



VVAA events

- October 1 to October 31
National Arts and Humanities Month
- October 1
VVAA Invitational Reception
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
- October 3 to October 29
"It's All An Illusion" - Themed Competition
Sponsor: Sherry Goddis
- October 4
Brown Bag - Ronald Lee - Noon to 1:00 pm
- October 6 (Note the Date Change)
Board of Director's Meeting 1:00 pm
- October 14
"Sip, Bid, & Win" Live Auction
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- October 17
Quarterly Member General Meeting
11:00 am to Noon
- October 20
Awards Ceremony "It's All An Illusion"
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- October 21
Witches Ball 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- October 22
"Beading for the Holidays" Workshop
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- October 31 to December 30
"Lucky 13" Competition and Exhibition
Sponsor: Eureka Casino
- November 1
Brown Bag - Randy Bauman
Noon to 1:00 pm
- November 4
"Finding a Paintable Subject" Workshop
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- November 10
Board of Directors Meeting 1:00 pm
- November 14 - December 30
Christmas Boutique
- November 17
Awards Reception "Lucky 13"
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- November 19
Sunny Strummers Ukulele Sing Along and
Bake Sale Noon to 2 pm

Celebrate National Arts and Humanities Month

"National Arts and Humanities Month (NAHM) is a coast-to-coast collective celebration of culture in America. Each year since 1993, NAHM has helped give millions of Americans the opportunity to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives and has encouraged them to begin a lifelong habit of active participation." - from the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies: nasaa-arts.org. Visit their site for more information on the month-long celebration.



NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT DOTTIE GOLDEN



HAPPY OCTOBER!

On September 27th, Mayor Al Litman signed a proclamation for the city of Mesquite to celebrate October as National Arts and Humanities Month. For the Virgin Valley Artists' Association, National Arts and Humanities months is a time to inspire our community to participate in the arts. Set aside your inhibitions and go for it! This is also a great time to diversify your art interests, whether traditional, performing, or even the culinary arts. You may want to look at something new to spark an interest or get your creative juices going on a long-forgotten project. Maybe you are an enthusiast who understands art's influence and the effect art has on our communities. Studies have shown that art gives us a sense of pride and belonging, along with social well-being. It also increases our serotonin, helping to alleviate depression and other mental issues. I could give many examples of what art does for our community and humans, but I need only recommend that you go to our website and calendar. There you will find free educational lectures and programs for adults and youth, a wide variety of affordable independent art classes and workshops, many fun events throughout the year, and exhibitions that are changed monthly with public receptions celebrating winning artists and all who have participated. VVAA is dedicated to providing art to all ages and all cultures. I'd like to end this letter with a quote from Travel Nevada Magazine: they nailed it by stating, "Possibly the un-stuffiest fine arts gallery ever." We thank them for speaking the truth and all of you who support us.
~Dottie

"TO PROMOTE THE POWER OF THE ARTS TO ALL AGES AND ALL CULTURES" - VVAA MOTTO



Virgin Valley Artists' Association
Will host its first ever Live Auction!

BID BID BID BID
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And enjoy an Evening of Drinks and Art
LIVE AUCTION

Fun-Filled evening with Wine and Gourmet Snacks
50/50 Raffle & Surprise Gifts, Live Entertainment
Live Auctioneer - Jared Noel

Date: October 14, 2022
10:00am - Early Viewing
5:00pm - Hors d'Oeuvres/Drinks
6:00pm - Live Auction Begins

Location: Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd, Mesquite, NV
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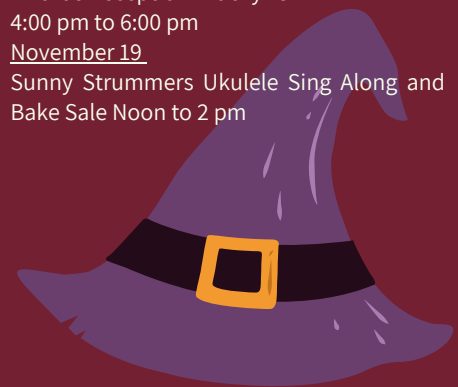


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VVAA WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMS

Information and registration instructions for VVAA classes and programs are on the MFAC website: mesquitefineartscenter.com. From the Home page, scroll to the tab that interests you. You can also access these from the Events Calendar tab.

