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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 closed on October 3rd!

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED ARTISTS

Joyce Genske & Leilani Ledesma

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UPCOMING

- Sat, Oct 3rd: Art in the Park, 9 AM-5 PM
- Sun, Oct 4th: Art in the Park, 9 AM-4 PM
- Sat, Oct 10th: Featured Artist Reception, SUPPORT YOUR FELLOW ARTISTS!, 3-5 PM
- Mon, Oct 12th: Board Meeting, 10 AM
- Sat, Oct 17th: Wire Wrap Jewelry Class w/Naomi Blackwell, 10 AM - 1 PM
- Sat, Oct 24th: How to Photograph People w/Amanda Bethard, 1 - 4ish PM
- Wed, Oct. 24th: DEADLINE to Register Artwork for the November Student Art Show
- Sat, Nov 7th: Student Art Show Reception, 3-5 PM

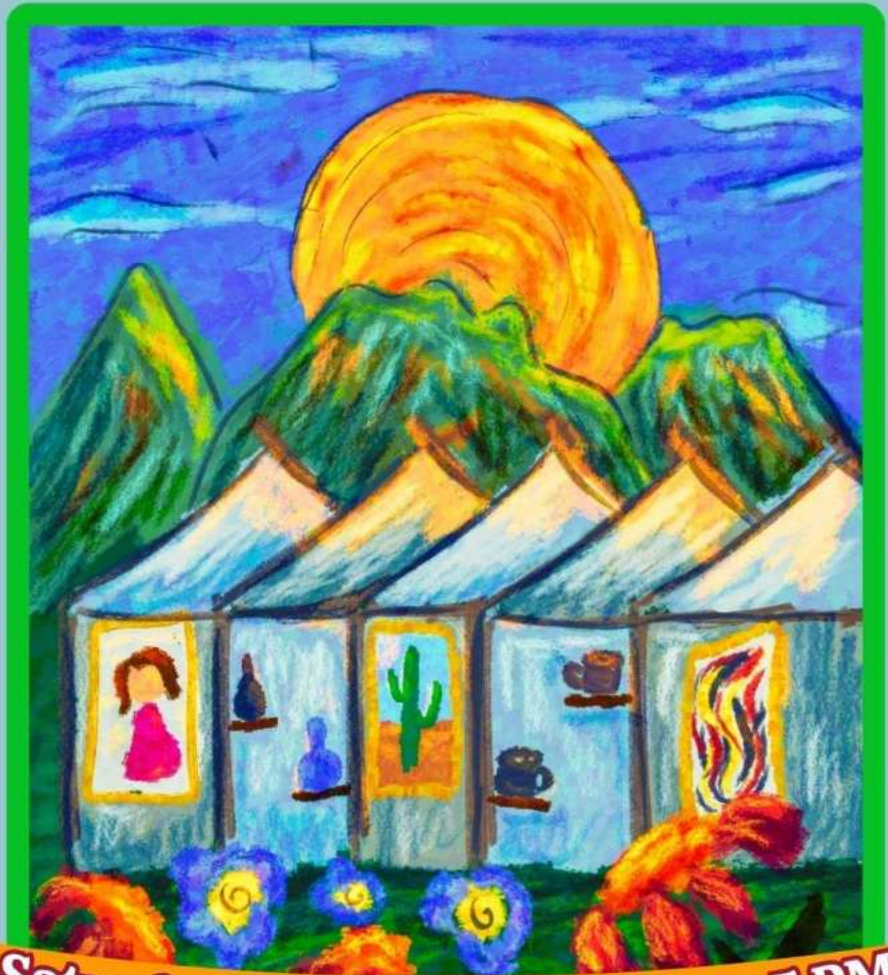
WEEKLY CLASSES

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

THE HUACHUCA ART ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS THE 54TH ANNUAL
ART IN THE PARK

**VETERANS
MEMORIAL
PARK,
SIERRA VISTA**

PHOTOGRAPHY
PAINTINGS
JEWELRY
CANDLES
CERAMICS
BASKETS
GLASS
WOOD
METALWORK
FIBER ARTS
YARD ART
LOTIONS
APPAREL
& MORE



Saturday, October 3rd 9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday, October 4th 9 AM - 4 PM

