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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

PLEASE NOTE: The Gallery will be closing early @ 3 PM on December 24th and will be CLOSED December 25th & January 1st



This Month's Featured Art

Holiday Gifts, Cards, Ornaments & Winter Themed Art

Please join us for a reception at the gallery!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 3-5 PM

Enjoy sweet & savory treats while shopping this year's Holiday collection.

See page 2 for a peek at what is available at the gallery.

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UPCOMING

- Sat, Dec. 6th: Winter Art Reception, **SHOP LOCAL FOR YOUR HOLIDAY GIFTS!**, 3-5 PM
- Mon, Dec. 8th: **NO Board Meeting!**
- Sat, Dec. 13th: Christmas Tree Oil Painting w/Amanda Bethard, 1 PM
- Sun, Dec. 14th: Huachuca Art Association Christmas Party, 12 PM

WEEKLY CLASSES **NO CLASSES ON DEC. 24TH & 25TH!**

- Tuesdays 9 AM-12 PM, Oil Painting Class w/Joanne Berry
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 4-5 PM, Kids Art Classes w/Nathaniel Zoret-Russell
- Most Saturdays, HAA Plein Air Group w/Nathaniel Zoret-Russell, text Nathan @ 925-667-0314

Take a Peek at This Month's Featured Art and Gifts

Through December, shop local for your Holiday gifts, cards, ornaments and decor!



• *A Letter From Our President*, Naomi Blackwell

Greetings Artyfolk!

December is here, and as temperatures drop and the year nears its end; there is some end of year business that needs attention.

For the month of December, we will not be having a single featured artist; rather the featured artist area of the gallery will be displaying a wide variety of Winter and Holiday themed art; and the Christmas Tree is up and ready to display Ornaments and Baubles. The Reception for the Winter Art Showcase will be held on Saturday the 6th from 3-5 PM. So, as we draw ever closer to the seasonal festivities; keep the gallery in mind for all of your last minute holiday gift shopping needs.

Speaking of holidays; this year's annual HAA Holiday Party will be taking place on Sunday, the 14th of December at noon. Voting for Board Members for the new year will also be taking place at that time, so if you are at all able, please come and join us for the occasion. The current ballot has gone out in email form; so even if you cannot attend, you hopefully are still able to weigh in. The gathering is, once again, potluck style, and there has been an email sent out regarding signing up to bring a dish. For the sake of any HAA members who may suffer from food allergies, we do ask that there be no food containing shellfish of any kind.

Looking forward to next year's events; Our Annual Open Show will once again be taking place during the month of February, and the applications are currently available! Many thanks to Lori Giliberto, who has volunteered to take on the crucially important position of Open Show Director! You will likely notice some changes to the rules and guidelines outlined in the applications, as they have undergone a significant re-work for the sake of clarity and streamlining the application and art intake process. These efforts were spearheaded by William Citera and Robert Harris, and I would like to publicly acknowledge them for their hard work on this.

Further Acknowledgements and thanks go to Amanda Bethard and Holly Fries, who have stepped up as Gallery Director and Change Out Coordinator respectively, when the need was greatest.

In the interest of not letting this letter get too long, I will refrain from going on at length about upcoming classes or workshops, except to encourage everyone to keep an eye on the calender for, among other things, there will be a Day of Demos early in the year.

For now; take care of yourselves; stay warm, and I am looking forward to seeing many of your faces at the Holiday party;

With all the Holiday Cheer I can muster,
'Ta for now,

Naomi B.

HAA President

HAA Annual Members Christmas Party Potluck

Sunday, December 14th @ 12 PM

DON'T FORGET A DISH OR DESSERT TO SHARE
(No Shellfish Please)

Family and Friends Welcome!
Please RSVP to haamessaging@gmail.com



HAA Ballot 2025

HAA BOARD ELECTION – December 2025

Please check members to be retained or elected to the Board.

Darlene Wilkinson	Yes_____	No_____
Lisa Tabor	Yes_____	No_____
Joan Wakefield	Yes_____	No_____
Nathan Zorel-Russell	Yes_____	No_____
Amanda Bethard	Yes_____	No_____
Marsha Earhart	Yes_____	No_____
Kuni Blacklock	Yes_____	No_____

Ballots may be dropped off at the gallery, or mailed to the HAA at: 1835 Paseo San Luis, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635.
Ballots must be received by Sunday, December 14th. Blank ballots are available at the gallery before and during the annual meeting/Christmas party as well as online at huachuca-art.com to print from your computer.

