



Note from President, Dottie Golden

September is a special month for the Virgin Valley Artists' Association (VAAA). We invite associations, guilds, and galleries like ours to bring their art to exhibit in our Mesquite Fine Art Center and Gallery.

We have participants from as far away as St George, Las Vegas, and even Lone Pine, California. It is exciting for us to host this impressive exhibition, and we hope all of you will be able to experience it. At its close, the VAAA will host a reception with food, drinks, and live music from the Flat Top Junction Bluegrass Band. These are events you will not want to miss. And yes, it is open to the public. I hope our members can come to this reception to show support and give our invited guests a warm farewell.

Fall is an active time for the art center. We are quite busy organizing some exciting events for October's National Art Month. Ever been to a Live Auction? I haven't, but on October 14, a real auctioneer will give us the opportunity to bid on some of this community's most beautiful art and items donated from local businesses. Food and libations will be offered to the public. This exhilarating event is one of our biggest fundraisers. Monies raised will help fund our free children and adult art educational programs.

Can't make it to this event? Available now on the home page of our website, you can help by sponsoring this event with a donation of money or sign up to donate items. You can also volunteer to help on the day of the auction. Go to mesquitefineartcenter.com. It's as easy as pushing a button.

I appreciate all this community does for us and others like us. From the bottom of my heart, thank you,

Dottie



VAAA events

August 30 to October 1

VAAA INVITATIONAL

Sponsor: Karen Fielding

September 5

Labor Day - MFAC Closed

September 8

Board of Directors Meeting 1:00 pm

September 9

"Beautiful Arrangements" Workshop

September 13

Brown Bag Cultural Series

MFA Photographic Society

September 30

"Watercolor Tips, Tricks, & Techniques" Workshop

October 1

VAAA Invitational Reception 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

October 3 to October 29

"It's All An Illusion" - Themed Competition
Sponsor: Sherry Gosdis

October 4

Brown Bag Cultural Series

October 7

Palette & Pour Party

October 11

MFA Photographic Society

October 14

"Sip, Bid, & Win" Live Auction

October 20

Awards Ceremony "It's All An Illusion"

October 21

Witches Ball

October 22

"Beading for the Holidays" Workshop

October 31 to January 2

"Lucky Thirteen" Competition and Exhibition

GRANTS RECEIVED

The Virgin Valley Artists' Association recently received \$10,157 in grants from Nevada Arts Council and The National Endowment for the Arts. The funds will help pay rent and utilities for the Mesquite Fine Arts Center (\$5,000) and bring another Artist in Residence to Mesquite during February 2023 (\$5,157).

REOPENING MONDAYS

Beginning Monday, September 12th, the Mesquite Fine Arts Center openings return to Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to fill the three-hour shifts at the Front Desk.

Stop by and sign up!!

EDITOR'S CORRECTION

In the August edition, we mistakenly gave credit for grant monies in the Get Smart With Art article. The Nevada Humanities Project Grant (Nevada Humanities and National Endowment for the Humanities) funds this free program for the youth in our community. We thank them for their support and apologize for our error.

VAAA INVITATIONAL

The annual Virgin Valley Artists' Association Invitational Exhibition is ready for your viewing! Several galleries and associations, as well as VAAA members, are participating in this year's presentation. Visit the MFAC Gallery to view the various mediums displayed and buy one of these exceptional works for your collection. A lively reception is planned for October 1st, beginning at 11:00 am.



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VVAA WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMS

You can find information and registration instructions for VVAA classes and programs 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



The VVAA will hold September's Brown Bag on Tuesday, September 13th (an exception to the normal first Tuesday), featuring "Quilting - Cheaper than Therapy." The presenter, Robin Maughan, from the Old Logandale School Historical and Cultural Society, will talk about the history of quilting, how techniques have changed over the years, and the tools of the trade. We will also enjoy a Quilt Trunk Show. "From Sketchbook to Studio" is the October 4th subject presented by Roland Lee, a nationally acclaimed

watercolor artist from St. George, Utah. He has judged many of our VVAA competitions.