Brown Bag Cultural Series

"From Sketchbook to Studio" is the October 4th Brown Bag subject presented by Roland Lee, a nationally acclaimed watercolor artist from St. George, Utah. He will offer his method of using on-location sketchbook studies and thumbnail value studies that help him create finished watercolor landscape paintings back in his studio. During his talk, he will display some of his original paintings, sketches, and books. Roland has been an avid landscape painter for over 50 years. His original paintings are in over 2000 art collections world-wide.



A former full-time college art teacher, he has produced 20 instructional painting videos and taught painting workshops across America. Although he has traveled and painted worldwide, his landscape paintings of the National Parks have become icons. He is featured in the 2022 PBS Utah documentary "Call of the Canyon – Zion National Park." He has just released his second art book, "Discovering Zion," a Pictorial Guide to Zion National Park. Lee's work has been featured in Artist's Magazine, Fine Art Connoisseur, Southwest Art, Western Art and Architecture, and Western Art Collector magazines; and art books, including "Art of the National Parks," "A Century of Sanctuary, the Art of Zion National Park," and "Painters of Utah's Canyons and Deserts."



The November 1st offering, "Finding Your Artistic Vision with Photography," will be presented by Randy Bauman, local photographer and chair of the Mesquite Fine Arts Photographic Society, who will explore the artistic vision of photography. Photography has become ubiquitous. Every day we scroll by dozens of photographs on social media.

Has reality numbed us to the potential for photography as a true art form? This session will explore how we can find that vision – the vision that transforms the ordinary image into a very personal expression of our perception, feelings, and emotions that go far beyond what the camera sees. The Brown Bag Cultural Series is free and runs from Noon to 1 pm, usually on the first Tuesday of the month. This free program is partly funded by Nevada Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts through grants received by the VVAA.

Finding a Paintable Subject



Creating a painting isn't about copying a perfectly composed photograph. In this workshop, Linda Smith teaches what to look for in reference material, how to interpret reference photos, editing tips, and ultimately how to turn your reference material into a painting. Bring several reference photos to work with, and be prepared to paint! Offered on Friday, November 4th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the MFAC Classroom. Click the Upcoming Workshops tab on the MFAC website for information on supplies and registration.

Pavillion Event

"Stories of the Valley" will be sponsored by the Virgin Valley Heritage Museum and Virgin River Coalition on October 5th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Join this informative lecture and enjoy a Dutch Oven dessert.

Beading For the Holidays - Jeweled Picture Workshop

Jean Battaglia repeats this popular class using her skills in jewelry design to help students create a collage shaped like a tree, wreath, or cross. Bring lots of old jewelry, beads, buttons, or boughten rhinestones and broaches to complete your 11x14 design.

A supply list and registration form are on the MFAC website under the Upcoming Workshops tab. This workshop is held in the MFAC Classroom on October 22nd from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Get Smart With Art

The Virgin Valley Artists' Association is delighted to announce the addition of the Virgin Valley Youth Players to our free Get Smart With Art Program. Youth ages 8 to 14 will now be able to participate in the performing arts on our campus. Registration instructions are on the MFAC website under the GSWA tab.

The Get Smart With Art visual arts program met on Saturday, September 10th, at the Mesquite Fine Arts Center. Teacher Char Lang showed a short video about the birds and asked students to share personal experiences. The students used natural materials and clay to form nests, hummingbirds, and eggs and painted their birds. Students enjoyed looking at each other's art and talking about the creative choices they made and the problem-solving that they did. Get Smart With Art Visual and Performing Arts is funded by Nevada Humanities and The National Endowment for the Humanities.

