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Arty Facts

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GALLERY HOURS ~ Tuesday-Saturday 11 AM - 5 PM

This Month's Featured Artists

Naomi Blackwell and Helen Lehr

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UPCOMING

- **Sat, Sept. 7th:** Featured Artist Reception, COME SUPPORT YOUR FELLOW ARTISTS!, 3-5 PM
- **Sat, Sept. 14th:** All Alcohol Inks w/Darlene Wilkinson, 10 AM-12 PM
- **Mon, Sept. 9th:** Board Meeting, 10 AM
- **Sat, Sept. 21st:** Intro to Cyanotype w/Nathaniel Zoret-Russell, 10 AM-12 PM

WEEKLY CLASSES

- **Tuesdays 9 AM-12 PM,** Oil Painting Class w/Joanne Berry
- **Tuesdays & Wednesdays 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

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. 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.



All About Our Featured Artist, Helen Lehr

This watercolor artist especially likes to paint flowers... any flowers, from asters to zinnias but mostly the varieties in between. Growing a garden, including flowering plants, and enjoying the ability to express her love of such has been a part of her entire life. Join **Helen Lehr** during the month of September when her watercolors of flowers and other plant life will be a part of the Featured Artist event. Also featured will be a selection of Helen's photographs.

Helen has a Bachelor's degree in art education and a Master's degree in education from Western Illinois University. She taught high school art as well as drawing and painting in vocational and technical schools before moving to Arizona. Some of her favorite teaching experiences have been with summer camps or for park and recreation programs where she taught all levels from preschool to adult education. After moving to Arizona in 1994, she worked for the City of Bisbee as the City Clerk until her retirement, all the while enjoying the newfound beauty of the desert and its plant life. She also worked as city staff liaison to the Bisbee Arts Commission. A "dabbler" at heart, she enjoys experimenting with various art mediums including fabric, ceramics, photography, scherenschnitte, and especially watercolors which occasionally have a whimsical element.

Helen lives with her husband, Tom, a sometimes retired school counselor and biology teacher, who has the real "green thumb" in the family and keeps Helen supplied with the plant life that she often photographs to tuck away for a future watercolor. They have one daughter and two grandchildren who live in Wisconsin. Helen has been a member of HAA for one year and also is a member of the Southern Arizona Arts Guild.



IN HONOR OF NAOMI AND HELEN

Please Join Us For A Reception At The Gallery!

September 7th 3-5 PM

Through the month of September, 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.

Please Notice This



**DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER
7TH, 2024!**

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR
RENDITION OF THE ART
GALLERY'S STORE FRONT
TO THE HAA WEBSITE &
NEWSLETTER EDITOR
Nicole Shelton -
ncshelton84@gmail.com

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE OUR WEBSITE INVITING!

If you have any questions or need an extension please do not hesitate to contact Nicole.

THANK YOU TO THE ARTISTS THAT HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED THEIR ARTWORK!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THEIR WORK ON THE WEBSITE AT www.huachuca-art.com

Each piece will be used in rotation on the home page so check back often.

**VOLUNTEERS NEED TO PLEASE
SCHEDULE FOR ART IN THE PARK!**

Please Notice This



Too!

I will put a schedule together for times available for help needed to make this event possible. **Friday** we set up tents, do sandbags, then vendors show up for directions to booth layouts. Tent set up is at 8 AM. **Saturday** starts at 8:30 and I need 2 to 3 people in 2 hour shifts until 5 pm. If I have Joan Ford and Robin Redding at 8 AM. **Sunday** starts at 9 AM. Also we need a person to sit at the gate to the vendor RV parking lot.

Please contact me at **520 803 0584** to schedule a time. I will also leave a paper schedule at the gallery.

Thanks, without you this event would not happen!

Lois Bravo

• *A Letter From Our President*, Naomi Blackwell

Greetings Artyfolks!

September has arrived, and though it may not seem like it, temperatures being what they are, Autumn is, indeed, drawing ever closer, along with hope for cooler days, and all the delights of the Fall season.

Speaking of the delights of the Fall season, next month is October, which means Art In The Park! There will, as always, be volunteers holding down the fort at the info booth, so if you're out and about at the event, don't forget to drop by and say hello.

