

May 2008

NAWS LETTER

THE NORTHERN ARIZONA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY
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Friday, Apr. 25, 9:00 a.m.
Julie Gilbert Pollard

Julie Gilbert Pollard will entertain and inspire us with her unique painting style. While still representational, her paintings are colored with Julie's own personal concept of reality. It is her eye that continually shows us an altered, imagined image of the camera sees. Visit her website to see more of Julie's beautiful paintings.
<http://www.juliegilbertpollard.com/>



Friday, May 9, 9:00 a.m.
Digital Photography

May 9th program (mark the date as this is not our normal meeting date!) - Everyone these days has a digital camera, but do you know what to do with it? Emailing an image for friends to enjoy is completely different from the image you want to send for publicity or to enter a show. Find out what you need to know to take the right image for the job. Bring your camera AND manual so you can get the 'skinny' on how to get the most out of your digital camera. Sandwiches will be served too!

Experimental Watermedia Exhibition 2008 **Sept. 27, 2008 - October 18, 2008**

Community Exhibition Gallery
Sedona Art Center
15 Art Barn Road
Sedona, AZ 86336

Reception October 3 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Juror of Selection and Awards
Ellen Aligaler Fountain

Deadline for Entries is July 1, 2008

NAWS CALENDAR 2008 **VERDE VALLEY ART EVENTS**

APRIL

NAWS Workshop (Victoria Pittman)	April 5
NAWS Meeting	April 25
Verde Valley Fair Art Exhibit	April 30-May 4

MAY

Sedona Visual Artists Open Studio	May 2-4
SAC Pin Up Show	May 2-4
Smithsonian Traveling Display (Clemenceau Heritage Museum)	May 3-June 15
NAWS Annual Student Art Show	May 10-11
NAWS Workshop (Dick Phillips)	May 12-16
NAWS Spring Exhibition	May 16-June 6
NAWS Meeting	May 9

JULY

Deadline for Experimental Watermedia Exhibition	July 1
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SEPTEMBER

NAWS meeting	Sept. 26
Experimental Watermedia Exhibition	Sept. 27-Oct. 18

OCTOBER

Experimental Watermedia Exhibition Reception	Oct. 3
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NAWS 2008 **Spring Exhibition**

May 16 - June 6

Hosted by THE MANHEIM GALLERY
747 North Main Street Old Town
Cottonwood, AZ

Reception and Awards

Friday, May 16 5 - 8 PM

Come, bring your friends and meet
Juror, Dick Phillips!



This is my opportunity to thank all the wonderful help, suggestions, and just plain hard work I have received from fellow NAWS members this year as our membership continues to grow. ... 195 as I write.

Thanks to Survey Ideas from you ... We tried some new additions to our activities; namely getting our name out (once again) to the public with a Sedona Library Exhibit in January. Our first all members' non-juried show was held in March at Yavapai College, Clarkdale; and John's Design Gallery in Cottonwood hosted 10 members for an Outdoor Show in April.

Plein-air painters tried their outdoor skills at painting with more Paint-outs to enjoy, these will continue through the spring.

Calligraphy interests were aroused first with our Trip to the Phoenix Art Museum, to see the marvelous calligraphy by the St. John's Bible artists, and then members enjoyed Victoria Pittman's one day Calligraphy and flower painting class in April.

Other workshops featured Carla O'Conner; Raleigh Kinney, and soon to come Dick Phillips. All were right up there with the past years' outstanding teachers.

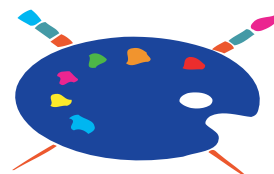
After four years, our By-laws needed an update, and by the time you read this column, we hopefully will have voted in some changes to update our rules.

New this year was our "Digital Projector" Grant which we hope to put to good use in the coming years as we switch to DIGITAL Show entries. This Fall Experimental Show we will use Digital entries for the first time. Check out the May meeting on how to proceed. Our May Spring Show will be highlights of the Members' Artistic endeavors, so don't miss it at the Manheim Gallery.

Last, but never least, the 18th Annual Northern Arizona Student Art Show at the Sedona Red Rock High School Cafeteria May 11th and 12th should be a must see for us all! Approximately 400 to 500 students are expected to enter from the public and private middle and high schools of Flagstaff, Sedona, Cottonwood and Camp Verde. Our first (2) \$500. Scholarships to seniors going on to higher education will be awarded along with NAWS and other Community Organizations Awards at the May 12th Awards Assembly in the SRRHS Cafeteria at 3 P.M.

