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Arty Facts

Newsletter of the **Huachuca Art Association, Inc.**

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GALLERY HOURS ~ Tuesday-Saturday 11 AM - 5 PM

This Month's Featured Artists

Robin Redding and Darlene Wilkinson

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UPCOMING

- Sat, Apr 4th, 11th & 18th: 3 Sessions Watercolor Pouring Class w/Elizabeth Line, 1-3 PM
- Sat, Apr 4th: Featured Artist Reception, SUPPORT YOUR FELLOW ARTISTS!, 3-5 PM
- Sat, Apr 11th: All Levels Alcohol Inks w/Darlene Wilkinson, 10 AM-12 PM
- Mon, Apr 13th: Board Meeting, 10 AM
- Wed, Apr 15th: Art in the Park Flyer Design Contest, DEADLINE
- Sat, Apr 18th: A Celebration of Life for Sue Ziegler, Liz Horning & Joan Wakefield, 10-12
- Thurs, Apr 30th: HAA Scholarship Application, DEADLINE

WEEKLY CLASSES

- Tuesdays 9 AM-12 PM, Oil Painting Class w/Joanne Berry
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 4-5 PM, Kids Art Classes w/Nathaniel Zoret-Russell

All About Our Featured Artist, Robin Redding

Previously only focused on the business world, Robin now considers herself to be a creative gal who works primarily in ceramics. Initially focused exclusively on mastering wheel throwing she is now accomplished in hand building and surface design as well.

She loves making animal and nature related art (think cats, dogs, flowers and cactus) or anything that will make people smile.

Her other creative pursuits are photography and jewelry making. She is also passionate about travel and does that whenever she's not making art. After visiting over 70 countries she just conquered her 7th continent - Antarctica.



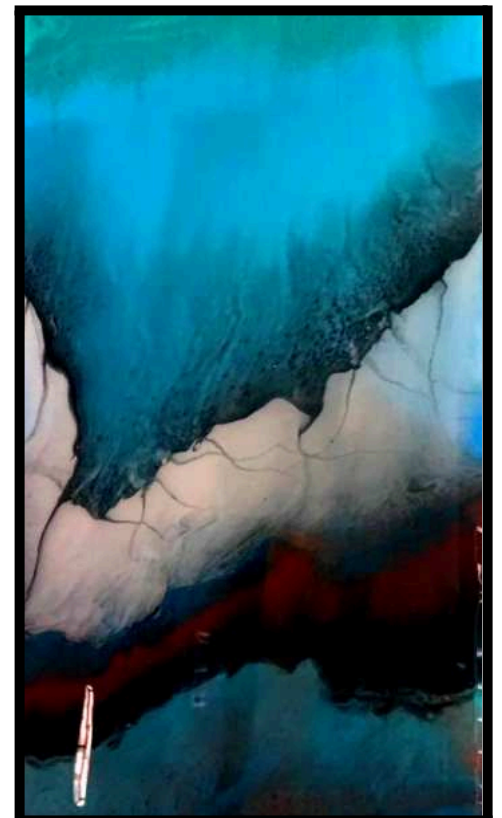
All About Our Featured Artist, Darlene Wilkinson



I am an intuitive artist who focuses on the positive.

After learning many art forms through college, workshops and classes, I went on to meditate and run a meditation center. This has made it easy to glide into being an intuitive artist who enjoys using mixed media, watercolor, encaustic, cold wax, acrylic, assemblage, and alcohol inks.

As I've continued to create art through the years, I have noticed I feel the same way after creating art as I do after a meditation. To me, my creations are alive; they breathe, they fill me with emotion, they bring me joy. I create happy art!



IN HONOR OF ROBIN AND DARLENE

Please Join Us For A Reception At The Gallery!

April 4th, 3-5 PM

Robin's and Darlene's artwork will be on display through the month of April.

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. A Letter From Our President, *Naomi Blackwell*

Greetings Artyfolks!

Spring has officially sprung at the HAA Gallery, and despite the fact that it is the month of April fools'; it is no joke that there will be plenty of things happening at the gallery this month!

