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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

John Marvin and Naomi Blackwell

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UPCOMING

- **Sun, Feb 28th:** PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ARTWORK FROM THE OPEN JUDGED ART SHOW! 12-3 PM
- **Mon, Mar 9th:** Board Meeting, 10 AM
- **Sat, Mar 14th:** All Levels Alcohol Inks w/Darlene Wilkinson, 10 AM-12 PM
- **Sat, Mar 21st:** Art Demonstration Day, 10 AM-12 PM
- **Sat, Mar 28th:** Canvas Stretching, Matting & Framing w/Nathan Zoret-Russell, 10 AM-12 PM
- **Sat, Mar 28th:** Water Lily Oil Painting Class w/Amanda Bethard, 1 PM

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, John Marvin

My photographic enlightenment began about fifty years ago when I resided in the rather progressive community of Flagstaff, AZ. It soon became apparent to me that certain clubs and organizations within this city were always on the lookout for programs, speakers and events associated with our natural environment and outdoor activities. At this point in life, I was an active and serious fly-fisher, hiker and backpacker so it was an opportune time for me to begin capturing interesting photographic images during my extensive excursions and develop slide programs for public viewing.

After living in Flagstaff for eighteen years, I shifted gears and retired, sold the house and then began exploring southeast Arizona to eventually set up a new residence & camp in sunny, Sierra Vista. Then I saw the 'light' – it was digital and I soon created a little inflation in the Canon camera industry. At last, the Huachuca Art Association was discovered and I have been a contributing and exhibiting member for close to a quarter of a century - what a blessing!



All About Our Featured Artist, Naomi Blackwell



Naomi Blackwell is a mixed media artist in the truest sense of the word; always eager to try a new medium or technique in order to improve her craft.

From drawing and painting; to knitting, bookbinding, jewelry or her current crafting love; Fiber Arts and Needle felting, Naomi has met few crafts or mediums that she hasn't gotten along with, and finding fun and interesting new ways to combine her various skills is an integral part of her creative process, when she isn't learning something completely new in order to achieve an effect she was not able to before.

Raised on a steady diet of fairytales and other fantasy media, Naomi's creations tend towards the whimsical, with imaginary creatures of all kinds being her preferred subject matter, although in recent months she has also found herself drawn to some of the various creatures that share our high desert corner of the world; albeit with a sometimes fantastical twist. Dragons, however, remain her favorite.

This tendency towards the fantastical extends to her jewelry making endeavors, and lends itself well to wire wrapping, which is her current jewelry medium of choice. If a person were to look at a piece of said jewelry and think " This is a pendant made by fairies; for fairies", Naomi would consider it a job well done.

Above all; there is a component of joy to her work. Making art makes her happy; and she hopes, always, that sharing her art can share some of that happiness with others.



IN HONOR OF JOHN AND NAOMI

Please Join Us For A Reception At The Gallery!

March 7th, 3-5 PM

John's and Naomi's artwork will be on display through the month of March.

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. A Letter From Our President, *Naomi Blackwell*

Greetings Artyfolk!

March has arrived, and with it we have another successful Open show behind us! Before I address the goings-on at the Gallery for March, I would like to heartily thank both everyone who helped organize the show, and everyone who entered their art; we couldn't do this every year without you! Additionally, I would like to offer a final round of congratulations to everyone who received a Ribbon this year. Keep up the good work!

March's Featured Artists will be John Marvin for wall art, and myself for table art! The Featured Artist Reception will be taking place on Saturday the 7th at 3PM, and even though it feels a little odd to do this for an event I am so directly involved in, I would still like to encourage everyone who has some free time that afternoon to come and support us; your fellow artists. Light refreshments and pleasant conversation will be provided.

In addition to the featured artist reception, I would like to remind everyone to check in on our calendar of classes and workshops; as you never know when you might find your next favorite hobby waiting for you. Or; if a structured class isn't your thing, or you have other obligations you can't miss, there is always the possibility of attending Open Studio hours on Thursday and Friday; where you can sit and work on your projects in community with other artists.

And that, for now, is all. Please take care of yourselves, have a very happy month of March, and I'll catch you all in the next letter,

'Ta for now,

Naomi B.

HAA President

. A Letter From, *Lori Giliberto*

I Cannot Thank You Enough, But I Will Try...

