

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.

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January 2016 Newsletter

(with attachments: Agenda, Minutes, Financial, Western/Christmas, Miniature Show info & entry form(2), Membership form),

DUES....DUES...DUES....ARE DUE...

GO TO http://willcoxartleague.com/2016_ArtLmembershipform.pdf

FOR A MEMBERSHIP FORM

Monthly Meeting

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**Brass Rail Room at Doc's
Plaza Restaurant
Wednesday, January 13, 2016
1 p.m.**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JILL DREDGE

I hope that every one of you had a Merry Christmas and may we all have a Happy New Year! I look forward to us working together for a successful year for the arts in the Willcox area. We have our regular art shows planned for this year and we hope to include more if all works out well. There are workshops in the planning stage also and soon there will be information available, so be prepared to sign up for any you desire to attend. We all appreciate those who have taken officer positions this year. Many other members are committed to helping the art league's continued success by stepping forward to assist where needed. Everyone's efforts are important in the coming year to advance our art and artists.

Remember we have the Sulphur Springs Valley 19th International Miniature and Small Works Art Show at the Willcox Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture for the month of February. All are invited to the reception to be held at the Chamber on January 30, Saturday, from 2:00 to 4:00 and enjoy the refreshments and art! There will be magnifying glasses available in order to see the finest details in the miniature paintings. This show includes some of the best miniature artists in the United States, as well as several of our members, so it's an opportunity to see some fine works of art.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 13 at 1:00 at Doc's Brass Rail meeting room (the Plaza Restaurant). Please come and bring along anyone interested in the Arts!

Introducing our new officers:



Jill Dredge

Jill Dredge, our new President and immediate past Treasurer, chairs the Miniature Show and co-chairs the Ann Boyd Wade Show. A talented artist, she has lived in Southeastern Arizona since 1964. She works in several art mediums, specializing in colored pencil and more recently, oil painting. She has exhibited and won awards in numerous juried national and international shows. Her art is in private, corporate, and international collections, including the Casa Grande Museum of Art, Casa Grande, Arizona. Jill's biography is in *Who's Who in American Art*, *Who's Who in American Women*, *Who's Who in the World*, and several other publications. She has memberships in several art groups as well. Jill lives in Pearce, Arizona where she finds inspiration in the surrounding nature, animals, and ranch land. Jill teaches an art class at the Sunsites Community Center, Sunsites/Pearce.

Our new vice-President, the Netherlands,, lives north Fresh Farms. Yolanda brings Always interested in arts and and began taking classes with enrolled at Cochise College to and pastel but now leans "plein air" with others.



Yolanda Van Der Lelij, originally from Vlaardingen, of Willcox with her husband, Jacques at their Best a unique, and international influence to her work. craft, she learned quilting Karina Stanger at the Bucket List Studio. She then study more seriously. She started out with acrylics more and more toward oils. On occasion she paints Yolanda has also furthered her studies through -

workshops such as portraiture and landscape.

Kaia Thomas is ably continuing in the position of Secretary, a position she took over in midterm. Arizona based artist Kaia Thomas was born in Southern CA in 1973. Kaia's medium of choice is painting in oils, and while her work centers mostly on the Arizona landscape, her subject matter includes floral, animal, architecture, and figurative. Living her entire life in remote, natural settings has been deeply influential to her artwork and subject matter, lending to a greater understanding of the finer intricacies of the natural world and the desire to express that through her art. She balances painting in her studio with plein air painting. She has studied with well-known artists J. Chris Morel, Phil Starke, and Glenn Renell. Her work has been exhibited in several shows, winning top awards, and has been published in Southwest Art Magazine. You can find her work in multiple public and private collections in the United States and abroad.



Our new treasurer, Louise was born in Albuquerque NM, in 1952 and has lived in NM, OR, CA and AZ. Louise took art classes in Junior High School and worked on different painting and craft projects over the years including a water color workshop and pottery classes at the Bucket List Studio. In the spring of 2011, Louise signed up for "Painting for Personal Pleasure" classes at Cochise College, taught by Karina Stanger. She is currently taking painting classes under Clement Scott in Benson AZ. Traveling, painting and throwing pottery help to make her life pleasurable. She and her husband, Jim, moved to Willcox, AZ in 1990 where they manage the Cochise County Airport.

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January Birthdays



*4 – Janie Swartz
13 – Dave Ottens
26 – Kaia Thomas
26 – Daphene Wilkes*

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Springs Sulphur Valley 19th International Miniature and Small Works Art Show

The show will be from February 1 to 29 in 2016 at the Willcox Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, 1500 Circle I Road. Their hours are Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, but please call first to be sure they are open at 520-384-2272. There will be a reception for the public to meet local artists on Saturday, January 30 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Chamber. Refreshments will be served, please come join us. We are thankful to the Chamber of Commerce for their support of the Art League in allowing us to use their building for our exhibition.

Entry Forms are available at http://willcoxartleague.com/2016_Mini_EntryF.pdf

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TOMBSTONE ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS 35TH ANNUAL OPEN JUDGED SHOW MARCH 1, 2016 – MARCH 31, 2016

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Hanging your work on the Art League racks at the Chamber of Commerce is a great opportunity to show and sell your artwork as thousands of people visit each year. Keeping your work small will entice people to impulse buy as it won't take up much room in a packed car. Consider using local themes that are unique to this area.

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OUR SISTER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE ARTS – SEE WHAT THEY ARE UP TO!

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***Huachuca Art Association 1/2016 Newsletter <http://huachuca-art.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/ArtyFacts-January-2016.pdf>**

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