Upcoming Visual Art Classes: October 8th: "Buildings and Ghost Towns." Vanessa Temple talks about her trips to Nevada's ghost towns and leads students in creating ghostly images. November 12th: "Space." Tyler Royslance introduces the art of Alexander Calder, mobiles, and how they move and fill space.

Upcoming Performing Art Classes: October 3 & 5 - "A Picture of a Happy Me," October 10 & 12 - "Words from My Mouth," October 17 & 19 - "Musical Poetry From My Heart," October 24 & 26 - "Creating a Curriculum Dive For Portfolio." Classes are from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.



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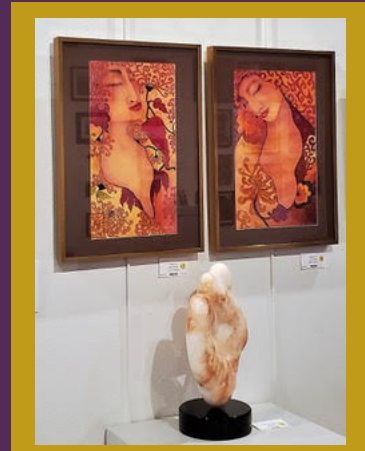
MAYOR'S CHOICE
Linda Smith - Girl with Headscarf

Special Thanks to all our patrons that visit the MFAC and support the VVAA during National Arts and Humanities Month in October and throughout the year.



SPONSOR'S CHOICE
Debra Andrews - Buds A Bloomin'

PEOPLE'S CHOICE will be announced at the reception October 1st



THANKS TO NORMA SACHAR FOR THE PHOTOS

LUCKY 13

It is time again for the Mesquite Fine Arts Center's National Small Works Competition and Exhibition, the "Lucky 13." Our exhibition includes artists and art organizations from throughout the United States and runs from October 31st through December 30, 2022.

Guidelines and registration are on our website at www.mesquitefineartscenter.com. Application and payment are due by October 14th, 2022. If mailing in your artwork, please ensure it arrives by October 25th. If dropping off your artwork in person, please bring it to the Mesquite Fine Arts Center on October 29th. The Awards Ceremony is on November 17th, 2022, at 4 pm in the Mesquite Fine Arts Center. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact Dottie Golden at (702) 346-1338 or email her at vvarts@gmail.com.

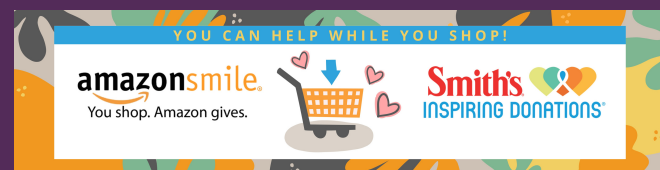


Artist in Residence Program

The Virgin Valley Artists' Association is very excited to announce receiving another grant from The Nevada Arts Council and The National Endowment for the Arts to host our second Artist in Residence in Mesquite.

Deborah Lambin from Carson City will stay in Mesquite from Sunday, February 12th through Saturday, February 18th, as our Artist in Residence. A native of Chicago, Illinois, and a paper sculptor with over 40 years of art experience, she specializes in acrylic paint, watercolors, wood, metal, and recyclable materials. She has won various awards throughout the state of Nevada. Her work has been on exhibit in the Clark County Government Rotunda, and she was selected to exhibit in the 2021 & 2022 Outdoor Art Walk at the Clark County Wetlands Park in Las Vegas. In 2021 Debbie was accepted as a Teaching Artist with Nevada Arts Council, and she travels throughout Nevada to conduct book art workshops for all ages.

This free program is open to the public, and registration will be available on our website mesquitefineartscenter.com soon. The VVAA will display Deborah's work in the MFAC Gallery and host a reception (open to the public) on Thursday, February 16th.



