November 2026

Collage

President's Perspective

Building Something Worth Belonging To

An art league is an interesting kind of community.

We come together because we enjoy creating art, but we stay for reasons that often have little to do with paint, clay, cameras, or pencils.

We stay because we enjoy one another.

We discover friendships, exchange ideas, learn something new, and occasionally find ourselves doing something we never imagined we would do.

Over the past few months, I have been reminded that a healthy organization requires the same qualities that make a good friendship: communication, consideration, trust, and a willingness to listen.

Our Art League has some important decisions ahead. We are looking at how we organize ourselves, how we support our members, and how we can make the League more welcoming and rewarding for everyone.

These are worthwhile conversations. They deserve our attention, and they deserve the participation of our members.

Our Board has also been looking at ways for more members to become involved in the life of the League. There are opportunities to contribute in many different ways, and I hope each of you will consider where your interests and talents might find a place.

But I don't want us to become so occupied with the business of running an art league that we forget the pleasure of belonging to one.

I would like to see more members sharing their work, more opportunities to learn from one another, and more reasons to look forward to our monthly gatherings.

Some of our best ideas may come from members who have never served on a committee or held an office. All they need is an opportunity to be heard.

We have something good here. I know that because I have experienced it personally.

Now we have an opportunity to make it even better.

And that is something worth creating together.

Rick Allen
Interim President
Fountain Hills Art League

November Meeting

Monday, November 2

6:00 p.m.
Fountain Hills Community Center -- Yavapai Room

Meet the Board

President – Rick Allen
Vice President – Carol Ofsthun
Secretary – Pat Reich
Treasurer – Lloyd Tarr
Tour d' Artistes – Lloyd and Elaine Tarr

Coming Up…

Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 2, at 6 p.m. at the Fountain Hills Community Center, Yavapai Room. **Bring your art pieces for Artist of the Month consideration!**

The guest speaker will be Carol Stuttard. The title of her presentation is "From Insult To Masterpiece- How Impressionism Changed The Art World". Carol is a retired Horticultural Professor and a Maricopa County Master Gardener. Her own artwork is primarily watercolors.

Please join us for an interesting view of Impressionism.



Up until last year the Art League sponsors 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 for the 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 November 2nd 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.**



The 2027 Tour planning is well underway. We have seven studios with a total of 17 artists and are happy to welcome two new artists who have not been in the tour before.

Fountain Hills Art League
Winter Art Shows

The Fountain Hills Art League sponsors two art shows each winter. The first one is the **Juried Show.** We have outside judges view the art and pick winners for each category. There are modest monetary rewards for first and second place in each category and Best of Show. The show is open to all local artists and work is displayed at the Fountain Hills Community Center during the month of January. You do not have to be a member of the Fountain Hills Art League to submit work. The cost is $50 for two (2) pieces of work. The registration for the Juried Show is now open on our website at www.fountainhillsartleague.art/show-registrations. Here are the important dates:

Juried Show

- Art Intake on Tuesday, January 5, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Reception for Juried Show on Thursday, January 21, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Pick up artwork on Thursday or Friday, January 28 and 29

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Our second show is the **All Members Show.** This show is open to members of the Fountain Hills Art League and it is free to enter up to two (2) pieces of work. This show hangs at the Fountain Hills Community Center during February. Further information regarding the entry process will be out soon. Here are the important dates:

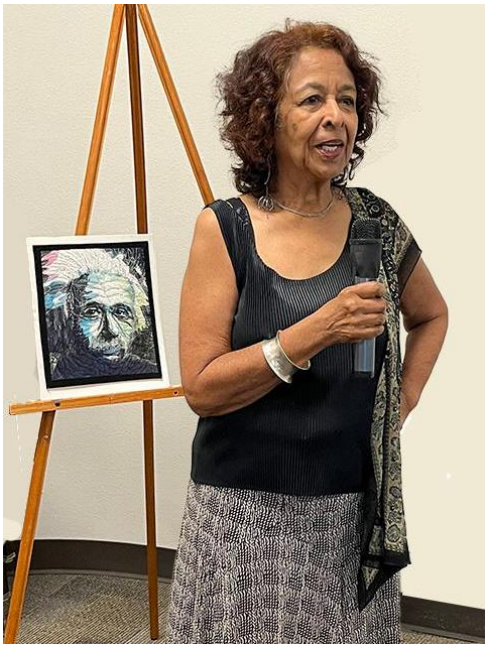
All Members Show

- Art Intake on Wednesday, February 3, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Reception for All Members Show on Wednesday, February 17, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Pick up artwork Thursday, February 25. The Community Center is closed on February 26 for the Fair.

Summer Project Winner

Sudha Achar

For her fabric portrait of Albert Einstein



Artist of the Month

October 2026



First Prize

Rose Balazs

For her beaded miniature Christmas train set



Second Prize

Elaine Tarr

For her embroidered fabric landscape

December 14th Holiday Potluck

The sign-up sheet will be at our November 2nd meeting to indicate if you're planning on bringing an appetizer/side dish, main dish, dessert or beverage. If you're not able to attend the meeting on the 2nd, but would still like to contribute a dish, please email gloriaboyce@aol.com.

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.