Huachuca Art Associations

8th Annual

Open Judged Art Show

February 1st - 28th, 2026



Please join us for an Awards Reception on

Saturday, February 7th, 3-5 PM

Judges Critique 1-3 PM

1835 PASEO SAN LUIS - SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA 85635



Vote for the People's Choice Award

From Feb 2nd until Feb 7th between 11-4:15 PM



**Don't Forget To Join In On Our Month
Long Picture Scavenger Hunt!**



ALL PARTICIPATING ARTISTS: Deadline to apply is **Friday, Jan. 24th by 5 PM**
Applications can be found on our website at huachuca-art.com, our newsletter, or at the gallery.

Divisions: Experienced, Intermediate, Youth Ages 14-17, and Youth Ages 8-13



Huachuca Art Association's 8th Annual Open Judged Art Show

February 1-28, 2026

To be held at: Huachuca Art Gallery, 1835 Paseo San Luis, Sierra Vista, AZ (520-8033-1078)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Notice to Entrants – No more than three entries per person, regardless of division.

DIVISIONS

Division 1: Experienced: *Any artist may enter at this level.* Artists must enter at the experienced level if they are represented in a gallery or have won a prize ribbon in a previous HAA art show as an intermediate artist for the medium being submitted.

Division 2: Intermediate: The artist is not represented in a gallery, and has not won a “prize” ribbon at the intermediate level in a previous HAA art show for the media being entered. Emerging artists are welcome in this category.

Notice to Youth Entrants – No more than two entries per person, regardless of division.

YOUTH DIVISIONS

Division 1: Ages 14-17

Division 2: Ages 8-13

CATEGORIES – Note: If an applicant enters under the wrong category, or if there are fewer than three different applicants in any one category, the entry will be shown in the next most appropriate category at the discretion of the show director. All such decisions are final.

WALL ART (Hanging Media): Oil, acrylic, mixed media, watercolor, pastel, and graphics (pencil, colored pencil, pen and ink, pyrography, and other hanging art at the discretion of the show director). No quilts.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Images must be camera-captured, maintain much of their original composition (limited cropping), and show only minimal editing.

PHOTOGRAPHIC ART: Images must be camera-captured. Any photograph modified from the original composition by adding/removing components, using special effects, merging/stacking multiple photos (astronomical or high dynamic range [HDR]).

TABLE ART and JEWELRY will not be divided into divisions.

TABLE ART: All Gourd Art, Clay/Ceramic, Wood Craft, Glass Art, Metal, Other 3-D Art approved by Gallery and/or Show Director.

JEWELRY: Metal, Wirework, Beaded

FEES & AWARDS

Fee: \$10 per entry for HAA members. \$15 per entry for non-members, and \$5 per youth entrant (17 or younger). ***All entry fees are nonrefundable. Note: If you are mailing your entry form, you must include your entry fee. Entry forms received without payment are not valid and will not be accepted.***

Awards: “Best of Show” - \$125. “Mayor’s Award” - \$50 in both divisions. “People’s Choice Award” - \$50. Wall Art, Photography, Photographic Art - **Experienced:** 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$40, 3rd - \$30. Wall Art, Photography, Photographic Art - **Intermediate:** 1st - \$30, 2nd - \$20, 3rd - \$10. Table Art: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$40, 3rd - \$30; Jewelry: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$40, 3rd - \$30. **Youth awards will consist of ribbons only.** Honorable mention ribbons will also be awarded at the judge’s discretion. ***The judge’s decisions are final.***

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Questions about this show should be forwarded to the Show Director. Call the Huachuca Art Gallery during normal business hours, 11 am – 5 pm Tuesday through Saturday. Ask that your question be forwarded to Lori Giliberto, Show Director.

Huachuca Art Association's 8th Annual Open Judged Art Show

February 1-28, 2026

IMPORTANT RULES, DATES, AND TIMES

(Absolutely no AI Art or AI Photographs allowed!)

1. All entries must be original and never previously judged in competition at any previous HAA judged art show.
2. All entries must be **framed and "wired" for hanging**. Photographs must be framed and matted.
EXCEPTION: Gallery Wraps, Photographs printed on acrylic or metal.
3. All entries must appear professionally framed. Use of duct tape, masking tape, packing tape, or frayed/poor wiring is not permitted. Wiring must adequately support the weight of the piece. **Absolutely NO wet or tacky paint allowed.**
4. All entries must be **clearly labeled** on the back for Wall Art and Photography. Large tags or cards for Gourds, Clay/Ceramics, Wood Craft, Glass Art, and Jewelry with the **artist's name, title, division** (not applicable for Table Art or Jewelry), **category**, and **price**.
5. All entries (including youth) must be for sale. A sales commission of 20% for HAA members and 30% for non members will be taken.
6. No Wall Art and Photography entry may exceed 36 inches on a side, ***including the frame.*** **Absolutely NO exceptions!**
7. The directors reserve the right to reject entries deemed inappropriate, in poor display condition, or which do not comply with all the above rules. All artwork must be "family friendly".
8. **No entry may be removed** before the end of the show (**February 27th**), unless "approved" by the directors or the entry has sold to a person who is not local and is unable to pick up at the assigned date. Sold entries will be clearly marked as "SOLD" until picked up on **February 28th**.

