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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 EVENT**

***Our 8th Annual Open Judged Art Show!***

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### **OUTLINE OF EVENTS**

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#### **UPCOMING**

- **Sun, Jan 31st: All Entries for the HAA Open Judged Art Show Must Be Brought in Today for Hanging/Display between, 12 PM-4 PM - NO EARLY DROP OFFS!**
- **Feb 1st - Feb 28th: 8TH ANNUAL OPEN JUDGED ART SHOW**
- **Sat, Feb 7th: Open Judged Art Show Awards Reception, 3-5 PM (Critiques 1-3 PM)**
- **Mon, Feb 9th: Board Meeting, 10 AM**
- **Sat, Feb 14th: All Levels Alcohol Inks w/Darlene Wilkinson, 10 AM-12 PM**
- **Sat, Feb 21st: Wire Wrapping Basics with Naomi Blackwell, 10 AM-12 PM**
- **Sat, Feb 21st: Acrylic Dot Art Cactus Painting w/Callie Ryan, 1-4 PM**
- **Sat, Feb 28th: Introduction to Wood Turning w/Nathaniel Zoret-Russell, 10 AM**

#### **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**
- **Most Saturdays, HAA Plein Air Group w/Nathaniel Zoret-Russell, text Nathan @ 925-667-0314**

# 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 [huachua-art.com](http://huachua-art.com), our newsletter, or at the gallery.

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

# • A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT, Naomi Blackwell

Greetings Artyfolk!

It is February, and while I do have words for you regarding what is happening at the Gallery this month, I would like to first take a moment to acknowledge the recent passing of Elizabeth Horning, who was HAA President before me, and whose encouragement is a large part of why I accepted this position to begin with. Both Liz and Sue Ziegler, who was also recently taken from us, were pillars of the HAA community, and gave more to this Art Association than I currently have words or space to express. They will both be greatly missed. They will both be fondly remembered. And in their honor, I hope you will all join me in the effort of making this Art Association the best little creative community in Sierra Vista.

This brings us to the topic of the open show. The Open Show always brings a wide variety of wonderful art to our gallery from within the wider community, and this, after all, is what the HAA is all about; promoting Art within Cochise County, and doing our best to stoke enthusiasm for the Visual Arts in as many people as we can!

The Reception for the Open Show will take place on Saturday, February 7th from 3 -5 PM, with the judging and critique taking place earlier in the day. I would like to encourage everyone to come out and celebrate the entrants into this year's show with us.

Speaking of the show; there are many Thanks in order. First, I would like to thank Lori Giliberto, who graciously stepped up to be this year's Open Show Director, and as such took on the lion's share of the organizational work that is needed behind the scenes to make our annual show a success. It is a task of great magnitude, and she has my gratitude, and the gratitude of the HAA

Board for taking it on. Second, I would like to thank this year's judges; Bev Parks, who will be judging Photography entries; Yolanda Vanderlily, who is our Wall Art Judge and Rob Missioni, who will be judging the 3-D Art and Youth Art Categories. And finally, a hearty helping of gratitude for the volunteers that gave of their time and effort to make sure that all of the essential behind the scenes tasks, such as art intake and hanging and many more small things besides, are completed; this show could not happen without you.

The Art Show isn't the only reason to drop by the gallery this month; as there are several classes and workshops scheduled for February, in addition to our usual lineup of recurring classes. So don't forget to check the calendar; who knows? Your new favorite art or craft hobby might be there waiting for you.

And that, for now, is all I have to say. Stay safe until the next one everyone, and I'll catch you in the next issue.

'Ta for now,

**Naomi B.**

HAA President

# A TRIBUTE TO OUR FRIEND + FELLOW ARTIST

## Elizabeth “Liz” Horning

November 8th, 1943 – January 9th, 2026

Elizabeth Horning has been an artist for most of her life. She was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and graduated in 1965 from the Rhode Island School of Design with a BFA in Painting. As an undergraduate, she was a recipient of the Royal Bailey Farnum Scholarship as well as Ford & Carnegie Foundation grants to study art in Italy. After college, she worked as an art teacher in New Hampshire, until moving to Phoenix in 1973.

After that, she worked as a decorative artist, illustrator, advertising artist and art director, before joining the Phoenix Art Group in 1986, where she was able to work full-time at painting, and to develop the style of floral painting that she is known for now. Through PAG, her work was distributed nationwide, and she began an association with the publishing company Grand Image, Ltd., that continues to this day.

In 2002, she left Phoenix for the great weather and gorgeous scenery of Southern Arizona. Elizabeth’s art was shown in galleries from Carmel to Santa Fe, and for 19 years was represented in Arizona by the May Galleries in Scottsdale.