Much appreciation and thanks go;

- To the HAA Board.
- To Amanda, Gallery Director, who let me step in and arrange the show and gallery for the month of February. (*And who listened to me think out loud a lot and gave me advice...*)
- To the 70 artists who entered our show.
- To the check-in crew and runners Diane, Elaine, Pat, Joanne, Amanda, Kuni and Marsha.
- To the hanging crew Darlene, Callie, Amanda, Bill, Elizabeth, Laurie, Elaine.
- To Robert Harris, for the hanging tags (*and all their revisions!*)
- To Rob Miscione, Bev Parks & Yolanda Van der Lilij Klein the Wonderful Judges for their time and energy for judging and critiquing.
- To Holly, for scribing and ribbons.
- To Lois, Amanda, Naomi & Richard for getting the gallery ready for the reception after judging.
- To the members of the gallery for understanding the displacement of regular art for the Open Show.
- To the public for Voting in our People's Choice, doing the Treasure Hunt and viewing the show throughout the month.
- To everyone who came to celebrate at our reception on the 7th, it was a fun and lively afternoon, complete with rain & everything!

My apologies to anyone I may have neglected to note in this letter.

This truly wouldn't have happened as smoothly and successfully without each and everyone of you, doing your part. **See you artists on the 28th to pick up your pieces!**

You have a year to plan what you may want to enter for the 2027 show, until next then,

Lori Giliberto

Treasure Hunt Answers -

Old World Painting, modern sensibility - ZO157

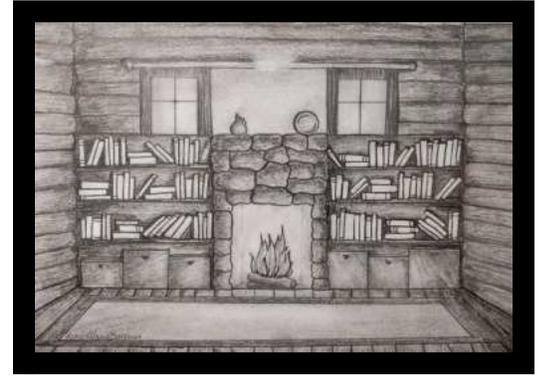
Timeless Beauty - DU028

Whoa, don't smell too closely - HI050

Unexpected Weeping observed - BL011

Divine Impossibility - EV040

Congratulations to all the Ribbon Winners in our 8th Annual Open Judged Art Show!



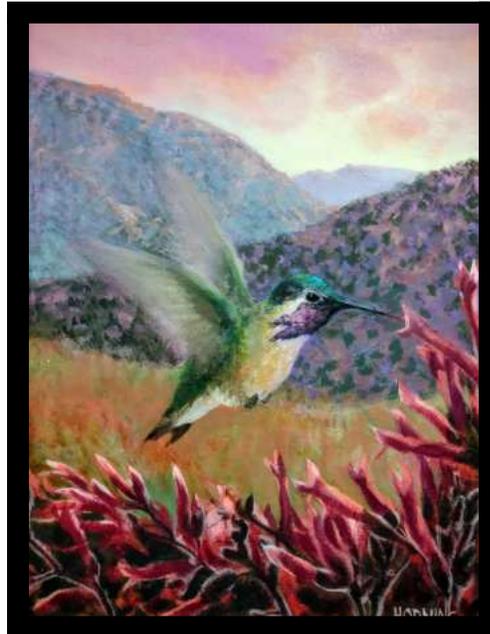
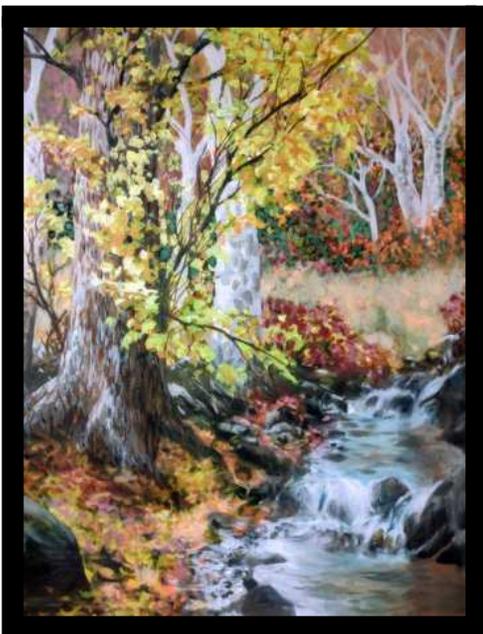
- Best In Show - Pat Plank ; Mayor's Choice - Sean Yeterian ; People's Choice - Lorna Zerba
Experienced Photography - 1st Sean Yeterian ; 2nd John Marvin ; 3rd Sean Yeterian
Honorable Mentions - John Marvin, Tammy Windsor-Brown, Richard Milligan, Pam Chandler
Experienced Oil - 1st Lorna Zerba ; 2nd Pam Corona ; 3rd Pam Corona
Honorable Mentions - Joanne Berry, Anne Martin, Nathaniel Zoret-Russell, Pam Corona
Experienced Acrylic - 1st Darlene Everhart ; 2nd Lori Sieting ; 3rd Elaine Wells
Honorable Mentions - Will Smith, Elaine Wells, Darlene Everhart, Will Smith
Experienced Mixed Media - 1st Pat Plank ; 2nd Laur Rose ; 3rd Carolyn Yeutter
Honorable Mentions - Kuni Blacklock, Naomi Blackwell, Anne Martin, Darlene Wilkinson
Experienced Pastel & Graphics - 1st J Starr ; 2nd Mary Lametti ; 3rd Pat Plank
Honorable Mentions - Alice Duffy La Bonte, J Starr, Anne Martin, Bill Citera
Experienced Water Color - 1st Lori Sieting ; 2nd Diane Given-Hayes ; Elizabeth Line
Honorable Mentions - Darlene Wilkinson, Lori Sieting, Elizabeth Line
3D Art - 1st Naomi Blackwell ; 2nd Sarah Wilson ; 3rd George Basehore
Honorable Mentions - Tom Everhart, Pat Wick, Sheryl Honstein, Callie Ryan, Bryan Sirokman
Intermediate Photography - 1st Tom La Bonte ; 2nd Teresa Ebbs ; 3rd Alex Whiting
Honorable Mentions - Teresa Ebbs, Teresa Ebbs
Intermediate Oil - 1st Gary Lee ; 2nd Debra Scott ; 3rd Debra Scott
Honorable Mentions - Debra Scott
Intermediate Mixed Media - 1st Becky Siler ; 2nd Callie Ryan ; 3rd Callie Ryan
Honorable Mentions - Becky Siler, Becky Siler
Intermediate Acrylics & Watercolor (combined) - 1st Laura Ellis ; 2nd Janise Ingram ; 3rd
Natasha May ; Honorable Mentions - Donna O'Connor, Natasha May
Intermediate Pastel & Graphics - 1st Theresa Wood ; 2nd Theresa Wood ; 3rd Jenno Louie
Honorable Mentions - Cara Butterfield
Youth Arts Division 1 - 1st Pearl Bonner ; 2nd Pearl Bonner
Youth Arts Division 2 - 1st Riley Ann Butterfield ; 2nd Jean Singleton ; 3rd Autumn Butterfield
Honorable Mentions - Jean Singleton, James Bethard, James Turner

