottery Supplies

GET SMART WITH ART

On August 13th Tyler Royance will present “Desert Animals” as our Get Smart With Art program resumes after the summer break. Join Tyler for this free class (supplies provided) by going to the VVAA website for the registration forms. Click on the Get Smart With Art tab.

This project is funded, in part, by a grant from the Nevada Arts Council, and the National Endowment for the Arts.



VOLUNTEERING FOR YOU

Whether you are a new member of the Virgin Valley Artists' Association or one that's been here for years, your volunteer time helps us fulfill our goals and makes it possible to present your art to our community. Opportunities abound, and the more time you can contribute the better your commissions. Please check out the website, click the Volunteers tab, and contact Chris Picior at cpiciorvvaa@gmail.com to learn more about training or filling a position.



STAY SMART WITH ART IS BACK!

Abstract Geometric Acrylic Painting August 25th 6:30 – 8:00
Come and have fun learning to paint a geometric design with acrylic paints on canvas. You choose the colors you want, either random or perhaps with specific tones (blues, reds, etc.) whatever you want. If you want to add a bit of sparkle, you can add some random glitter angles to your art piece. The class is free and a great way to learn a different art form. Our instructor is Loesje Lindberg.

On the website click SSWA tab to register on line. Limit 20.



SIP, BID AND WIN AN EVENING OF DRINKS AND ART

LIVE AUCTION

The Virgin Valley Artists' Association is hosting an Exciting, Fun-Filled evening with Wine and Gourmet Snacks to accompany a Live Auctioneer 50/50 Raffle & Surprise Gifts to those present. HELP US make this an outstanding FUNDRAISING event by:

- DONATING
- VOLUNTEERING
- ATTENDING DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022, 5:00 PM

Sponsored by Reliance Connects

Submit donations through October 10, 2022 At Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd.

Please contact Liz Etie, Chairman,

etienne@cascadeaccess.com or vvarts@gmail.com





July Themed Competition Winners "Let your Dreams Fly"



FIRST PLACE: "Fly Me To The Moon"
Collaboration by Kathleen Ludwig
and Floyd Johnson



BEST OF SHOW AND PEOPLE'S CHOICE:
"I Wish I Was" By Cheryl Sachse



SECOND PLACE: "Fly Me To The Moon"
By Cheryl Sachse

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HONORABLE MENTIONS:

- "Pegasus In Your Dreams"
By Lynn Craven
- "Dancing Dreams"
By Randy Bauman
- "Oh The Places You'll Go"
By Rachele Knight
- "Soaring Dreams"
By Randy Bauman



THIRD PLACE: "Where Dreams Are Made"
By Randy Bauman



MAYOR'S CHOICE: "Father of the Bride"
by Linda Harris

THE ART BOX

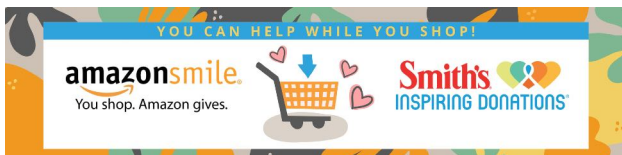
The Art Box Podcast lineups for August include Chris Picor (1st), Brenda Slocumb (15th) and Randy Bauman (29th). Join the fun by tuning in through the website: Click the Podcast Tab and select the episode of your choice. All previous podcasts are also available.

CONGRATULATIONS JEAN & STEVE

Virgin Valley Artists' Association members are not only promoting our association, but are active in our community and area. Two such members have received acclaim and we congratulate them.

Jean Battaglia, has been honored as the first volunteer employee of the Mesquite Police Department to be awarded the Best of the Badge. Jean is unpaid and puts in full-time hours as part of the MPD Volunteer Program. Additionally, she finds time for her art and presenting workshops at the Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery. Her next Beading Workshop is in October. Thank you Jean for helping keep our community safe.