You couldn't be reading this information without the efforts of a number of member's hard work in the above activities, last but not least, your NAWSLETTER editor. You've noticed, no members' names have been mentioned in this final letter from yours truly, the current NAWS President. That's because it takes ALL OF YOU to make this such a wonderful organization ... so you fill in blanks of all the Board, Standing and Special Committee members and just plain volunteers that made this a memorable NAWS year! I can't thank you all enough; it's been an honor to work with you!

Sue S. Davis, NAWS President



UPCOMING WORKSHOP

Dick Phillips 5 Day-Workshop

Focus on: Design & Composition

M - F May 12 - May 16, 2008 9 - 4 p.m.

\$350 (\$380 - non-member)

There were two recent cancellations for the Dick Phillips watercolor workshop, sponsored by NAWS, creating an opportunity for you to be a participant. If you have never taken a NAWS workshop, this is the one to take. The workshop starts the day after Mother's Day...hint hint for all you ladies.

Dick Phillips is capable of painting very realistic or abstract. He studied with Zoltan Szabo. Presently, he abstracts his subjects or paints non-representational pieces. His work can be seen, locally, at the Raku Gallery in Jerome - they are colorful, non-representational, abstract paintings - which are just beautiful. In the May workshop, you will be using watercolors - not acrylics. His watercolor paintings are often of buildings and landscapes that he has abstracted but.... you will not be copying his style - you will be finding your own artistic voice - your style!

Many artists who had previously taken a NAWS workshop with Dick Phillips ...(apx. 5 yrs. ago)asked for him back and signed up for his May workshop. He is a wonderful speaker and instructor, superb artist who makes his students feel comfortable. We hear nothing but praise from his students that his workshops are fun, productive and that most come home with at least one or two frameable watercolor paintings.

Using reference material that Dick will provide the students, you will be given specific assignments to complete. The focus will be on design and composition and finding your own way of expressing yourself...without planning the painting. Dick will lecture but be prepared to do a lot of painting. This workshop is for all skill levels. However, if you are a beginner to watercolor - it would be best to phone me, Carolyn Carsula 649-0993, to see if this workshop is right for you.

Dick is one of the best workshop artists in Arizona. I am really excited about the workshop and to let you know about this opportunity to study with such an excellent teacher.

Let me know if you would like to be part of this workshop - which will be held in the same room as our monthly members NAWS meetings (at the Sedona United Methodist Church). My e-mail address is: carsula@commspeed.net & my phone is 649-0993. Please contact me right away to insure getting in this workshop.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS FOR 2008/09

President: Sue Davis

Secretary: Jeanette Suggs

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1st V.P. (Membership): H. Jeanne Jones

2nd V.P. (Exhibitions): Waneta Swank

3rd V.P. (Programs): Joyce Killebrew

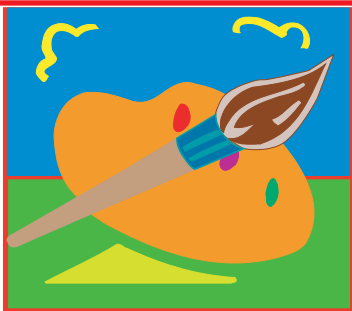
4th V.P. (Workshops): Tecla Machesney

Director (Critique Groups/Show & Tell): Pamela Fox-Klauser

Director (Ways & Means/Grants): Cathy Stedman

Director (Nominations): Rosemary Corneto

18th Annual Northern Arizona Student Art Show



As the Student Art Show is just around the corner, so to speak, we urge our members to make time in their busy lives to volunteer some time to help. The show requires a tremendous amount of volunteer help.

We need people to assist in take-in on May 5th after school at the H.S. cafeteria, to transfer student works to the teacher's room after judging on May 6th, and for set-up on Friday May 9th after 1 P.M. The set-up process involves 2 chores; transferring student works from their storage in the teacher's room to the lunch room and heavy physical labor assembling the hanging walls prior to hanging itself. For the wall assemblies, contact Mary Dove or Wayne St. John. Volunteer sign up sheets are available at the April meeting, or just come by, or call me, to donate whatever last minute help you can. My land telephone number is 284-4740. My cell phone is 949-212-3072.

All is progressing smoothly thanks to our most efficient committee members, Sue Davis, Norma Gibson, Wayne St. John, Debbie Gallagher, Mary and Mel Dove, and Mary Swanson. I am happy to report that I have recovered the \$1000 of unclaimed student award certificates from last year. Depending on Board decision, they will be used for member awards.

Another award was added, a \$300 lapidary/jewelry tuition refund, from Sedona Gem and Mineral Club. Allan Everett, ASU Alumni Assoc, increased his supporting donation \$100 to \$500 this year. We still have the M&I Bank award of \$100 and the El Valle Artists' Assoc \$100 savings bond for the Peoples Choice Award. As there were so many unclaimed Cheap Joe's certificates last year and in previous years, we are giving 1st, 2nd and 3rd place cash awards in all categories and grade levels for \$100, \$75 and \$50.

