



Phoenix Artists Guild

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Samantha Smith Jeans

Anyone can hire a photographer. What about a party painter? It all started in 2000, when Samantha Smith was asked to paint at Nayib Estefan's party, (Gloria Estefan's son), in the Hollywood Hills. "When the party started there was this great energy in the room, so I decided to paint the people there," Smith says. Little did she know that years later she would have her own company, *Paintings by Samantha, LLC*, and paint at weddings for multi-millionaires,

capture corporate celebrations, private birthday parties and best of all create twelve paintings for the City of Glendale, Arizona's public art collection. Thanks to Smith, memories no longer have to be kept in photo albums. As Arizona's premiere live event painter, Smith creates keepsakes that capture raw emotion during unforgettable occasions.

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"Summer Art Splash"

Glendale Adult Center
5970 W. Brown
Glendale, AZ
July 20th -- August 28th

Artist of the Month: for April
Evadne Maller

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(Entry/Inventory /Membership Forms Enclosed)

Sketch by Jane Brown



NEW MEETING NOTICE! - 6:00 PM FOR CRITIQUE, GENERAL MEETING AT 6:30

President's Message

Susan Falcon-Hargraves art, painted from photographs of social events, gave us a glimpse into the spiritual side of family life. She gave a demonstration of her work using new age technology, the laptop. What a nice demonstration.

Evadne Maller was chosen as **Artist of the Month** for April. Congratulations **Evadne!** Just a reminder for all *Artists of the Month* to bring their winning art to the May 25th meeting. One of you will be chosen **Artist of the Year**.

Julie and **Elaine** will critique art work at the May meeting. **PAG's Summer Critique** with Julie and Elaine will meet at the Beatitudes, the fourth Monday of every month, June, July and August.

We have the opportunity to have a summer art show at the **Glendale Adult Center**. Please fill out the entry form in the newsletter and bring the form to the May meeting. I will need information from this form for the show program.

I wish to thank **Yolanda Martin** for the countless hours she spent as our webartist. **Chuck Cummins** has consented to take over as webmaster, giving Yolanda more time to pursue her computer art and other interests.

Thank you for a great year.

PAG President,
Carolyn Tolliver



May Refreshments Provided by PAG

Ways and Means Report

DO YOU WANT STIMULUS????

We will give you Stimulus!!! Plan to spend \$5.00 at The Ways & Means table and get a \$5.00 coupon good for *anything* else you might want.

This is a First Time Annual Clearance Sale on all remaining items.

Art Books; Art Materials; Frames – Wood & Metal; Jewelry; etc, etc

Lowest Prices of the year! Offer good ONE time only – Does not apply to the 50/50 Lottery Split.

Ways & Means Chairman
Larry Andrews,

Member Tribute

Mary Maul

Mary Maul was born in South River, New Jersey on April 14, of Russian immigrant parents. She grew up in the area around Bayonne, New Jersey. Much of her life was centered around the Russian Orthodox Church of St. Peter and Paul. She was very lucky to attend a grade school that was right across the street. She advanced rapidly, skipping grades as she progressed.

When she was ready to enter high school, her dad moved the family to the country where he, a carpenter, had built them a new home. She graduated from high school at age 16. For a few years after graduation, she helped out at home. Soon she found a position with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

One night when she attended the USO Dance, she met her husband to be. Martin Maul was in the military. They were soon married at the Church of St. Peter and Paul. He was shipped out to Europe. While Martin was in Europe, Mary attended the Trap Hagan School of Fashion in New York City.

Later, Mary was able to join Martin in Europe. Mary found Europe exciting and was able to enjoy many places and things. She saw Venice, Italy. She skied in Cortina, Italy, (where the Winter Olympics took place). And finally, she got to see Paris. Paris was grand.

After two years she and Martin returned to the USA, where they lived with her parents for a short time. Next, they were on their way to Michigan. In 1966, Mary's parents moved to Arizona and she and Martin followed. She and Martin were married 53 years. Martin passed on in 1999.

In the 1970's Mary began watercolor classes. She took lessons from a lady she calls Mrs. "G". She also studied under Ruth Palmisano. She became a member of PAG in the 1980's. Mary loves florals, and the color blue. In recent years she has been experimenting in abstracts. She has won several awards and sold several paintings.

Mary enjoys people and chocolate, but especially her watercolor class with Toni Hungerford.