The Brown Bag Cultural Series is free and runs from Noon to 1 pm, usually on the first Tuesday of the month. This program is partly funded by Nevada Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts through grants received by the VVAA.

Get Smart With Art

September 10th: Hummingbirds Seen in Nevada. Char Lang will assist students with painting various hummingbirds seen in Virgin Valley neighborhoods.

October 8th: Buildings and Ghost Towns. Vanessa Temple talks about her trips to Nevada's ghost towns and leads students in creating ghostly images.

Get Smart With Art classes are free to youth ages 8 to 14 and are currently funded through grants from the Nevada Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Floral Arrangements Workshop

On Friday, September 9th, Denise Sims will teach an easy and fun way to arrange flowers in any vase or container. She is a certified floral instructor, allowing her to teach fundamental and advanced floral design. As the owner of Exquisite Blooms, Denise has over 39 years as a floral designer. The cost of the workshop (\$65.00) covers



all supplies. Each person will leave the workshop with two beautifully designed floral arrangements and the supplies used in the class.

The class runs from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Mesquite Fine Arts Classroom.

Watercolor Tips, Tricks, and Techniques Workshop

This one-day workshop is designed for both beginners and experienced watercolor artists. Linda Smith will offer guidance in understanding the nature of watercolor. From learning about the proper yet versatile uses of watercolor tools and materials to understanding how color works, participants will learn helpful tips and techniques through various simple exercises.



Check out the list of supplies needed on the MFAC website under the Upcoming Workshops tab. This class is scheduled for September 30th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and has a registration fee of \$65.00.

Palette & Pour Party



Already sold out, October 7th, marks the return of the ever-popular Palette & Pour Party events. Tickets are \$30, participants must be 21 or older, and the class starts at 5:00 pm. Held monthly, you must purchase your tickets in advance. Classes fill quickly, so make your reservations early. Future session can be seen at the Front Desk. Pictured is the subject for November.

VVAA Ongoing Classes

Access information on all classes and registration (if needed) on the website in the Art Classes tab or through the Events Calendar.

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

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

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

Thursdays: Beginner Acrylic Class is still meeting while Vanessa is gone from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Attendance will be taken, and students will mail Vanessa their work to be critiqued.

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



AUGUST THEMED COMPETITION WINNERS "ABANDONED PLACES"



FIRST PLACE
"Stone Cabins" by Susan McPherson



BEST OF SHOW & MAYOR'S CHOICE
"Trans Con Railroad 1869" by Steve Dudrow



SECOND PLACE
"Trails End" by Floyd Johnson



THIRD PLACE
"Abandoned From Their Lands" by Charyn McDonnell

THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR:



SPONSOR'S CHOICE
"Weathered and Tattered in Southern Nevada" by Linda Smith
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EMERGING ARTIST
"30-Apr-75" by Susan Wolfe

HONORABLE MENTIONS

"BROKEN DREAMS" BY JUDY BALEN
"NATURE TAKES BACK" BY LYNN CRAVEN
"HAUNTED ELEVATOR" BY SUSAN MCPHERSON

THANKS TO NORMA SACHAR FOR THE PHOTOS

THE ART BOX

In the last Art Box Podcast, Rachel and Steve interviewed Brenda Slocumb, local artist and Friends of Gold Butte Operations Manager. You'll enjoy listening to this multi-talented woman and her interesting endeavors. Tune in by choosing the Podcast tab from the MFAC website.

TUNE IN TO THE NEW "10 MINUTES WITH..." BY CHOOSING THE PODCAST TAB FROM THE MFAC WEBSITE,.



"SAXON THE CAT" CONTEST WINNERS

Awards By Group	Young Artists	Adult Artists	Senior Artists	Guillage Theme (All Groups)
First Place	Rylie Belcazar 	Rachel Washington 	Marge Jergentz 	Marge Jergentz
Second Place	Naomi Belcazar 	Jessica Berg 	Cheryl Sachse 	Vikki Farrington
Third Place	Kassandra Hillius 	Nivia Babera 	Vikki Farrington 	Jessica Berg
Honorable Mention	Addison & Avery Forsberg 	1. Deb Parsley 2. Leora Hillius 	Steve Dudrow 	Cheryl Sachse

Special Awards	Best of Show Marge Jergentz 	Mayor's Choice Nancy Hewitt 	People's Choice Jessica Berg
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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 moved to watercolor.