FREE ADMISSION ~ FREE PARKING ~ FOOD & BEVERAGE COURT

NO DOGS OR PETS ALLOWED IN THE EVENT AREA, EXCEPT FOR SERVICE DOGS
As per Sierra Vista Title 9, General Regulations Ordinance #90.06-G

ALL ABOUT OUR FEATURED ARTIST, Joyce Genske



I originally hail from Wisconsin and moved to Arizona in 2003. Since arriving in AZ, I have been active in the Sierra Vista Camera Club since 2014 and have served as the secretary of the club since 2015. I've been dancing with the Heiland Lads and Lassies Scottish folk dance group since 2015, and in 2019 joined the Huachuca Arts Association. I have had fourteen photographs chosen by Mirage Magazine, had one of my photos chosen by the City of Sierra Vista to display in the city council chambers, and was given a certificate of appreciation by the Southwest Buffalo Soldiers Association for my photographic work on Buffalo Soldiers on the Trail 2015. But enough bragging about my achievements.



What fueled all this picture taking? A love of photography since age 9! I don't know where the interest came from – it just seems like it was always there. This love of photography has served me well through the years. I have visited 18 foreign countries and 17 states, always with a camera or two in tow. I am currently trying to learn astrophotography. The cameras have been my constant companions for decades. If I do everything right, they record my adventures and save them for me and others to enjoy over and over.



Nearly everyone sees the big picture but not the details. I feel it's my job as a photographer to see the details and show the rest of the world what they are missing. Lots of good stuff hides in plain sight. I plan to keep on with my passion for photography until I die and even then I'll probably take a camera or two with me into the afterlife! (*I'll make sure they are heat-proof just in case!!*)



ALL ABOUT OUR FEATURED ARTIST, Leilani Ledesma

Since I was a young child I've always loved creating art, whether it was painting elaborate imaginary landscapes to present to my parents, or doodling in the margins of my schoolbooks. I'm now a self-taught artist and have been painting glass in particular for more than 20 years.

I was raised in Africa where I drew inspiration for my creations from the vivid colors and shapes I encountered in nature. Now that I'm living in Arizona, much of my work reflects the beauty of the desert: the cacti, agave, delicate flowers and radiant sunsets that surround us.

Most days you are guaranteed to find me in my art studio, balancing my cat Marie Antoinette in my lap, a mug of tea in one hand and my paintbrush in the other, and listening to a cozy mystery audiobook while painting my heart out.

While glass painting is my specialty, I also dabble in a variety of mediums, including acrylic, watercolor pencils, gouache and China ink. Few things bring me more satisfaction than learning that my work brought joy to someone else. In the words of The Little Prince: "Since it is beautiful, it is truly useful."



IN HONOR OF JOYCE AND LEILANI

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION AT THE GALLERY!

Saturday, October 10th 3-5 PM

*Through the month of October, our Featured Artists will have a special display of their artwork at the gallery.
Please stop by the gallery to view their stunning pieces in person.*

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• **A Letter From Our President,** Naomi Blackwell

Greetings Artyfolk!

The blustery winds of October are once again upon us; which means that we have made it to Art in the Park once again! Come out to Veteran's Memorial Park on the first weekend of October and browse our over 140 vendors; some new and some returning familiar faces, for unique handmade goods. Maybe jumpstart your holiday shopping for those people in your life who have unique tastes, and can thus be tricky to shop for?

Then, once Art in the Park is behind us, the fun for the month of October continues, as we are having our monthly featured artists reception the weekend after, at the Huachuca Art Association gallery. This month, Joyce Genske and Leilani Ledesma will be our featured artists, and I would like, as always, to encourage everyone to stop by the gallery on October 10th between 3-5 PM to support them.