Portfolio Challenge–MFA Photographic Society

During the Fall and Winter of 2022-2023, we're encouraging members to develop portfolios of their photography. Member portfolios will be displayed at a special Photography Exhibit at the Mesquite Fine Arts Center Gallery in May 2023. Portfolios should consist of 4 to 8 images of the same or similar size that coalesce around a body of work or theme. During our upcoming meetings, we will set aside time to assist members in choosing, refining, and creating their portfolios. Individual mentoring will also be available. Click the MFA Photographic Society tab on the MFAC website for more information.

VVAA Ongoing Classes

Additional information and registration instructions for all classes are available on our website through the Art Classes tab or the Events Calendar.

Tuesdays: Drawing with Tyler Roylance (2:00 pm to 4:00 pm) Drop-In \$10

3rd Tuesdays: MFA Photographic Society (5:30 pm to 7:30 pm) Free

Wednesdays: Wednesday is for Watercolors with Char Lang-Intermediate (9:00 am to 12:00 pm) & Beginner Classes (1:00 pm to 3:00 pm) Drop-In \$10

Thursdays: Beginner's Acrylic Class with Vanessa Temple (10:00 am to 12:30 pm) Drop-In \$10

3rd Fridays: Desert Doodling Class (10:30 am to 12:30 pm) Drop-In \$10

Palette & Pour Party: Reservations are still available for November 4th (Red Moon) and December 9th (Chickadees). Other dates are sold out. You MUST buy tickets (\$30) at the MFAC. Watch for 2023 dates and subjects.

“Any form of art is a form of power; it has impact, it can affect change—it can not only move us, it makes us move.” ~ Ossie Davis

POTTERY NEWS AND CLASS

The Pottery Wheel Class is finishing up in October and future classes are on demand. This means they will be held when enough people sign up. Do so at the Pottery Studio, Room 30 at the Jimmie Hughes Campus on Yucca St.

Kathleen Birkhkhz will hold an all day workshop on Thursday, October 27th where participants will create a **Coyote Statuette**. The class begins at 10:00 am in the Pottery Studio with a cost of \$40. Bring your own clay and any sculpting tools. Please contact Kathleen at kdb313@gmail.com for info.

OCTOBER OPENINGS

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday - CLOSED

Friday...10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday...9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday...10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Monthly Clay Classes will begin in October

Sign-up sheets are posted at the Studio.

Student Supply Outlet (SSO)

Days and Times are the same as the Pottery Studio.

Limited Art and Pottery Supplies



THE ART BOX

A special podcast with Mandi Lee of Americans for the Arts regarding National Arts and Humanities Month (October each year) is available on the MFAC website. Mandi explains the different ways you can participate in this annual celebration. Listen in!

The Art Box is published twice a month and features interviews with local, regional, and national artists, art enthusiasts, and people who use art in their careers, hobbies, and daily life. Tune in to the new "10 Minutes With..." episodes and all podcasts by choosing the Podcast tab from the MFAC website. Join us as we explore art in the Virgin Valley and elevate art in our community!



SIP, BID, AND WIN

Here's another way you can promote National Arts and Humanities Month: Don't miss the FIRST VVAA Live Auction on October 14th. Early viewing of auction items begins at 10:00 am in the MFAC. The fun-filled evening commences at 5:00 pm with drinks and gourmet bites. Bidding will begin at 5:30. A 50/50 raffle, live entertainment, and surprise gifts will be offered for your enjoyment. Proceeds from this event will support the free programs that the VVAA can provide to our community.

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CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

If you plan to participate in the 2022 Christmas Boutique at the MFAC, sign-up begins October 1st at 10:00 am. Applications, inventory forms, and instructions are available on the MFAC website.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sign-up timeframe: October 1st @ 10:00 a.m.
through October 8th @ 4:00 pm

Notification of acceptance to participate and table assignment: No later than Tuesday, October 11th.

Elf sign-up available online: October 11th Q&A Meeting (optional): Monday, October 24th, 1:00 at the gallery.