"Summer Art Splash"

Summer Show

Glendale Adult Center

July 20th 2009

Setup 8AM to 10 AM

Judging- 10 AM to 11 AM

Hanging - 11 AM



Inventory sheet (Artist, Title of Piece, and Price) due July 20th. Two works per artist @ \$5.00 each.
Pickup paintings 8/28/09

Installation of Officers

2009-2010

PHOENIX ARTISTS GUILD

PRESIDENT.....Carolyn Tolliver

1st VICE PRESIDENT.....Carmen Timm
(Program Chairman)

2nd VICE PRESIDENT.....PAG Board
(Show Chair)

RECORDING/CORRESPONDING

SECRETARY.....Ann Higgins

TREASURER.....Elaine Waters

Committees:

Art Alliance Representative: Dr. Carl Hoelle

Membership: Pat Gellenbeck

Newsletter/Directory: Bets Doss

Publicity: Julie Frye

Social/Hospitality: Carmen Timm

Telephone Committee: Roberta Richards

Website/Communications: Chuck Cummins

Mystery Member

Active member of several Valley Art Leagues
Loves color
Began teaching in the '80-'s

Mystery Member for April was BetteLou Tobin

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Artist of the Year will be selected).

Creative Corner

Julie Frye

Backgrounds/Still life or Portrait

Having trouble with backgrounds? It's been a bugaboo for many of us when choosing Still Life or Portrait as our subject. One would think that if it is indeed a "background" it should somehow go unnoticed by the viewer. **NOT!** The design and handling of your background has everything to do with how your viewer perceives the **POSITIVE** areas of the work. In that sense, the background (and in the case of Still Life, the foreground as well!) becomes a negative design factor. First consideration is its size relative to the positive areas - make sure it isn't larger than your subject! Consider its shape around your object - is it pleasing? Are edges between positive areas softened against the background? Do the colors in the background also contain some of the colors in the subject (harmony/unity)? Avoid attention-getting things like too much detail, too much value contrast, etc. Study some of the Master painters of past and present and take note of how backgrounds are handled. **DESIGN** it as **PART** of your painting.

Arizona Art Alliance

Dr. Carl Hoelle

The Arizona Art Alliance

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The Art Alliance has revamped its website and invites interested artists to view it. Log onto www.azartalliance.com.

The Alliance is asking for each AAA Member Group to contribute a representative to serve on one of the 4 Strategic Goal areas. Yolanda has volunteered to serve for PAG.

Recently the Alliance juried in 4 artists from 25 applicants. The SKYE Restaurant 3rd phase Exhibition will begin July 31 until January 31, 2010. Paintings only. To participate, call or email Alan Arne at 602-788-6349 office or 602-334-3824 cell/email: aaarne@cox.net.

The AAA is developing a Resource Guide, providing all members an opportunity to list services they can and are willing to perform. See Dr. Hoelle for more information.

Dr. Carl Hoelle

AAA Representative.

**Membership forms are included in newsletter.
Please fill out and remit with check as soon
as possible. Directory deadline is June 15.**

**MEETING NOTICE
MAY 25, 2009**

**BEATITUDES CHURCH
555 W. GLENDALE AVE.
BRITT CHAPEL**

**MAY 25, 6:00 - CRITIQUE
6:30 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING
DEMONSTRATOR: SAMANTHA SMITH JEANS**

Park in the main parking lot accessible on 7th Ave.

NOTICE TIME CHANGE FOR MEETING!

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

Send news, updates and corrections to: Bets Doss email: betsdoss@aol.com

PLEASE PRINT NAMES, ADDRESSES, EMAILS CLEARLY!

Newsletter sketches reproduce best done in pen and ink. The size should be approximately 5 1/2" x 3". Then it can be proportionally enlarged or reduced to fit the space better. Bring your sketches in to be voted on for newsletter publication. I hope everyone participates in this.

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Happy Notes

Larry Andrews reports that his Artist Reception at **Grinders Coffee House** was attended by sixty to sixty-five interested art fans. He sold one painting and received a commission to paint another, which he is working on now. **Larry** has been invited to have a one man show once again at the Church of the Beatitudes Library. He's showing 16 pieces from May 3 until June 28. **Elaine Waters** sold 2 paintings at Berridge Nurseries "Art In The Garden". She was one of the Featured Artists. She said it was a really nice event.

Maryanne Noli sold a painting at the same show. Also **Maryanne** was selected to keep track of Artist of the Month for the year.

Ken Yabe won two ribbons in the Maricopa County Fair Show. First place and also Best of Show for his pencil drawing, "Unity in Faith". He also earned a first place ribbon for his scratch board and watercolor for the "Humming Bird."

Thursday July 23rd is changeover at **JB's Restaurant**.

Monique Spinabella sold a painting to **Ginny Wordsman**.

They need more paintings to show at JB's.

Pat and Don Gellenbeck, Jaxine Cummins, Carl Hoelle, Monique Spinabella, Ginny Wordsman, Maryanne Noli, and Carolyn Tolliver participated in the **Peoria Home & Garden Expo**. through their AAA membership.

The **State Fair** entry forms will be available July 2009. It will run from Oct. 16th to Nov. 8. **Sandra Zally** is the Superintendent, contact: zallysworld@yahoo.com.

Also an invitation to enter the **Cave Creek Film and Arts Festival** for their 4th annual competition. Their website: www.cavecreekfildmandartsfestival.com. Applications and rules are on the website.

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**DUES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE
NOW!**