The first of these things I would like to mention is the featured Artist Reception on the 4th of April. If you have some time that afternoon, I would encourage you to come out and show your support for our Featured Artists, Darlene Wilkinson and Robin Redding. The reception will run from 3-5 PM, and light refreshments will, as always, be provided.

Keep an eye on the calendar for a Watercolor Pouring class with Elizabeth Line, which will take place over the course of three class sessions; and if a more formal class isn't your thing; Open studio hours for HAA members are every Thursday and Friday, 10-5, in the HAA studio. Speaking of the studio; I would like to give a round of thanks to the volunteers who; under the direction of our Studio Maintenance and Improvements Director, Robin Lara, have made great strides in improving the Studio Space with regards to storage, organization and sorting through and disposing of things that were no longer needed. If you haven't yet; I would highly recommend stopping by to see the results of their hard work so far.

We are also currently having our annual Art in the Park flyer competition; that will decide what this year's flyers and promotional materials look like. The deadline for entries is April 15th, and submissions should be sent to Lois Bravo at artylois@outlook.com, or dropped off or mailed to the gallery.

On a more solemn note; the gallery will be hosting a Celebration of Life for Sue Ziegler, Liz Horning and Joan Wakefield on the 18th of April from 10 AM to noon. Join us at the gallery to reminisce and honor the lives of these artists who were pillars of the HAA community, and without whom there would be no Huachuca Art Association as we know it today. They are, and will remain, greatly missed.

And that, for now, is all she wrote. Wishing you all a wonderful month of April,

Naomi B.

HAA President

A Tribute to Our Friend & Fellow Artist

Joan Wakefield

October 1950 – February 2026

Joan was born in Philadelphia and lived in Pennsylvania until 1995, when she moved to Phoenix, Arizona. She moved to Sierra Vista in 2002.

She started drawing as soon as she could hold a pencil, and as an only child, her best friends were crayons and coloring books. Her father and grandfather were professional photographers and her mother, a photographic colorist. She played with her mother's oil paints and extra photos her father printed for her. At ten years old she tried a paint by numbers kit and was soon painting on her own and doing commissioned pet portraits.



She worked as a medical technician while raising her family, but also spent many years studying botany, horticulture and landscape design. She won many ribbons for her miniature landscapes and twice was awarded the prestigious Garden Club of American Certificate of Excellence in the Philadelphia Flower Show.



She continued to draw, doing many botanical illustrations for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Orchid Society, and the Delaware Valley Water Garden Society, which she founded but most of her creative energy went into gardening and landscaping. She started painting again when a friend asked her to paint a portrait of his dog.

Joan was mostly self taught, but did take classes at the Philadelphia College of Art and Scottsdale Community College. She also studied sculpture with Scottsdale artist Ernest Berke. She used to teach portrait drawing in Sierra Vista and enjoyed experimenting with a variety of media and subjects.



Joan was a valued member of the Huachuca Art Association and will be dearly missed. ❤️



Art In The Park Flyer Contest for our 2026 show is now open!

Prize is \$75.00

It's time again for our annual contest, calling all artists to come up with a design for this year's SV Herald "Art in the Park" insert. This is the design that we will also be using for our posters and all of the other AITP advertising material for 2026. This is our 54th show! We are looking for an image that is bold, bright, and colorful and that evokes the spirit of Art in the Park. There will be lettering on the final version of the design, but unless you choose to use some lettering as an integral part of the design, you do not need to bother with it at all, beyond maybe indicating where it might go. You can do your design either digitally or with traditional media. If you choose to do it digitally, the file size needs to be large enough to produce a good print as a 11x17 size. If it is done with traditional media, you will need to be able to submit either the original art or a high resolution photo of it.