Thank you to Everyone who entered a piece in this show, the judges and visitors to the gallery all remark on how beautiful the show is. Great Job! Hope to see you next year, Lori

In Remembrance & In Support

Liz Horning was a pillar in our art community, one of the founding members of the Huachuca Art Association and an avid supporter of our scholarship fund. As such, after her passing this January, Liz generously donated a collection of her stunning oil paintings to the gallery to be sold, with the proceeds added to the Huachuca Art Association scholarship fund. Most of her paintings are available at the gallery for a reasonable price, pictures of those that did not fit at the gallery are in a booklet at the front desk. In honor of Liz, please make a visit to the gallery to view her extraordinary work in person and perhaps help us support the budding new artists in our community!

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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

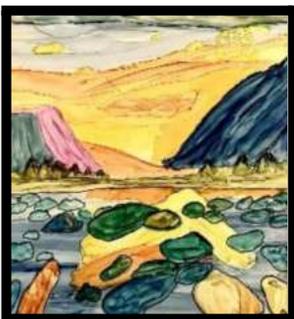
\$20



A DAY OF DEMOS - Saturday, March 21st 10 AM - 12 PM - Cost: FREE

No Registration Required, Space May Be Limited

Bring a friend and come check out the process behind a few different art mediums!



Alcohol Inks with Darlene Wilkinson

At this demo you will learn control of the inks, papers or objects to use, as well as what other supplies are needed and how they are used and what supplies are needed for which inks.

I currently teach an ongoing monthly class for all levels so you can go from beginner to advanced as need be. If you enjoy this demo, please feel free to join my class on the 2nd Saturday of each month.



Air Dry Clay Ornaments with Callie Ryan

Use them for your Christmas Tree or just as a decoration. Air dry clay cactus are fun to make!



Oil Painting with Amanda Bethard

Amanda will be demonstrating oil painting and there will be an option for people attending to paint a magnet.



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



CANVAS STRETCHING, MATTING & FRAMING

with Nathaniel Zoret-Russell

Saturday, March 28th

10 AM - 12 PM \$40

All materials will be provided. Register at the Gallery.