Middle school entries receive the new increased money awards also. We encourage students to replenish their art supplies with the awards they so well earn.

Again this year, there is no entry fee for visitors to the show as in past years many turned away, not having the fee or donation. Last year, we had a record number of visitors. I think the no fee was a big factor.

Our committee has worked studiously and put in many hours ensuring that the 2008 SAS Show will be a tremendous success. Now it is the members turn to show up at the times they are most needed. We need your help for this most worthy cause.

Mary Jane Cooke, 2008 SAS Chair

WHAT'S UP with the membership

Judy Jaaskelainen has two paintings accepted in the Arizona Watercolor Association (AWA) and will be Exhibited in the AWA Spring Show. She received the Juror's Award. The dates are April 4th-May 5th, 2008. The Reception is scheduled April 9, 2008. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Hope Community Church, 7901 E. Sweetwater Ave., Scottsdale. Congratulations! **Marsha Owen** received a Merit Award. Our own President, **Sue Davis**, and **Norma Holden** also has a paintings accepted in the AWA show. **Don Schairer** was accepted to the Missouri State Watercolor Society's 2008 International show and won an Award of Distinction which is a cash prize. Additionally, it is a full sheet watercolor painting, "The Falls at Steamboat Springs" and will be featured as a prize winner on their website www.mowsart.com starting approx. the first or second week of June and then thruout the year. They maintain the last 5 years representation of their prestigious contest on their website, so his painting will continue to have a web presence for the next five or so years. There were only 80 selected out of 484 submitting artists. He also has a painting in the 2008 Sequim Arts Juried Exhibition in Sequim, Washington and another painting accepted in the 2008 Spring Invitational Art Show in Harrison, AR. Congratulations Don. **Jan Stitts** made the front page of Kudos April 2, in an article about her mixed media works, lecture/demo offered at Proctor Fine Art Gallery. For more information about Jan's work, contact Proctor Fine Art Gallery in Hillside Sedona, 671 Hwy 179, Sedona, (928) 204-1908.

Joyce Killebrew has paintings and sculptures showcased at Sedona Art Supply through May 31. The store is located in the Bashas' Plaza in Sedona. Joyce is also featured in the store's bi-monthly newsletter. To subscribe to the newsletter and get more infomations about local artists exhibits visit their web site www.sedonaartsupply.com.

Birgitta Lapides will be in the show Absolute Abstract at Sedona Art Center. The opening reception is May 2nd at 5-8 and the show runs through the month of May.

EL VALLE EVENTS

April 19th USING HANDMADE PAPERS FOR ART

Jill Jepson and Jeanette Suggs will conduct a workshop on the many projects that you can create with lovely and unusual handmade papers. If you have never made any paper, there will be an area set up for you to learn that technique. In any case, they will have papers ready for you to work with. You can bring your own papers as well. This workshop is sponsored by EVAA (El Valle Artists) and will take place at the Verde Valley Fairgrounds, 12th and Cherry Streets in cottonwood.the cost is \$50; it runs from 10 am to 4 pm. Bring your lunch. Call 282-2343 or 649-9151 to register or for more information.

EVAA (El Valle Artists Association) SPRING EXHIBITION

On Saturday, April 26th and Sunday, April 27th, members of EVAA will return to Jerome's Spook Hall for another Fine Art and Fine Craft Show. The hours are 10am-4pm on Saturday and 10am-3pm on Sunday. Included in this exhibition will be a display of two and three dimensional art, with cash awards.

For more information call Wayne St. John at 634-2427.



**YAVAPAI COLLEGE
ART CLUB**

Next meeting Monday, May 5, 1:00 p.m.
Room F-119, Yavapai College Verde Campus

For additional information, call Patty Mikles at
634-6536 or e-mail patricia_mikles@yc.edu

SEDONA ARTISTS OPEN STUDIOS TOUR



Don't miss the 2008 Sedona Artists Open Studios Tour on May 3 & 4, from 10 am – 5 pm. Several NAWS members are participating in this premier art event and it is always a wonderful time to see inside the participating artists' studios. Mary Dove and Jan Saunders will be at the studio of Janis Mock-Jones in the Village and they are sponsoring a free art drawing – so 3 artists at one stop and 3 chances to win a work of art. Bring your friends and have a great time. Some of the other NAWS members include Norma Holden, Barbara Mallek, and Barbara Ragalyi.

An Opening reception will be held at SAC on Friday, May 2, from 5 – 8 pm. Brochures with maps and descriptions are available at SAC, Chamber of Commerce visitor centers, most resorts and hotels, and online at www.sedonaartistscoalition.org.

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