

Art League of Willcox

Our goal...to promote interest in Fine Art and to extend opportunities in education and activities for the Fine Artists and Photographers of our community.

December 2015 Newsletter

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Christmas & Western Show Reception

Monthly Meeting

1 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

The Brass Rail Room
at Doc's

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! This has always been one of my favorite holidays as it is a bit slower paced and filled with family. We are just about finished with 2015, and I want to thank you all for helping to make this year so productive and enjoyable. We all worked well together and accomplished a lot. A huge thanks to Jill, Kaia (and Martha) and Patricia for taking officer positions this year. You were invaluable, and great to work with. A big thank-you to Peggy for getting out our Newsletter every month. Now, we have a wonderful new slate of officers for next year and look forward to a 2016 that is even bigger and better.

Join us for our last meeting of the year Wednesday, December 9 at 1:00 at Doc's Brass Rail. There will be goodies!

AGENDA

Welcome and call to order

Call for additions to the agenda

Announcements by members

Call for approval of November minutes

Call for acceptance of Treasurer's report

DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZE

OLD BUSINESS

 Presentation of and voting on 2016 slate of officers

 Update on the Western Christmas Festival by Wayne and Louise

NEW BUSINESS

 Jill will give an update on the Miniature show

 Call for volunteers to audit the financial records for 2015

 Suggestions from members for new things to try in 2016

See you all on Wednesday, January 13

HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Memberships are due next month. A renewal form is attached.

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The 19th International Miniature and Small Works Art Show will be coordinated by the Art League of Willcox and the Willcox Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. The dates will be February 1 to 29, 2016 and the deadline for mailed entries is January 25. Hand delivered entries may be taken to the Willcox Chamber of Commerce January 26 to 28, 2016. The entry fee is \$30.00 for up to three hand delivered entries and \$40.00 for up to three shipped entries. Artists must be 18 years or older. All artwork must be original (no copy work) and must be 2D in any media. NO photography, crafts, computer generated imagery, bas relief, or 3D works. ALL art should follow the 1/6 rule which is: every subject must be 1/6 life size or smaller (if you're painting a vase that is 6" tall, the painting should have the vase 1" tall or smaller). The Miniature art image is no larger than 4 X 5" (or 20" square) and Small Works images are between 20 square inches and 35 square inches (5 X 7"). All frames must be 40" in perimeter or smaller. See the entry forms for further information. Entry forms will be available at www.willcoxartleague.com , at the meetings, the library, Cochise College, and Endeavor Gallery in Benson.

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The Old Pearce jail celebrated it's 100th anniversary with an opening on November 7 and 8. At last a key was fashioned for the lock on the door and all were able to go inside to see what a historic jail was like in the days of the old west. Artists from the Pearce/Sunsites area displayed their art inside which added a lot of color to the rustic building. Artists included Carol Cartmell, and Willcox Art League members Jill Dredge, Jack Light, Dottie Rogers, and Nancy Turner. Member Dave Ottens attracted a lot of interest painting the jail in pleinaire as well. The community of Sunsites nearby also had a Veterans Day parade, a car show, and vendors inside the community center. Old Pearce had most of the historic buildings open to the public and there was a good crowd in attendance at all events.



The inside display.



The outside of the jail



The Art League's very own
JACK & JILL
Jack Light and Jill Dredge
at the Old Pearce Jail.



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Jill Dredge is instructing an art class at the Sunsites Community Center on Wednesdays from 9 am to noon. Students can bring in art that they are working on and Jill will help them progress with any help they need. Art can be in any medium. The community center is the first building on the left when you turn onto Treasure Road as you're going south on Highway 191 through Sunsites.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Martha Jane Christensen December 22
Peggy Ottens December 24

The 2015 Christmas and Western show was a resounding success thanks to the very hard work of Louise Walden, Wayne Crane and their crew. Because the Fireplace Room at the Community Center was not available for this year's exhibit, the show was forced to move. Kathy Klump graciously offered the space at the Chiracahus Historical Society's headquarters, The Toggery, on Maley Avenue. About 40 works vied for place in Art, Photo, Christmas, Student and other categories.



From the producers of the 2016 Ann Boyd Wade Show to all members of the Art League of Willcox:

Think Spring!

Okay, okay, it isn't even Christmas yet, BUT the ABW show will be here before you know it and we are giving you lots of advance notice so you can think about what your part will be in putting together the show.

Being a "working member" of the Art League isn't simply being an artist. If you are a "working member" of the Art League then you are obligated to help the Art League in all phases of its programs, from being an officer to volunteering your time to put on shows. If you are a "regular member," you have no obligation but please remember you are a valuable part of the Art League and you can help make the show a success if you choose to do so.

The ABW show is very labor intensive. There is a lot of planning by the committee in the early stages. There is the gathering of sponsorships, prizes and award money, advertising, assembling the paperwork of entry forms, bookkeeping, helping set up the racks, receiving and hanging the art works, accompanying the judges, setting up and hosting the reception on opening night, monitoring the show while it is open, returning the artwork on Sunday afternoon, distributing the prizes, taking down the racks, cleaning up the Community Center and all the other duties that we have forgotten to mention. There are about 35 members of the Art League. All 35 brains and backs, 70 hands and 350 fingers are needed to make the show a success. Please start thinking about how you will step forward to help.

THE SHOW CANNOT GO ON WITHOUT YOUR HELP!

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*Art League of Willcox <http://willcoxartleague.com/>

*Facebook [Willcox Art League](#)

*San Pedro River Art Association <http://sprarts.org/>

*Willcox Historic Theater willcoxtheater.com [facebook](#) 520-766-3333

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December 12 7 pm \$10.00 ELVIS PRESLEY, WILLIE NELSON, JOHNNY CASH, DEAN MARTIN, ROY ORBISON and other famous musical STARS will be appearing at the Willcox Historic Theater through the impersonations of the immensely talented Dave Ehlert . We all remember his wonderful interpretations of Mark Twain. .

December 17 at 7 pm and December 24 at 1 pm THE THREE TENORS AT CHRISTMAS \$5.00 Jose Carreras, Placido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti singing 21 joyous Christmas musical pieces.