Each jewelry piece must come with its own display stand, labeled with the artist's name, so it can be returned if the piece is sold.

ENTRY DEADLINE: The completed entry form, payment, and photographs (front and back, showing hanging wire) of each submitted work must be received by **5 p.m. January 24, 2026**. **Late entries will not be accepted – no exceptions.**

RECEIVING AND HANGING: Artwork must be delivered to the Huachuca Art Gallery, 1835 Paseo San Luis, Sierra Vista, on **January 31st, 2026, between 12:00 and 4:00 p.m.** **NO EARLY DROP-OFFS.** Artwork will be hung on **February 1st, 2026**. Any deviation from these times **MUST** be arranged in advance by calling the Show Director or HAA Gallery Director.

JUDGING: Saturday, February 7th, 8:00 – 11:00 AM

CRITIQUE & RECEPTION: Saturday, February 7th, Critique: 1:00-3:00 PM. Reception/Open House: 3:00-5:00 PM

PICK-UP DATE: Sunday, February 28th, 12:00 – 3:00 PM (***All art must be picked up on this date. We do not have space to store your art.***)

Complete the attached entry form, and **print legibly.**

If your writing is unreadable, we cannot create your exhibit cards.

Youth entries must include the full name, address, email address, and phone number of the parent, guardian, or sponsor. If a youth entry is sold, the check will be made out to the parent or guardian.

Deliver or mail the entry form with payment to:

**HUACHUCA ART ASSOCIATION
1835 PASEO SAN LUIS
SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA 85635**

***For more information, contact the Gallery (520) 803-1078 and ask for Lori Giliberto, Show Director.
If she is unavailable, your question will be forwarded to her.***

Huachuca Art Association's 8th Annual Open Judged Art Show

February 1st – 28th 2026

Choose your division carefully! Fully complete the entry form below **(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)**

NAME _____ ART IN _____ ART OUT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

DIVISION 1: EXPERIENCED

TITLE	CATEGORY	MEDIUM	SIZE	PRICE	FEE	SOLD
1.						
2.						
3.						

DIVISION 2: INTERMEDIATE

TITLE	CATEGORY	MEDIUM	SIZE	PRICE	FEE	SOLD
1.						
2.						
3.						

3-D ART

TITLE	CATEGORY	MEDIUM	SIZE	PRICE	FEE	SOLD
1.						
2.						
3.						

JEWELRY

TITLE	CATEGORY	MEDIUM	PRICE	FEE	SOLD
1.					
2.					
3.					

Please read carefully and sign. Payment must accompany entry form. Unsigned entry forms or forms without payment will be rejected.

I understand my work is entered at my own risk. HAA will do its utmost to protect my work, but is not liable for loss or damage. HAA does not have any lockable display cases. I understand HAA does not provide any "special" displays other than what I provide. Any display, other than the typical jewelry bust/stand, must be pre-approved before drop-off by the show director. I understand my pieces will "only" be displayed in a manner most suitable for the judges by the hanging/display committee. **I must enter the same work submitted on the entry form, or it will be rejected. I understand that if I change my mind for any reason, the entry fee is non-refundable.** I have read and agree to abide by the "show rules" and the above policy.

SIGN

DATE

Huachuca Art Association's 9th Annual Open Judged Art Show

February 1-28, 2026

CHOOSE YOUR DIVISION CAREFULLY!

FULLY COMPLETE THE YOUTH ENTRY FORM BELOW – ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

ARTIST NAME _____ ART IN _____ ART OUT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ PARENT EMAIL _____

YOUTH DIVISION 1: AGES 14-17

TITLE	CATEGORY	MEDIUM	SIZE	PRICE	FEE	SOLD
1.						
2.						

YOUTH DIVISION 2: AGES 8-13

TITLE	CATEGORY	MEDIUM	SIZE	PRICE	FEE	SOLD
1.						
2.						

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ARTIST) _____

CITY, STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

EMAIL _____

Please read carefully and sign:

I understand that the child's work is entered at their own risk. HAA will do its utmost to protect the work, but is not liable for loss or damage. I understand the entry will only be displayed in a manner most suitable for the judges by the hanging/display committee. I know that the art piece entered is the same work submitted on the entry form, or it will be rejected. I understand that if I change my mind for any reason, the entry fee is non-refundable. I have read and agree to abide by the "show rules" and this policy.

