



# Phoenix Artists Guild

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## *President's Message*

Well, you've done it again! I busted my buttons with pride for several days over our exceptional fall show - I was so proud of all our members who displayed such excellent work. You can all be pleased by the quality of the work, the presentation and the response from the public. It was one of the nicest shows I have seen to date and I heard many similar comments from people who viewed it. **CONGRATULATIONS** to all ribbon winners! Some of them have NEVER been in a show before...quite an accomplishment for their first time out! **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, ALL OF YOU** and give a special thanks to **BETTELOU TOBIN** and **ALICE OKONESKI** for all their diligent work and organization. I felt it was an extremely successful show (although no paintings sold) - one we can be very proud of! Thanks to every artist who participated - in any capacity - **HATS OFF TO YOU!**

We've had some excellent suggestions from members as to ways to increase our membership. We will have applications for membership available at each of our meetings for you to take and distribute to classmates, friends, relatives. I am amazed at the number of people to express surprise that we **EXIST** as a group! Each one of you needs to promote this fine organization and recruit new members. We have much to offer. So spread the word! Our membership will increase if you do!

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL OF YOU!** (and gird your loins for the approaching hectic Holiday Season). You will get a good jump-start if you participate in our Christmas party. Hope to see a full house for that event!

**Julie Frye,  
PRESIDENT**

*View all the Fall 2007 Eye on Art Show photos by visiting <http://ymmartin.com/2007-FallArtShowGallery> and you can also get to that web page by going to the Phoenix Artists Guild main web site at <http://ymmartin.com/pag> and then scroll down to the Events and click on the Eye on Art graphic. To see the full size photo of the thumbnail, you click on the thumbnail for it. After opening the full size photo to return to your web page use your browser back arrow which takes you to page you were viewing prior to opening the full size photo.*

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## Sharon Ely Forsmo

I grew up in Kettering, Ohio and after high school moved to Tucson, Arizona to study art at the UA and was greatly influenced by the late Bruce McGrew. My interest in color and painting developed under his tutelage, as well as an interest in landscape painting. After receiving my BFA in studio art I moved to Madison, Wisconsin for graduate school. The UW provided an even greater opportunity to study color with the mosaic artist, Prof. Marjorie Kreillick. Her class in color theory and design made a huge impact on my work.

Upon completing my MFA I married graphic designer, James Forsmo and after a short stint in New York City, we relocated to Tucson and finally to Phoenix. Along the way I worked as an art instructor with both children and adults in outreach and extension programs, and was also employed by a gallery in Tucson that specialized in 19th and early 20th century artwork.

I began teaching as an adjunct instructor for Glendale Community College in 1992 and four years ago became resident instructor in painting and drawing.

The focus of my work has largely been subjects derived from the urban environment, often emphasizing architecture, man made objects and textures, and recently incorporating the figure into some compositions. I still do some landscape art but find that the city environment I live and work in provides a wide array of interesting and sometimes peculiar avenues of expression. My paintings and drawings have been exhibited both nationally and locally in juried and invitational exhibitions, and in January of 2008 will be featured in a show at First Studios in downtown Phoenix.

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## Happy Notes

Julie Frye reports the Magic Moments Boutique had wonderful sales and everyone was very pleased had a great time. Congratulations.

Pat Gellenbeck sold a painting in her one-woman show at Trinity Cathedral. Good for you Pat.

### WAYS AND MEANS

Larry Andrews, our Ways & Means man, says there are still some art books from Helen Dando. Stop by the Ways & Means table to make your purchase. All proceeds go to your P.A.G.

He also reminds us of the Art Alliance show on Nov. 30th, Dec. 1st, and 2nd, at the Glendale City Hall Annex.

And by the way, Larry, thank you for your helping hand wherever one is needed!

Remember to submit your pen and ink sketches to be featured in the newsletter.