Steve Dudrow, one of our VVAA Webmasters and Art Box Podcast initiators, was the Artist-In-Residence at the Capitol Reef National Park for July. He highlighted his night-sky photography for visitors through their free program. Steve also volunteers for the BLM, US Forest Service, Utah Division of State History, Nevadans for Cultural Preservation and Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance concentrating on Cultural/Historic site preservation and Wilderness protection.





CO-ARTIST OF THE MONTH - RITA FULMER

Growing up in Lansing, Michigan, Rita loved doodling and drawing pictures like most children.

Rita never considered her work to be ART. The true artist in the family was her very talented sister. Rita never imagined that she could create "Real Art."

She did the usual "Arts and Crafts" thing along the way in life. It wasn't until a move to Florida that Rita took her first real art class in watercolors. She thought it was fun, though her work needed help. After retiring in 2012 to Mesquite, NV, joining the Virgin Valley Artists' Association, and taking classes at the Mesquite Fine Arts Center, she realized she could create ART. Those classes, plus art classes by professionals and many online courses, inspired Rita to step outside the watercolor on paper art. She has branched out: painting on rocks, on leaves, on eggshells, on tea bags.

Rita volunteers her time as a member of the VVAA Board of Directors, teaching a couple of Get Smart with Art classes, Chairs the Exhibits Committee, produces the posters for events, and is in charge of the Poster Contest. For six years, Rita was Chairman of the Hanging Committee at the Gallery.



CO-ARTIST OF THE MONTH - DOTTIE GOLDEN

They say all humans are born from the earth, but if you have ever met Dottie, you know how true this is.

Dottie loves mud and frogs! It's in her DNA. As a child, she swam in a nearby creek full of mud and polliwogs. She loves taking a groggy ball of clay in her hands and forming it into something that will become a cherished morning ritual, part of a special dinner party, or functional kitchenware that will last generations.

Like many potters, Dottie got hooked while attending high school. She has taken a few pottery classes, but mostly she has learned by trial and error and from local pottery studios like the Virgin Valley Artists' Association Pottery Studio at the Jimmie Hughes Campus on Yucca Street in Mesquite.

Dottie stopped making pottery to raise her three wonderful children. When they were grown, she and her husband bought a busy coffee shop in the Santa Cruz Mountains of California.

Clay returned to her as a respite in her crazy, busy life, forcing her to slow down and focus on something besides work. She has dabbled in many art forms but is always drawn back to pottery. Then one Christmas, her husband surprised her by secretly transforming the garage into a full clay studio. When Dottie moved to Mesquite three years ago, they chose a house incorporating an indoor studio.

Now retired, she spends countless hours learning, creating, teaching, and sharing the joys of clay. Currently, she is President of the VVAA and heads numerous committees working to keep our Gallery moving forward.



CARD ARTIST OF THE MONTH PAM JACOBSON

Art has always been part of Pam's life. Growing up in Colorado, in school, through college, and into adulthood, she took many classes, seemingly trying every art medium. Thirty years ago, she and her husband bought a house that had the perfect place for stained glass windows.

She decided that instead of paying someone to make the windows, she would take a class to learn to make them herself, thus introducing herself to glass. She then moved into fused glass and was so taken that she immediately had to buy a kiln of her own, and she has been fusing glass ever since.

Even though art was Pam's love, her profession was teaching; for thirty-one years, she taught nearly every grade level, special education, and even had a job as a mentor for teachers. It was the perfect job while raising two sons and allowed for time to be creative. In addition to glass, creativity for Pam also included painting, knitting, crocheting, card-making, and general crafting.

After retiring, she moved to Mesquite with her husband, Alan, in 2016. One of the qualities she loved about Mesquite was that it seemed to be a very "artsy" town.

Once here, Pam jumped into an assortment of activities through Sun City, where she is currently the President of Glass Crafters (Fused Glass Club).

Joining the Virgin Valley Artists' Association in 2016, she is presently the Chairman of the Boutique Committee and a member of the Board of Directors. Being part of the VVAA has allowed Pam to connect with other artistic-minded people as she enjoys this phase of her life in Mesquite.