Chris attended Queens College, Kathryn Gibbs Secretarial School, and Utica College before starting her 25-year career in radio management. While living in Florida, she decided on a career change to Natural Health. Chris received her massage license in Florida, then obtained a Bachelor of Natural Health Studies degree and a Doctor of Naturopathy degree from Clayton College of Natural Health in Birmingham, AL. While working at Clayton College as faculty and in admissions, she also had private practices in Atlanta and Birmingham. Her true love has always been art.

After moving to Mesquite, she became active as a Community Educator for the Mesquite Citizens for Clean Indoor Air for eight years. She also 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. Also, that January, she became President of the Virgin Valley Artists' Association, which she retained until December 2021. As Past President, 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. She is looking forward to a class in watercolor and learning more about acrylics and alcohol ink.



CHAR LANG - CARD ARTIST FOR SEPTEMBER



For Char Lang, happiness is playing with color, line, shapes, and texture and sharing these experiences with others. Over the years, Char has worked in many mediums, including watercolor, collage, relief printing, silk screening, fiber arts, and pottery.

"Hopefully, my work expresses my love of nature and animals and reveals my interest in many subjects."

Char's work resides in many homes around the world. "Art is solving problems, expressing oneself, applying rules, playing, trying new things, and just doing, practicing, and continual learning and experimenting and asking what if."



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

These positions offer better commissions!

Please contact Chris Picior at cpiciorvaa@gmail.com to learn more about training or filling a position.



POTTERY STUDIO

September Studio Hours
Closed Mondays

Tuesday - Thursday.....9 am to 2 pm
Friday.....10 am to 5 pm
Saturday.....9 am to 1 pm
Sunday.....10 am to 5 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

OUTSIDE VENUES FOR YOUR ART

The Mesquite Fine Arts Center has the opportunity to display art in three venues around our community. It provides an opportunity for artists to get exposure AND expose the public to the talent in this community. The venues are Mesa View Hospital, City Hall, and the Bank of Nevada. The art gets changed quarterly; the next change will be in early October. Watch for an art alert that will provide the drop-off deadline. The art will then be hung and remain on display until early January. Don't hesitate to contact Amy Wells at amyannwells@gmail.com with any questions.

WITCHES BALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Calling all Witch and Wizard Volunteers

The Witches Ball Needs YOU
Have fun while getting commission hours by helping:
Set & Clean up
Tend Bar -TAM Card Holders
Ticket Booth Helpers
Donate a dish and/or wine
Food prep, serving and cleaning
Please contact Dottie Golden to volunteer
dottiegolden112@gmail.com





FIBER ART EXHIBITION

In August, the Mesa Gallery displayed beautiful works of art fashioned from natural and synthetic materials. Here are a few of our members creations.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE EVENTS

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**MESQUITE FINE ARTS CENTER
 2023 ART PRINT CONTEST**

GRAND PRIZE \$1,000.00
 ENTRIES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND ALL MESA MEMBERS

Entry fee: \$50.00
 Exhibition Beginning Monday, January 30, 2023
 Deadline for entry Saturday, January 28, 2023
 Max 2 Entries Per Artist

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Virgin Valley Artists Association
Art Auction
 Saturday, October 14, 2022, 5 pm
 Mesquite Fine Art Center
 15 Mesquite Blvd, Mesquite.

A fun-filled evening of wine & gourmet snacks to accompany a live auctioneer.
 All art donated by local artists.

Proceeds benefit:
Free Educational Art Programs

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For more information, Contact Liz Etie
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You have been summoned to attend the
Second Annual Adults

Magician Live Music
 Live Cost
Witches' Ball
 By the Virgin Valley Artists Association
 October 21, 2022 5:00pm to 8:00pm
 Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 Mesquite Blvd.
 Snacks, Food & Drink Details

Costume Contest
 100 Year Players

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Tickets \$35 | Tickets \$40
 at the door