### New Members

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Linda Roberts        | John Dryden          |
| 920 E. Grandview Rd. | 2447 W. Missouri Ave |
| Phoenix, AZ. 85022   | Phoenix, AZ 85015    |
| 602-993-5544         | 602-568-8883         |
| Oils, pastels        | Watercolor           |

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### Changes

Ron Dickson in directory should be 602-995-5338  
Karen Bowden email: kbowden@cox.net

## Art Outreach

Arizona Art Alliance is asking for volunteer art instructors to inspire young children in a very positive way, awaken a creative spirit within them, and encourage the children to see themselves differently. Only 1 or 2 days a week with 1 or 2 instruction hours for each of those days. Arizona artists would leave an important legacy by passing on their talents as a positive influence on these young lives. Please contact our AAA Outreach Program Chair Person, Cathleen Rainey at: 480-991- 5278 or [mrainey2@cox.net](mailto:mrainey2@cox.net). This is a very rewarding way to help others. Please give it your consideration. Thank you very much,  
Alan Arne, Arizona Art Alliance.

This month's artist is  
**Larry Andrews**

### November Refreshment Volunteers

Cookies: Carolyn Tolliver  
& Jane Brown

Relish Tray: Pat Scheurich

Fruit: Virginia Wordsman

Cheese/Crackers: Karen Bowen &  
Ron Dickson

### This & That

Carolyn reminds us to hand in our work shop surveys. And that we need a place to hold them. (The workshops).

Elaine Waters is Chairman of upcoming show opportunities at J.B.'s restaurant in the Christown mall in January.

## THE PHOENIX ARTISTS GUILD FALL "EYE ON ART SHOW"

AWARD RECIPIENTS  
Judge: Cynthia Ganem

BEST IN SHOW  
RUTH PALMISANO AWARD  
"Red Banana Tree" by Jaxine Cummings

BEST IN WATERCOLOR  
PAT GELLENBECK AWARD  
"The Tourist" by Virginia Wordsman

### WATERCOLOR

1st Place "Landscape #1" by Joyce Baldwin  
2nd Place "Mamacita's Copper Kettle"- Bets Doss  
3rd Place "Calla Lilies" by Julie Frye  
Honorable Mention...  
"Amsterdam Canal" by Nancy Searles

### OILS/ACRYLICS

1st Place "Neptunes Kingdom" by Pat Gellenbeck  
2nd Place "Garden Path" by Elaine Waters  
3rd Place "Beauty Beckons" by Shirley Jonas  
Honorable Mention  
"Livid Lilly" by Pattie Mundy

### MIXED MEDIA

1st Place "Sunset Sails" by Nina Failla  
2nd Place "Peke of Perfection" by Yolanda Martin  
3rd Place "Lazy River" by Freda Farquharson  
Honorable Mention  
"Corporate Accounting"  
by Ron Dickson

### DRAWING/PASTELS

1st Place "The Quarterback" by Ken Yabe  
2nd Place "Pines" by Ann Higgins  
3rd Place "Little Will - A Navajo Boy"  
by Marj Hammontree  
Honorable Mention  
"Cats & Teddys" by Bettelou Tobin

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# MEETING NOTICE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Critique at 6:30  
General meeting at 7:00  
Demonstrator is Sharon Ely Forsmo

BEATITUDES CHURCH  
7th AVE & GLENDALE  
555 W. GLENDALE AVE.  
BRITT CHAPEL

Reminder to Board Members  
Board meetings are to be held at  
noon (12:00) in the Library at  
Britt Chapel  
NO BOARD MEETING IN DEC!

Park in the main parking lot accessible on 7th Ave.  
(Britt Chapel is the one story building immediately east of main church).

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.  
Pot Luck



Sign up for your goodies you'll bring for the Christmas Party at the Nov. meeting.  
Remember to bring some canned goods or other non-perishables to the party also.  
They will be given to the church for their donation for charity.  
Lets make it the best Christmas Party ever!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

