



October 2017

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**  
Louise Walden – Oct. 7  
LeAnn Pendleton – Oct. 23  
Denise Atwood – Oct. 31

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**Studio 128**  
**Art Show & Sale**  
**Oct. 21-22**  
  
**Next Meeting**  
**Friday**  
**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
  
5pm  
at the  
**Aridus Wine Tasting**  
145 N Railview Ave.  
Willcox, AZ 85643  
[Directions Here](#)

*Message from the President*

Hi all,

For the people who didn't attend the last meeting we have some exciting news! Normally we have a lot of members who can't attend meetings due to work, so this month we will have a "happy hour" meeting starting at 5:00pm – Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Aridus Wine Company, 145 N Railview Ave, in Willcox.

If this new meeting time and place is a success, then we are going to have a meeting there every other month and every other month a meeting at Keeling Schaefer at our regular Wednesday 12:30 time. Hope everyone is going to attend with some new and fresh ideas for the Art League.

Also, this month the Art League is having an art show and sale at the studio 128 during the same weekend as the wine festival and we hope we can do this every time the wine festival is held twice a year!

See you all Friday the 13th and at the wine festival!

**WAL President** - Yolanda van der Lelij

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Vice President –  
Secretary – Kaia Thomas  
Treasurer – Louise Walden  
Historian – Open



*Creativity takes courage. ~ Henry Matisse*

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Greetings WAL members! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our recent new members! Thank you for joining our creative group!

Last month was an active month, beginning with our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Labor Day Art Show & Sale**, which was another success! We had some sales and we had several visitors that passed through, many were tourists on their way to the Chiricahuas, many were from the surrounding areas having heard about the show – even the local UPS lady, Clara, also an artist, stopped for her 15 minute break to enjoy the show!



Also taking place last month our sister group, San Pedro River Arts Council, had the **Grand Opening** of their new location of **Endeavor Art Gallery**, a beautiful gallery exhibiting the works of SPRAC members.



Endeavor Art Gallery 4<sup>th</sup> & San Pedro Benson, AZ

They also had their 1<sup>st</sup> **Lunch and Learn program** in their new space with a demonstration by WAL member and Secretary, **Kaia Thomas**, who demonstrated her techniques on painting animals.

There was also a fundraising raffle that was drawn during the demonstration that was won by **Becky Fortenberry**, who will be receiving a free commissioned pet portrait painted by Kaia Thomas – congratulations, Becky!

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Art league members, **Doug and Sharon Quarles**, own the lovely [Quarles Art Gallery](#) in Benson, AZ and they are representing this year's **2017 Cochise County Artists Show & Sale** in partnership with **Benson Beautification, Inc.** The show reception was on Sept. 28 and several of our members are participating in this show, which is on display through the entire month of October.

The Quarles gallery is also included on the tour map for this year's Tucson Studio and Gallery Tour/South, the second weekend of October. This show is definitely worth checking out and congratulations to all of our members participating!



*Quarles Art Gallery 234 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Benson*



*Yolanda van der Lelij*



*Louise Walden*



One final September event worth sharing was our **Plein Air Paint Out** at the [Dos Cabezas Retreat Bed & Breakfast](#), who invited the art league to come and enjoy their gorgeous grounds and views for painting. It was a wonderful experience ending with a glass of local wine on the porch. We are planning more outings like these for the future!

## What's Happening in October

October is shaping up to be an exciting month as well! First off, we are returning to the **Studio 128** in down town Willcox during the [Fall Willcox Wine Festival](#), for a members only **Art Show & Sale Oct 21 & 22!** Already we have 14 members signed up to exhibit, including some of our 3D artists as well. Last May we had a great turn out during the Spring Wine Festival and now this show is looking to be even better!

There is still time to participate, so any interested members please contact Louise Walden at [jlwalden52@gmail.com](mailto:jlwalden52@gmail.com) or call her at 520-507-3104

The Art League of Willcox  
members only

# ART SHOW

and  
**SALE**

**at Studio 128**  
128 N Railroad Ave. Willcox, AZ.

During the Willcox Wine Festival  
Saturday Oct. 21st and Sunday Oct. 22nd  
from 10am to 5pm

Featuring Fine Art and Photography  
by members of the Willcox Art League



Studio 128

128 Railroad Ave. Willcox

Also happening now is the 2017 [Celebrate the Arts Photography Show](#) put on by **the The San Pedro River Arts Council**. The show displays at the **Cochise College** in Benson through the month of October. Photography drop off is **Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>** at the college, the show is open to the public on **Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>** and the **reception** will be held on **Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>** from **5pm – 7pm** with refreshments and awards. Several of our art league members have entries in this and we wish everyone a very successful show, as it always is!



2016 Celebrate the Arts Photography Show



### WAL Website Makeover

Recently, we have been working really hard to spice up our website, beginning with making it easier for members to join or renew their membership with an [online application and paypal button!](#)

In addition to that we have redesigned our [members page](#) to include a complete list of members and those with websites can have links to those sites. For members who don't have websites, you can have a bio page with images of your work. Any interested members, please email website links/bios and images to [kaiathomas@gmail.com](mailto:kaiathomas@gmail.com)

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

And last but not least, we have our **October meeting** coming up at a new date, time and place! The location will be at [Aridus Wine Company](#) for a “happy hour” meeting at **5pm, Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>** ! This time and day will allow our members who work a chance to attend our meeting and if all goes well, we will alternate every other month between Keeling Shaefer tasting room on the second Wednesday of the month at 12:30, and Aridus Wine Company on the second Friday of the month at 5pm. A lot will depend on how this next meeting goes, so be sure to attend and give us your thoughts and ideas!

\* Those who don't prefer wine, there will be Sparkling Cider available at the meeting.



*Aridus Wine tasting room*

In conclusion, we will reiterate that if there are any stories, photos, events or announcements, that you wish to have included in future newsletters, please email the information before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month to: [kaiathomas@gmail.com](mailto:kaiathomas@gmail.com)

Happy Fall everyone and we hope to see you soon!!

~The Willcox Art League