The deadline for entries is **April 15th 2026**. Email your entry to Lois at artylois@outlook.com. You can drop off at our gallery or mail to:

Huachuca Art Association
1835 Paseo San Luis
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635





Huachuca Art Association Scholarship Application Form

Amount of award: \$4000.00

Application Deadline: Thursday, April 30th, 2026

Application requirements:

1. The applicant must be a graduating senior residing in one of either the Sierra Vista, Benson, St. David, Bisbee, or Tombstone School Districts, who will be enrolled and majoring in a visual arts program at a college, technical, or trade school for at least one full year, starting no later than the Fall semester, 2026.
2. The applicant must submit a portfolio of 5-8 pieces of artwork for evaluation by the Huachuca Art Association's Scholarship Committee, and must certify that the art is his or her own original work. The work, along with the completed application should be dropped off at the HAA Gallery and Art Center location, in care of Nathan Zoret-Russell at 1835 Paseo San Luis, Sierra Vista, 85635 during regular business hours (*Tuesday through Saturday, 11am-5pm*) and may be picked up when the selection is over. If that time is not convenient, email Nathan Zoret-Russell at: zoret.nathan@gmail.com, or call him at 925-667-0314 to make other arrangements.
3. The applicant must submit an essay of 300 - 450 words explaining why he or she wants to major in art and describing his or her career objectives.
4. The applicant must provide three reference letters, at least one of which must be from a faculty member who is familiar with the applicant's educational background, skills, and academic record.
5. The applicant must be a legal resident of Arizona.
6. The applicant must agree, upon request, to provide a copy of his or her high school transcripts.

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone# _____ E-mail _____

Please list any art-related classes that you have taken while in High School:

What is your high school grade point average? _____

Name any schools you have applied to, and their city locations.

What is the status of those applications?

Accepted _____

Not Accepted _____

Do Not Know _____

Name and address of the school where you intend to enroll, if known:

Names, addresses, and phone #'s of three references. Reference letters must be emailed by the person making the recommendation, to Nathan Zoret-Russell, zoret.nathan@gmail.com, and must be received by April 30, 2026. If email is not possible please call Nathan at 925-667-0314.

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

I certify that all information submitted on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this application must be completed in full in order to be put under consideration, and that the award is to go toward my tuition payment at the school where I will enroll. I am submitting my essay, on a separate piece of paper, which, along with my portfolio, I will deliver to the HAA by the application deadline of 4/30/2026. I also certify that all of the pieces in my portfolio will be my own original artwork.

Signature of applicant:

Date _____

Events, Classes & Workshops

OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE & ON FACEBOOK

Beginner - Intermediate - Advanced Alcohol Inks



with
Darlene Wilkinson

2nd Saturday of Each Month

10 AM - 12 PM

\$20



3 SESSIONS WATERCOLOR POURING CLASS

with Elizabeth Line

Saturday's, April 4th, 11th & 18th

1 - 3 PM \$80

All materials will be provided.

Register at the Gallery. Limit of 8 Participants.

Questions? Please contact Elizabeth Line at 520-803-0195

Schedule:

April 4 – Each artist will do a drawing from a photo (which they will bring to this first class) on provided watercolor paper. The photo should have strong light and dark color values. The subject should not be too complicated.

April 11 – Drawings will be readied for the pouring technique, first pouring.

April 18 – Final pouring and critique.



Art By Student Karen Broussard

WEEKLY OIL PAINTING

with Joanne Berry

Tuesday's 9 AM - 12 PM --- **\$60** for 4 Classes

Register at the Gallery or Call Joanne (520) 249-8395

YOUTH ART CLASSES !

Instructed by Nathaniel Zoret-Russell

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 4pm - 5pm

All Materials Included - Drop Ins Welcome! No Registration Required

FIRST CLASS FREE! \$12 for the first student, \$10 for each additional student.

Purchase a punch card of 10 classes for \$100 - ESA reimbursement approved.

Students will be taught various elements of art and receive one on one coaching to help make their visions a reality.

Email zoret.nathan@gmail.com with any questions.





A Celebration of Life

*The Huachuca Art Association invites you
to come honor our beloved artists who
contributed so much to our gallery.*

Saturday, April 18th

10 AM - 12 PM

1835 Paseo San Luis - Sierra Vista, AZ



Sue Ziegler



Elizabeth "Liz" Horning



Joan Wakefield



A Thousand Thanks!

