



September 2026

Collage

Meet the Board

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Tour d' Artistes

Lloyd and Elaine Tarr

September Meeting

Monday, September 14

6:00 p.m.

Fountain Hills Community
Center -- Yavapai Room

President's Perspective

What We Create Together

When we think about an art league, naturally we think about art.

Paintings. Sculpture. Photography. Jewelry. Ceramics. The remarkable variety of things our members create. But lately I have been thinking about something else we create.

The Art League itself.

An organization like ours does not really exist because it has a name, a set of bylaws, or a schedule of meetings. It exists because people choose to participate in it. Someone brings an idea. Someone volunteers. Someone welcomes a new member. Someone hangs a painting, moves a table, makes a phone call, teaches something they know, or asks a question nobody else thought to ask. Often these are small things. But enough small things, contributed by enough people, become a community.

That may be especially important for us to remember as we begin another season together.

We have talented people in the Fountain Hills Art League. But talent is only part of what each of us brings. We also bring experience, curiosity, connections, enthusiasm, and different ways of seeing the world.

I would like us to discover more of those things in one another.

If you have an idea for the Art League, bring it.

If there is something you would like us to try, tell us.

If you see a place where you could contribute, step forward.

Not every idea will become a project. Not every project will succeed exactly as we imagine it. That is true of organizations just as it is true of art.

But something worthwhile happens when people are willing to create together.

And perhaps that is one of the best things an art league can be:

Not simply a place where artists bring what they have created—but a place they help create.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED to handle photography duties at League meetings and special events. No special skills are needed. Digital photos with a cellphone are fine.

Coming Up...

Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 14, at 6 p.m. at the Fountain Hills Community Center, Yavapai Room. Artist of the Month will be chosen, so bring your artwork! In addition, Lloyd Tarr will present 20 Years of Photography--how his photography has changed in the last twenty years and how the photography process has changed. He will also talk about how AI is transforming photography as well as the impact it may have on art in general.

In October we will bring in our Summer Project. There is a cash prize for the winner!

Tour d' Artistes

Tour d' Artistes (March 5, 6, 7, 2027) registration is open. You can register and pay online at www.fountainhillsartleague.art. If you have any problems registering, contact Lloyd Tarr at 480-773-8915 or lloyd@tarrs.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.

!!! NEW !!!

The Art League has a new domain name:

fountainhillsartleague.art

This replaces "artinfh.com". This new page is up, but there is still a lot to do to make it more user friendly. We are working on these changes, so please be patient and give us a few weeks to make the updates.



August's presenter was Elaine Tarr who shared her journey in fiber art—from pattern design to quilted landscapes and portraits.

A Note About Membership

Your annual art league membership is tracked and renewed via our website www.fountainhillsartleague.art. A few days before your membership expires, you should receive an email from the Fountain Hills Art League website telling you that you can renew your membership when your current membership expires. The website is set up and ready for you to renew your membership using a credit card. We are currently exploring other ways of using checks and cash in the system.

You will need to login using your username and password to renew your membership and pay your dues. If you have forgotten your password, you can request a change password opportunity. I forgot my password and had to request a change password screen twice, but it did work.

If you have any questions or problems with the website, please contact Pat Reich at patreich@gmail.com.