



October 2026

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Meet the Board

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October Meeting

Monday, October 5

6:00 p.m.

Fountain Hills Community
Center -- Yavapai Room

President's Perspective

There is a lot to be excited about at the Fountain Hills Art League.

As we look toward the months ahead, we are also looking at ways to strengthen the League for the future. One possibility we are exploring is joining the Fountain Hills Cultural & Civic Association. Membership could provide several important benefits, including 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, accounting oversight, and additional marketing support. There is still more for us to learn and consider, but I am encouraged by the possibilities. A stronger organizational foundation gives us more freedom to concentrate on what brought us together in the first place—art, artists, and our community.

And speaking of art, our upcoming program gives us something special to look forward to. We will welcome a docent from the Phoenix Art Museum for our presentation. Programs like this give us an opportunity not only to learn, but to see through someone else's eyes—and that is always valuable to an artist.

And we want to see what you have been creating. Bring a finished work to share for

for our **Artist of the Month**. In October, we will also be sharing the results of our **Summer Project: "Patriotism."** I'm looking forward to seeing how many different interpretations can emerge from a single idea. That variety—how differently each of us sees—is one of the delights of bringing artists together.

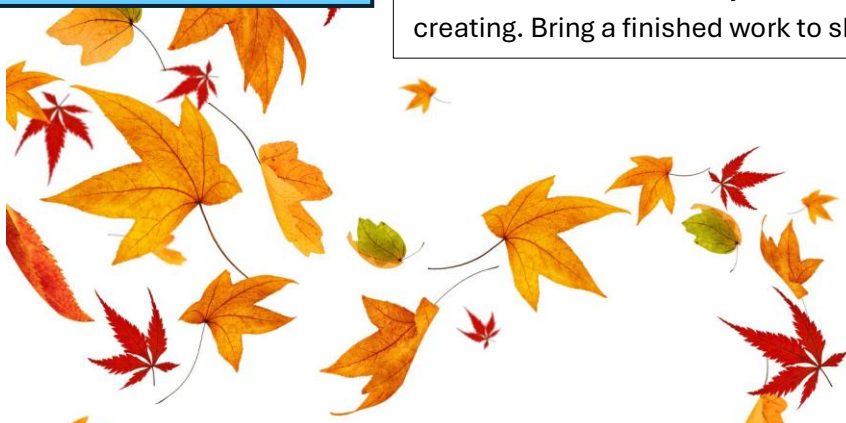
I continue to be encouraged by the conversations, ideas, and willingness to participate that I see throughout the League. We have an opportunity to build something that honors what the Art League has been while discovering what it can become.

Bring your ideas. Bring another artist.

There is room here for all of them.

And I think we have some exciting days ahead.

Rick Allen
Interim President
Fountain Hills Art League



Coming Up...

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 5, at 6 p.m. at the Fountain Hills Community Center, Yavapai Room. **Bring your art pieces for Artist of the Month consideration! Also bring your Summer Project—there is a cash prize for the winner!**

Our presenter this month is John Engen, Docent from the Phoenix Art Museum. His presentation is entitled **Under-Represented Art: Amazing Stories**. Meet artists that tend to be under-represented in American museums. Self-identified as Navaho/PuebloLaguna, Anishinabe, Mexican, Black, and Gay, these artists produce work ranging from abstracted to hyper-realism. This presentation includes a Presidential portrait and a piece inspired by Picasso's Guernica. Images of performance and political art, along with installation and immersive art will be shared. The art tells powerful, compelling stories of chaos, transformation and harmony.

Tour d' Artistes 2027

March 5, 6, 7th



15th Annual Artist Studio Tour and Sale
10 am to 4 pm
Free Admission

The Fountain Hills Art League welcomes you to the 2027 Tour d' Artistes Tour and Sale. The artists open their private studios and homes, inviting you to be a part of the arts. This tour is a great opportunity to purchase fine art directly from the artists.

Tour and Sale provides support to both the Fountain Hills Art League and provides art supplies for students at Fountain Hills schools that may not be available to the students in classrooms. The 2026 tour provided \$2,998 of art supplies to our schools. 2027 Tour d' Artistes is scheduled for March 5, 6 & 7th.

You can register and pay the registration fee online at www.fountainhillsartleague.art. Registrations must be completed by October 12th. If you have questions about the tour you can contact Elaine Tarr elaine@tarrs.com or Lloyd Tarr lloyd@tarrs.com



Up until last year the Art League sponsors were recruited by tour participants benefitted only the Tour d' Artistes and their donations to Fountain Hills schools' art programs. Last year this was changed to being a source of financial support to whole Art League. To meet the Art League Budget for the 2026-2027 League we need at least 20 sponsors. We have a list of 25 plus sponsors from previous years that need to be contacted and signed up by November 15th so their sponsorship can be included in the Tour d' Artistes 2027 brochure. There will be a list of these sponsors available at the October 5th League meeting.

Experience shows that the best results are when members talk to businesses that they are customers of. We are asking everyone to look at the sponsor list and sign up to visit at least one of the sponsors on the list or businesses that you know and who might become a FHAL sponsor. There are information packets available with complete instructions and forms for recruiting sponsors. If you have any questions you can talk to Lloyd Tarr at the meeting, call at 480-773-8915 or email lloyd@tarrs.com. We are counting on you to help recruit sponsors for FHAL.



Artist of the Month September 2026



1st Place

Lloyd Tarrs with his photo of
Garden of the Gods.



2nd Place

Rose Balazs
with her
beautiful
woven bead
bracelet.

Coffee

A group of member artists meet every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. at Fountain View Coffee, located on Saguaro near the fountain. All members are welcome to join us for this social gathering.

One more thing...

There will be a sign-up sheet at our October 5th meeting for the December 14th holiday potluck. Start thinking about what you would like to bring. If you're undecided, just put a check in the area you're interested in (appetizer/side dish, main dish, dessert or beverage).