Additionally; even with all of the planned excitement this month; we are still holding classes at the gallery as usual; so please do keep an eye on the calendar, in case there is something on offer that you have been eager to try or learn.

And that, for now, is that. I would like to thank everyone who has donated some of their time to volunteer to help at Art in the Park, though there will be more thanks to follow after the fact; and encourage everyone to have a safe and enjoyable October.

Catch you all in the next letter,

Naomi B.

HAA President

Events, Classes & Workshops

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



Wire Wrap Jewelry with Naomi Blackwell

Saturday, October 17th

10 AM - 1 PM \$30

All materials will be provided. Register at the Gallery.
If anyone has a basic set of jewelry making pliers, they are encouraged to bring them. Feel free to also bring a light lunch.

Maximum Participants: 15

In this class, students will be introduced to the art of wire wrapping, with the end goal of knowing how to create a basic pendant with the use of copper wire and an undrilled stone. Additionally, students should leave the class with a grasp of basic wirework terminology, and knowledge of which tools and materials to use for the job and where to acquire them.



How to Photograph People

with Amanda Bethard

Saturday, October 24th

1 - 4 ish PM \$35

Register at the Gallery.

This class will discuss the basics of photographing people. From basic posing and composition and also capturing people in a more journalistic setting.

This class is more attuned to those with a dslr or mirrorless camera but those with a point and shoot or a cell phone camera are welcome to attend.

We will start at the gallery discussing posing and composition and camera settings. Then head out on a field trip (probably lower Miller Canyon) to get some real world practice in. Please bring a camera and walking shoes.



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 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.

• **WOULD YOU LIKE TO TEACH A CLASS???**

• If so, please contact Callie Ryan at 703-973-7982 or artbycallieryan@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 Editor & HAA Website Designer, Nicole Shelton & The HAA Email Organizers, Gabrielle LaFargue and Darlene Everhart by the **15th** of the previous month that your information needs to be published in. **For example:** If you are July's featured artist, please email your portrait, pictures of your art and your bio by June 15th! **Thank You!**

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Sue Thatcher, would like to thank everyone who joined her in donating to the Education Foundation of Sierra Vista, Inc.'s Spooktacular Bash fundraiser. There were quite a few donations and everyone is greatly appreciated!

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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



Huachuca Art Association

Annual Student Art Show 2026

This November 2026 we will have a show for our students who have taken classes or workshops at the gallery during the year and who would like to show off their made in class artwork.

You may submit 1-3 pieces for the exhibit. Please note that if there is a large amount of submissions we may not be able to display all 3 pieces.

This is a FREE art show for non-members and members alike who have taken classes at the gallery within the last year. All artwork must be ready to hang/display and can be for sale if you wish but does not have to be.

So that a display card can be made for each piece, please contact Amanda Bethard at achickta@gmail.com, with the following information by **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23rd**: *Your name, the class you took and the name of the piece(s).*

Please bring your pieces to the gallery for hanging by **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th!**

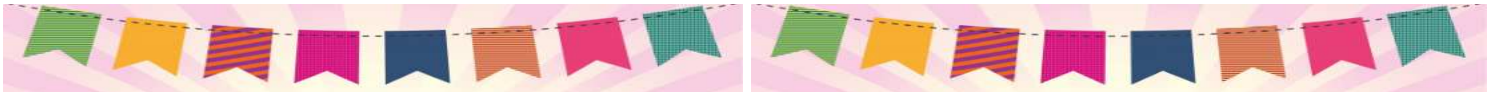
The gallery is open from 11 AM - 5 PM

The reception for the Student Art Show will be held on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th from 3-5 PM**

Please join us to view the artistic creations of your fellow student artists and to enjoy complimentary light refreshments. Don't forget to invite your friends and family! *There are more invitations available at the front counter in the gallery for you to take and hand out or you can print out extra from the website or the newsletter.*

Your artwork can be picked up after **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24th**, during gallery hours.

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You're Invited!

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Student artwork will be on display throughout the month of November.