Since 2007, she was a member of the Huachuca Art Association, serving on the Board and at various times as Secretary and Treasurer, and was President for seven years.

Liz was a pillar in our art community, in 2018 when the Huachuca Art Association was looking for a new location she stepped up and financed the building the gallery is currently located in. Our beautiful gallery was able to come to life through her support! Liz was also a huge supporter of the Huachuca Art Association scholarship.

Thank you Liz for your love of art and support for our local art community, you are missed! ❤



# CLASSES + WORKSHOPS

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



## WIRE WRAPPING BASICS

with Naomi Blackwell

**Saturday, February 21st 10 AM-12 PM \$25**

LIMIT OF 15 PARTICIPANTS

All materials will be provided. However, if anyone has a basic set of jewelry making pliers, they are encouraged to bring them.

*Register at the Gallery.*

*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.*

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## ACRYLIC DOT ART CACTUS PAINTING CLASS

with Callie Ryan

**Saturday, February 21st 1-4 PM \$20**

LIMIT OF 14 PARTICIPANTS

All materials will be provided. *Register at the Gallery.*



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## INTRODUCTION TO WOOD TURNING

with Nathaniel Zoret-Russell

**Saturday, February 28th in the HAA Parking Lot  
10 AM \$35**

MINIMUM OF 2 PARTICIPANTS MAX OF 10 PARTICIPANTS

**All materials will be provided. *Register at the Gallery.***



*In this introductory class to wood turning, participants will learn the basics to using a wood lathe to carve out basic projects. Class will go over the needed tools, materials, proper technique and safety. Participants will also be provided with time and materials needed to produce a wooden candlestick.*

*For your own safety, please do not wear any loose long sleeve shirts/coats. No ties, scarves, or necklaces. Long hair should be tied up and out of the way. We will be working with a power tool which can cause bodily harm if your attire is not in order. Anyone who does not abide by this rule or any other safety rule will be turned away without a refund.*

## Beginner - Intermediate - Advanced Alcohol Inks



with  
Darlene Wilkinson

**2nd Saturday of Each Month**

10 AM - 12 PM

\$20



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, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 4pm - 5pm**

*All Ages Welcome*

**All Materials Included - Drop Ins Welcome!**

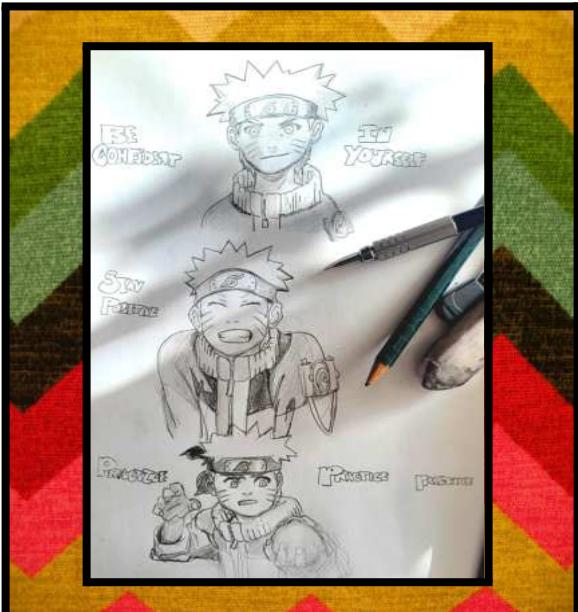
*No Registration Required*

**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](mailto:zoret.nathan@gmail.com) with any questions.

# • MEMBER NEWS & INFORMATION

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## Open Call to the Membership

We are actively cleaning and reorganizing the Studio.

Anyone who has possessions currently stored in the studio area, plan on having them picked up before the end of this month. Anything remaining past then is at risk of being “rehommed”.

**Thank you!**

*Studio Maintenance & Improvements Director*

Robin Lara 520-249-3924 [rolara1111@gmail.com](mailto:rolara1111@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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| Doug Hocking | <a href="http://www.doughocking.com">www.doughocking.com</a>       | Leta Myers       | <a href="http://www.letasgallery.com">www.letasgallery.com</a>       |
| Cindi Mapes  | <a href="http://www.designsbycindi.com">www.designsbycindi.com</a> | Roderick Stevens | <a href="http://www.yesitsapainting.com">www.yesitsapainting.com</a> |

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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| <b>President</b><br>Naomi Blackwell  | 520-732-9180   | naomi.blackwell@gmail.com   |
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## Gallery, Studio & Gift Shop

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520-803-1078  
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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, 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](http://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. :

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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.