WHAT'S HAPPEN'N ART MOVEMENT

May 2025 Newsletter

Thank you!

To everyone who participated in our annual Swing for the Arts Fundraiser at Top Golf. All of the teams had a great time and we could not have asked for better weather to enjoy the afternoon.

1st Place – Surprise Fire
2nd Place – Waste Management
3rd Place – The Buckeye Team
Mayor Eric Orsborn took the Mayor's Trophy

Congratulations to the winners of the tournament.

Thank you everyone for participating in the online Silent Auction. Whether you are a donor or a bidder, we truly appreciate how everyone joined in the fun and excitement.

A big thank you to Cafe Flutes for their great Performance at WHAM Sunday May 4, 2025

The Next Art Exchange is September 7th & 8th

CALL FOR ART WHAM MEMBERS ONLY

FEATURED ARTISTS – THE WORDS PAINT THE PICTURES

Looking for a Great Summer Read? Look No Further!
You don't need to search Amazon for your next book—just stop by the WHAM Gift Shop! You'll discover a curated selection of books to read, gift, and enjoy, all while supporting local and regional authors who are also WHAM members.

The featured authors at WHAM are as diverse and impressive as the visual artists we showcase. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, word is spreading that WHAM warmly welcomes local and regional authors to display their books for sale. Literary Arts is on the move—and you're invited to be part of it.

We invite you to explore the Literary Arts at WHAM—where creativity comes to life in every word. And don't forget to attend our **Monthly Open Mics**, where voices rise, stories unfold, and community thrives.

Come for the art, stay for the words. Visit the WHAM Gift Shop

Meet Our Summer Authors:

• Donna O'Donnell Figurski, author of the award-winning Prisoners Without Bars: A Caregiver's Tale
• Ruth Parsons (ruthparsons.com), author of A Long Way from Rough Creek, a vivid chronicle of island adventures and a challenging Appalachian childhood
• Rose Osterman Kleidon, author of The Immigrant Chronicle (RoseKleidon.com), an evocative work of historical fiction
• Dennis Kleidon, renowned artist, educator, and author of Unleash Your Imagination… Transform Your Life
• Linda Katz Buckbinder, visual artist and author of Flyer the Glass Airplane: Poetry from My Extraordinary Ordinary Life "Linda Katz Buckbinder's poetry finds beauty and inspiration in all aspects of everyday life. Highly personal, yet universal, this collection can make any moment special."
• PortiaLily Taylor, writer of the screenplay Shell Shock a tale of rebellion and romance set in 1920 Ireland (portialily.com).
• Maggie Gautier, Literary Arts Manager at WHAM and author of Past the Past at Last…, a moving collection of poems and songs. This book includes a QR code linking readers to audio performances of selected works.
• Nicolas Blooms author of Trans to Detrans: a Soul Solution. My liberating journey to self-love and remembering my Soul. It is totally possible to heal gender dysphoria and any other dis-ease!

today and support the stories that connect us all.

Are there some teens in your life?

We have a teen program in Peoria that is free to all who attend. Here's the scoop.

WHAM
What's Happen'n Art Movement

Presents:

Free Art Classes at Main Peoria Library
Ages 12-17
Every 4th Wednesday, Excluding December

8463 W Monroe St Peoria, AZ 85345
- 4:30pm - 6:30pm
- No Sign Up Necessary, Just Walk In
- Welcome to attend one or all of the classes
- Limit Class Size of 15

Classes

October 23rd : Printmaking

November 27th: Native American History Month - Dream Catchers

January 22nd: Winter Wonderland Acrylic Painting

February 26th: Black History Month - Kimmy Kantrell Inspired Abstract Expressionist Face Paper Sculptures

March 26th: Paper Quilled Frames

April 23rd: Recycled CD Mosaics

May 28th: Monet Inspired Oil Pastel Resist Watercolor Lilies

June 25th: String Art

MAY CLASSES AT A GLANCE
for information on our classes
visit wham-art.org/classes

Llama Mama
Friday Night Paint Night

May 2nd
6:00-8:00 pm

"Can I do Watercolors?"
Beginning Watercolor Class

May 7th
10:30 - 12:00 am

TeenWHAM Art Club
two part class

May 7th & 22nd
4:30-6:30 pm

WHAM Kids Saturday
Arts & Crafts

Mother's Day Gift

May 10th
1:00 -2:30 pm

Vets Program " A Path to Healing"

Peoria Vets
May 12th
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Stain Glass Workshop for Beginners - 3 week workshop -

May 14, 21 and 28th
5:30-7:30

Finding the Artist Within

May 15th
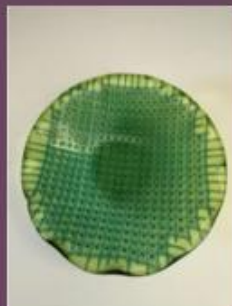10:00-11:30 am

Poetry Night at WHAM

May 16th
6:30-8:00 pm

Art of Fun Series"- Art is Fun Overview and "Right Brain Exercises" Creative Exercises Workshop

May 20th
6:30-8:30 pm

Decoupage on a Cotton Rope Basket
Downtown Glendale @ The Spicery

May 22nd
6:00-8:00 pm

Beginners Fused Glass
Controlled Bubbles

May 24th
1:00-4:00 PM

Visit our Website

WHAM Gift Shop!

Wow! What a wonderful selection of gifts at the WHAM Gift shop. Come on by and see what one-of-a-kind gifts you can find.

Want to become a WHAM member?

Here are the amazing benefits!

• **Discount on Art Classes**

• **Classroom Rental Discount (art instruction/class use)**

• **Art Clubs & Special Events (art collaboration)**

• **Member Meetings Quarterly**

• **Ability to hang your artwork at no cost to you unless it sells then you pay 25% fee**

• **Usage of WHAM building during open hours with approval**

• **Access to an Artist community to share ideas**

• **Ability to sell artwork in the Gift Shop at no cost to you unless it sells, then you donate 25% back to WHAM**

• **Ability to Enter into WHAM Exhibits, Events and Art Fairs**

• **Opportunities to give back to the community with your volunteer hours for classes and events!**

• **More fun than a barrel of monkeys!**

IT'S TIME TO GET INVOLVED IN THE ARTS WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY

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