In this class participants will learn how to stretch their own canvases, prepare a ground with gesso and even use alternative fabrics in place of canvas. Participants can bring a piece of patterned fabric to use in place of canvas



WATER LILY OIL PAINTING CLASS

with Amanda Bethard

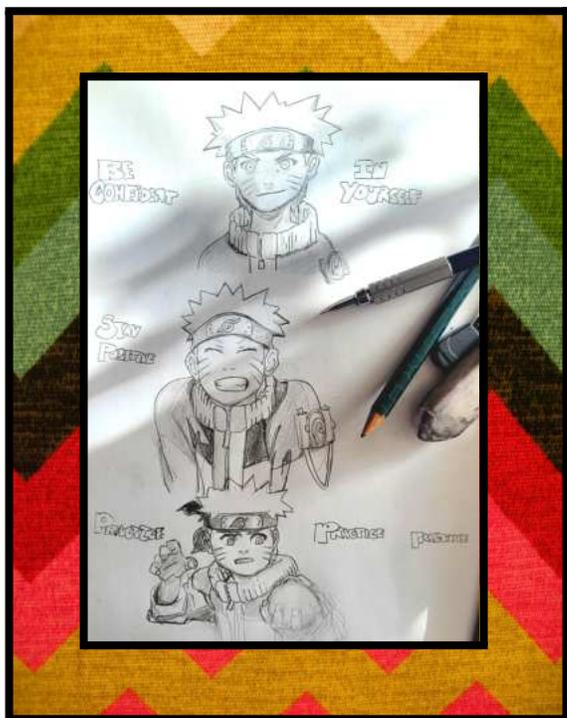
Saturday, March 28th 1 PM \$35

All materials will be provided. Register at the Gallery.

We will be painting a water lily on a 5x7 canvas.



YOUTH ART CLASSES !



Instructed by Nathaniel Zoret-Russell

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 4pm - 5pm

All Ages Welcome

All Materials Included - Drop Ins Welcome!

No Registration Required

FIRST CLASS FREE!

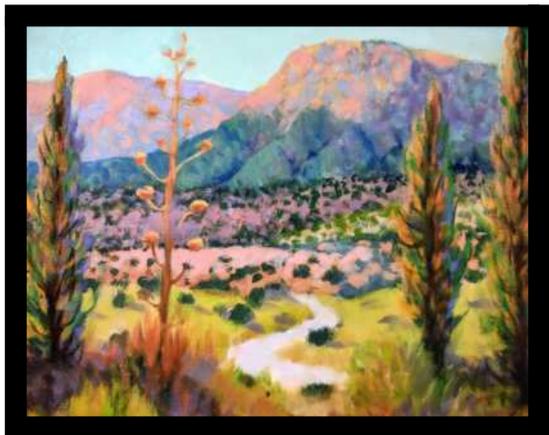
\$12 for the first student, \$10 for each additional student.

**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.

More of Liz Horning's Artwork



• 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

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.

HAA BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

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Gallery Art Cards Robert Harris	918-850-7444	lionsgatephoto@live.com
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Website, Newsletter & Ads Nicole Shelton	520-508-3705	ncshelton84@gmail.com
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Gallery, Studio & Gift Shop

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520-803-1078

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1835 Paseo San Luis
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635



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



**Huachuca Art Association, Inc.
Membership Application**

Please return form to
Huachuca Art Association
1835 Paseo San Luis
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
Contact: 520-378-1078 www.huachuca-art.com

PAID

Credit - Check - Cash

Date: _____

NAME: _____ Co-member _____

ADDRESS: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

NEW Membership _____ Renewal _____

Please circle the appropriate membership category. (*Membership year is Jan 01 – Dec 31*).

Individual Member Full Year \$35 *new members pay \$17.50 after July 15

Family Membership \$40 for 2 mem *new members pay \$20 after July 15

Student Membership \$10 per year

Sustaining Member \$50 per year

Honorary Life Member (70+) FREE * Must have been a paying member for 5 yrs

*After Nov 1 you can pay \$35 for membership through the end of next year.

Please tell us a little about yourself, your mediums and other info like art associations, training, awards, activities etc. Let us know if there is a class or demo you'd like to do. :

The Huachuca Art Association is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization with over 150 members committed to encouraging and promoting artistic growth in the community with a major emphasis on visual arts. Among the many activities the association sponsors are workshops, scholarships, and special events, month-long art exhibitions, featured art receptions, weekly studio sessions, private art instruction, workshops, and children's art lessons. The studio/gallery is located at 1835 Paseo San Luis, Sierra Vista, AZ. Currently displaying art of over 50 juried members.

- Membership in the HAA entitles you to receive our monthly e-newsletter, receive Art in the Park discounts, to attend open studio, preference in limited enrollment activities, to have your website listed in our newsletter and HAA voting privileges.
- Let us know if you would like to volunteer to help at change out, Art in the Park, receptions or to run for the Board. It takes all of us working together to make an impact on the art community and we appreciate you joining us, Thank you.