When I was living in Germany and trying to learn a bit of the language, I asked a German friend how to say a grand thank you. He said..."Ein Tousand Dank". So here is my BIG thank you to the hard working volunteers that came to help on Feb 22. I could not have made a dent without your strength and persistence!

In no particular order: (and hoping I didn't miss anyone) Nathan Zoret-Russell, Darlene Wilkinson, Natalie Seppi, Tina Durham, Julie Starr Barch and Kathy Riebock.

A big, extra thanks to Kathy Riebock & Lollie Yancey for beautifying the kitchen!

~Robin Lara

. Member News & Information

MEMBERS ONLY OPEN STUDIO

Every Thursday and Friday
from 11 AM - 4 PM in the Studio.
Join other members to work on your projects.
Bring lunch if you'd like!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A FEATURED ARTIST???

If so, please contact Amanda Bethard at
520-234-0014 or achickta@gmail.com.

Do You Have Info To Share?

If you are an upcoming featured artist; or will be teaching a class or workshop; or have any other information you would like to share with the association and art community please email your information to the Arty Facts and HAA Website Editor, Nicole Shelton & The HAA Email Organizer, Gabrielle LaFargue by the **15th** of the previous month that your information needs to be published in. *For example:* If you are May's featured artist, please email your portrait, pictures of your art and your bio by April 15th! **Thank You!**

Nicole Shelton, *Arty Facts & HAA Website Editor* ~ ncshelton84@gmail.com ~ 520-508-3705

Gabrielle LaFargue, *HAA Email Organizer* ~ gjlafargue@gmail.com ~ 520-732-3458

Workshops & Classes

If you are interested in teaching one, please call Darlene Wilkinson at 540-308-0993 or email her at artsydarlene@gmail.com. **Note:** Non members are welcome to teach classes at our art studio!

FRIENDLY REMINDER: Board meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 10 AM.

MEMBER WEBSITES

Doug Hocking	www.doughocking.com	Leta Myers	www.letasgallery.com
Cindi Mapes	www.designsbycindi.com	Roderick Stevens	www.yesitsapainting.com
Lorna Zerba	www.lornazerba.com		

Extra helpers are always welcome on Hanging Day! Several 2 person crews to help hang and arrange table art help the day go smoothly. If you can help, please stop by the studio on Hanging Day.

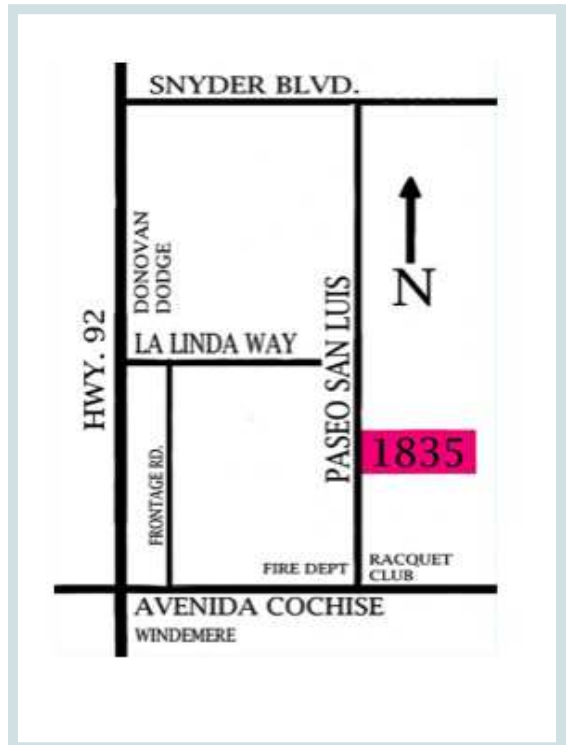
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HAA Library

The Dale Boatman Collection

Members only may borrow two books for two weeks at a time. Children under 18 may borrow books if an adult member signs for the book(s). Renewals are available.

Please treat the books with TLC!

Library donations of recent publications are most welcome!

FOR ALARM:

Call Lois Bravo 425-218-2686 or
Lisa Tabor 520-559-0599