SIGN _____ DATE _____

Events, Classes & Workshops

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

CHRISTMAS TREE OIL PAINTING

with Amanda Bethard

Saturday, December 13th

1 PM

\$35

We will be oil painting a Christmas tree.

Sample picture coming soon!

All Materials Provided.

Register at the Gallery



ATTENTION!

There will be **NO** Alcohol Inks Classes for the month of *December*.



ACRYLIC CLASS

with Elaine Wells

January 2026

Elaine Wells, a newer member of Huachuca Art Association, will be teaching an acrylic painting class in January.

After painting in oil for many years, Elaine made the change to acrylic for practical reasons. Her method of painting with acrylics is similar to that of oils and includes color mixing, blending and glazing.

A further announcement and class description will follow in January.



DAY OF DEMOS

SATURDAY JANUARY 17

9 – 12 NOON

THIS ALL-TIME FAVORITE EVENT IS COMING UP IN JANUARY!
THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR SEVERAL ARTISTS TO PARTICIPATE.
IT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE YOUR ARTISTRY TO THE PARTICIPANTS.
YOU WILL RECEIVE \$75.

PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO SIGN UP FOR A CLASS YOU WILL BE TEACHING IN THE FUTURE.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE EMAIL haamessaging@gmail.com



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**

HAA PLEIN AIR GROUP

with Nathaniel Zoret-Russell

On Most Saturdays

Come join us "in the open air" and capture the spirit and essence of a landscape or subject by incorporating natural light, color and movement into your works.

To confirm the date and time or if you have any interest or questions, text Nathan @ 925 667 0314



YOUTH ART CLASSES !

Instructed by Nathaniel Zoret-Russell

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays
from 4pm - 5pm**

All Ages Welcome

All Materials Included - Drop Ins Welcome!

No Registration Required

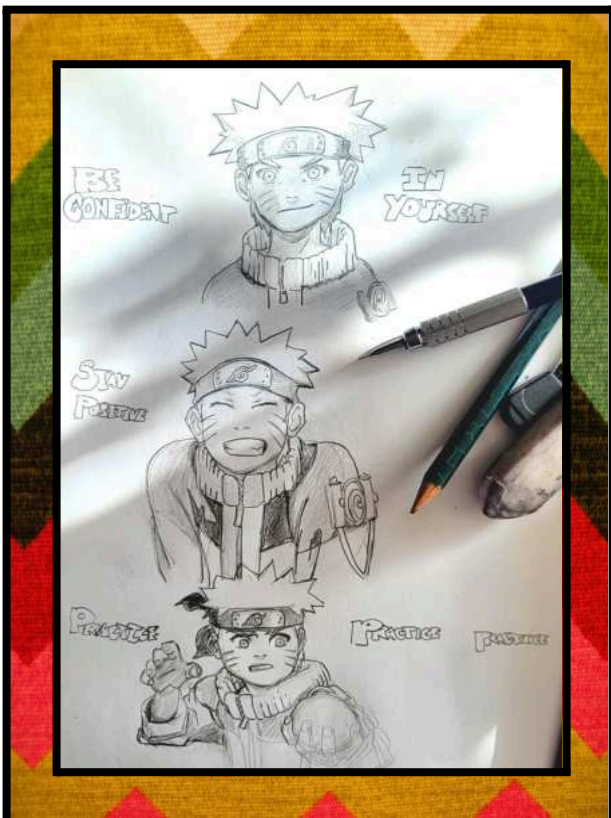
FIRST CLASS FREE!

\$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 guide them to make their visions a reality.

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



● 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.

Friendly Reminder 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 Editor by the **15th** of the previous month that your information needs to be published. **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 Editor ncshelton84@gmail.com ~ 520-508-3705

The **Warrior Healing Center** is still looking for artists to volunteer to teach at the center and to hang their artwork in the halls. If you are interested or would like more information please call Sue Thatcher at 520-266-4508.

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: MEMBER MEETING WILL BE TAKING PLACE DURING THE CHRISTMAS PARTY THIS MONTH!

MEMBER WEBSITES

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

Let's spread the joy of art and add more FREE classes on the schedule for the kids in our community! Please sign up with Darlene Wilkinson (540-308-0993 or artsydarlene@gmail.com) if you are willing to teach a workshop or class for the youth in our community, at no cost to you. Thanks to a generous donation in memory of Gail Klien we are able to offer this program and pay our artists for their time.