But before we get to October, there is still September to contend with. So; to the more recent news. Changeout will be happening on the 25th and 26th of August, and in addition to it being a full gallery changeout, the featured artists for September will also be bringing in their work. This month, our featured wall artist will be Helen Lehr, who paints, among other things, lovely watercolor florals and will have our featured artist wall blooming with beautiful color. As for the table artist for the month; well. That would actually be yours truly. My felted creations and wire wrapped jewelry (*and maybe some other fun odds and ends*) will be occupying the table display beneath Helen's wonderful paintings. The Featured Artist reception will take place on Saturday September 7th at the gallery at 3 PM, so if you're in need of something to do that weekend, we'd love to see you and chat with you if you stop by.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone of two more things before I leave you all to your own devices once again; Firstly, remember to check the calendar to keep aware of upcoming classes and demos in the studio, and secondly, if you have participated in a class or workshop at the gallery this year, our Student Show will be coming up in November, where you will have the opportunity to display the results of your work. More concrete information about the show will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

And that, as they say, is that. Stay safe, cool and hydrated as we wait for cooler weather, and I'll catch you again in next month's letter.

Ta for now,

Naomi B.

HAA President

We're Having A Raffle!!!



AN HAA MEMBER HAS DONATED THIS BEAUTIFUL BOWL
FOR AN HAA FUNDRAISING RAFFLE



THE BOWL STANDS ABOUT 6" WITH A DIAMETER OF ABOUT 14 1/2"
AND IS VALUED AT \$100

THE BOWL WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE GALLERY SOON AS WELL AS AT
ART IN THE PARK THE FIRST WEEKEND OF OCTOBER.

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE AT THE GALLERY STARTING SEPTEMBER 1ST.

TICKETS ARE \$1 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5

THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT ART IN THE PARK
AT 4 P.M. ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH.

COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ART ASSOCIATION!!!

**THE HUACHUCA ART ASSOCIATION
Presents**



The 52nd Annual
ART in the PARK

AT
**VETERANS' MEMORIAL
PARK
SIERRA VISTA**

**PAINTINGS
JEWELRY
CANDLES
GLASS
WOOD
CERAMICS**

**METALWORK
FIBER ARTS
YARD ART
BASKETS
LOTIONS
APPAREL**

BASKETS, PHOTOGRAPHY, GOURMET FOODS & MORE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, from 9am- 5pm
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, from 9am - 4pm**

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**



Huachuca Art Association

Annual Student Art Show

This November 2024 we will have a show for our students who have taken classes or workshops during the year and want to show off their 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.*

You do not have to be a gallery member to display your artwork.
All work must be ready to hang and will not be for sale.

So that a display card can be made for each piece, please contact Sue Ziegler at sueonly6@gmail.com, with the following information by **OCTOBER 23RD**:
Your name, the class you took and the name of the piece.

Please bring your pieces to the gallery for hanging by
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH!

The gallery is open from 11 AM - 5 PM

Your artwork can be picked up after **NOVEMBER 23RD**, during gallery hours.

The reception for the Student Art Show will be held on
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND from 3-5 PM

Please join us and don't forget to invite your friends and family!

We will have an invitation flier for you to hand out in October, please check the website or newsletter to print your own or stop by the gallery to pick some up.

Classes & Workshops

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



ALCOHOL INKS with Darlene Wilkinson

BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED

Saturday, September 14th

10 AM - 12 PM \$20

In this class we will start from the beginning, explore the middle and learn to master the technique of alcohol inks, by the end.

All Materials Provided.

Register at the Gallery or call Darlene at 540-308-0993

Intro to Cyanotype with Nathaniel Zoret-Russell

Saturday, September 21st

10 AM - 12 PM \$20

Join us for a hands-on class on the photosensitive process known as Cyanotype. Explore all the possibilities of this monotone but versatile medium. Attendees can also bring a *printed black and white photo negative, foliage, or any household object with a nice silhouette to use in the class. Some options will be provided. Also optional to bring a garment to use for printing on.

**if you can print onto an acetate sheet that is optimal but normal office paper works fine.*

All Materials Provided.

No Registration Required, Email Nathan with any questions at zoret.nathan@gmail.com



Art By Student
Karen Broussard

Weekly Oil Painting Class 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 a lunch if you'd like!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A FEATURED ARTIST???

If so, please contact Sue Ziegler at
520-803-0087 or sueonly6@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 ncselton84@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 artysdarlene@gmail.com.

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

MEMBER WEBSITES

Robert Harris	www.lionsgatephoto.com	Phil Micheau	www.alberta.smugmug.com
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Robert Luedtke	www.luedtkefineart.com	Roderick Stevens	www.yesitsapainting.com
Cindi Mapes	www.designsbycindi.com	Deb Warner	www.cochiseartisans.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 artysdarlene@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.

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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 ~

Please call Lois Bravo (425-218-2686)
As an alternative, please call Wendy Curtiss (505-401-9386)