Initial barcode requests due: Thursday, October 27th, 4:00 pm.

Initial barcodes available for pick-up: Saturday, November 5th, 10:00 am.

Set up: Sunday, November 13th, from 12:00 – 3:00 pm.

Boutique: Monday, November 14th – Friday, December 30th.

Reception: Thursday, November 17th, 4:00 – 6:00

Tear-down: Saturday, December 31st from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

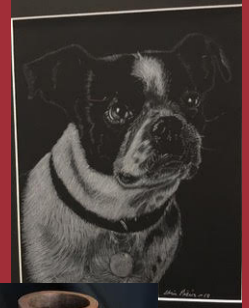
The fall quarterly meeting is scheduled for 11:00 am, Monday, October 17th. Keep up-to-date on VVAA events, workshops, Association changes and have your voice heard at this important meeting. Attending these meetings promotes the arts and humanities throughout the year.



CHRIS PICIOR ARTIST OF THE MONTH

A native of New York City, Chris began sketching people at Washington Square in Greenwich Village when she was 16. Her first job was at Ace Publishing Company in the Art Department, but it was short-lived as marriage and three children became a priority. When her children were little, she worked in oils and then tried watercolors. After moving to Mesquite, she joined a neighborhood group that used acrylics and became a member of the VVAA. Chris started with colored pencils, played with acrylics, and added ink to her new works. In December 2019, Councilman George Gault appointed her to the Mesquite Public Arts Commission. In January 2020, she was elected Chair and still holds that position. As Past President of the VVAA, she works with the Membership Committee and actively promotes our group. Since retiring, one of her favorite hobbies has been making gourds into art pieces. Chris cleans, carves, creates, and decorates gourds, finding it is one of her favorite mediums. She loves learning new techniques and expanding her expertise. Making her artwork into cards intrigued her, but the best part is just having fun with her art.

EDITORS NOTE: We mistakenly featured Chris as the September Artist of the Month, when there wasn't one. View her art this month at the MFAC and read her full bio in our September edition.



CARD ARTIST - CHERYL SACHSE



Cheryl is an award-winning artist in several mediums, but her favorite is watercolor.

"As an artist, I try to look at different subject matters that peak my curiosity and visual awareness. Painting is not just a hobby to me but my way of looking at the world and finding the beauty and joy that surrounds me."

She wanders the red rocks of southern Utah and travels the world looking for her next subject matter. She finds inspiration in the wildlife photos of her son, daughter, and six grandchildren.

She illustrated her first children's book, Mooseberry, Mooseberry, Gooseberry Pie, in 2018 and is working on a second, which is a coloring book to enhance psychotherapist clients' objectives.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The VVAA needs volunteers for the following opportunities:

- Hanging Committee
- Chair for the Brown Bag Educational Programs
- Co-Chair for Gift Shop
- Front Desk Volunteers
- Gift Shop Jewelry Committee

These positions offer better commissions!
Please contact Chris Picior
at cpiciorvvaa@gmail.com to learn more about training or filling a position.



OUTSIDE VENUES FOR YOUR ART

Include your art in our outside venues by dropping them off before Monday, October 10th in the space provided in the storage room.

The Mesquite Fine Arts Center displays art in three venues: Mesa View Hospital, City Hall, and the Bank of Nevada. It provides an opportunity for artists to get exposure and expose the public to the talent in our area.

The art will remain on display until early January. Don't hesitate to contact Amy Wells at amyannwells@gmail.com with any questions.



**CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE
NOVEMBER 14 TO
DECEMBER 30**

WITCHES BALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling all Witch and Wizard Volunteers

Your HELP is NEEDED for the Witches Ball

- Have fun while getting commission hours
- Set up & Clean up
- Helpers who can climb a ladder
- TAM Card Holders for the bar
- Donate Halloween themed candy, appetizer, or a dessert
- Wine Donations
- Food prep serving and cleaning
- Please contact Dottie Golden to volunteer dottiegolden112@gmail.com

