



What's Happen'N Art Movement

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**CURRENT EXHIBIT:**

Phoenix Artists Guild



The WHAM Art Center is proud to present!  
The Phoenix Artists Guild

Exhibition Dates: October 3rd through October 31st,  
Tues-Sat 10am-4pm

Please join us!

All are welcome. Free admission!

WHAM Community Art Center - West Gallery  
16560 North Dysart Road, Surprise AZ 85378

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**WHAM Gallery News and Upcoming Shows**

## Upcoming Gallery Exhibit

- November is ArtThena! - this will be their third exhibit at WHAM
- December is the **Four Common Corners - Fiber ART** from a group of 13 artists from the four corner states AZ, UT, NM and CO.  
<https://4commoncorners.com/>
- Call to Artist for a juried show "All Things Clay" enter on the WHAM website under Gallery.



## Chilli Challenge!

One event you won't want to miss is the Chili challenge on Sunday October 22, from 2pm to 4pm. Bring your crock pots and your best chili if you want to be a contender. To register contact Jen Clevenger at [jen.clevenger@wham-art.org](mailto:jen.clevenger@wham-art.org). She'll sign you up and give you more details. There will be a blind taste test and all are invited. Bring your friends and vote for best chili.

## Where to start?

<https://wham-art.org/all-classes/>

Since there's always a lot going on at WHAM the best way to see the day-to-day classes and events at WHAM, click the link below and you'll get right to the WHAM website. [www.wham-art.org](http://www.wham-art.org) where you can click on the tabs that point you to the right class or event.

Here's a sample of what WHAM's been up to and some of what you can expect.

WHAM  
*Poetry & Spoken Word*  
OPEN MIC NIGHTS

**Join us every other month on the third  
Friday at WHAM from 6:30 - 8 p.m.!**

2023

OCT 20

DEC 15

2024

FEB 16

APR 19

JUN 21

AUG 16

OCT 18

DEC 20

**All are welcome to participate as performers and/or listeners.  
Any established or original pieces may be read at  
this open mic night for poetry, free verse and storytelling!**

**WHAM:** 16560 N. Dysart Rd. Surprise, AZ 85378



**Beverages & snacks provided**

To learn more about WHAM Poetry Night  
contact WHAM at 623.584.8311 or  
visit [wham-art.org/literary-arts](http://wham-art.org/literary-arts)



This program is supported  
by the City of Surprise

## Poetry Slam & Spoken Word - October 20th

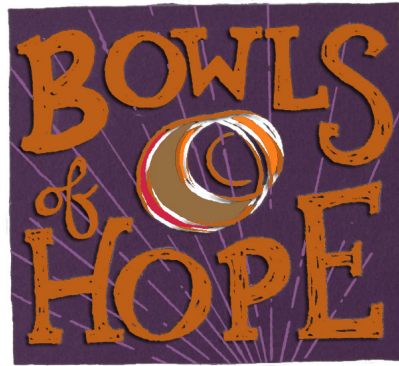
A new time, 6:30 and a new name. M.C. Maggie Gautier is also facilitating Poetry and Spoken Word Workshops on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Tuesday in Surprise and Thursday in Peoria. Check out the website and please join us for these free and fun events. You may surprise yourself. [www.WHAM-art.org](http://www.WHAM-art.org) This is the 6th year of this popular event. Please join us.

**Visit our  
Website**

**December 2, 2023**

**Bowls of Hope in its 10th year.  
You are invited & appreciated.**

It's Bowls of Hope season, the most wonderful time of the year! Bowls of Hope Art Festival is being held at WHAM on December 2nd from 9am to 3pm. We are looking for Vendors to sell



their handmade goods. We also have a whole host of opportunities for members to complete their volunteer hours for the year. If you are curious about what kinds of things you could be doing as a volunteer, here are just a few; raffle tables, vendor relief, set up and take down.



The event is held at WHAM, in the parking lot, on a Saturday with over 500

handmade bowls for sale at \$12 to \$15. All the proceeds go to the above charities to help feed the many who don't have enough food during the year. If you have questions please don't hesitate to ask, my email is [jen.clevenger@wham-art.org](mailto:jen.clevenger@wham-art.org)

Our members and their participation is what makes the Bowls of Hope Art Festival successful! You all are the heart and soul of WHAM and Bowls of Hope!

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*Presents the Second in a Series of*

## **Story Bridges**

### **Peoria Oral Histories**

*3 Different Stories of*

*Growing Up and Life in Peoria, Arizona*

**1940-2023**

*Three videos of 8 minutes each with live question and answer sessions by  
Martha Dennis, Jan and Manny Delgado, and Elmar Cobos*



*Vicki Hunt Producer - Director*

**October 18, 2023 7 - 9 PM**

**Free Admission**

**Peoria Community Center Calderwood Room**

**8335 W Jefferson Street**

**Old Town Peoria**



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Peoria West Valley  
Woman's Club*

*Sponsored by  
Peoria Arts & Culture  
Commission*

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### **Adaptive Art & Memory Care are Creating Art!**

Finding the Artist Within is a special needs program for those with physical disabilities, cognitive, developmental, and mental health disorders. The creative process in making an art piece offers persons with physical or cognitive challenges the opportunity to further develop skills,

interests and competencies across their lives. WHAM offers ongoing studio-based classes staffed by practicing artists who .



provide support and assistance to the students. Our WHAM classroom has a wheelchair accessible entrance, located in a quiet area at the art center

A lunchroom is available for use by those attending the program giving them an opportunity to finish with lunch together (lunch is not provided.) This can be a great outing by taking an art class, having lunch, and viewing the amazing artworks in our gallery and gift shop. Caretakers, and chaperons are recommended for attendance.

For details and questions, email Cindy Chambers [adaptiveedarts@gmail.com](mailto:adaptiveedarts@gmail.com) or book online Classes are held the 3rd Thursday of each month (unless otherwise noted & if date falls on a holiday

**Dates:**

Thursday November 16th

**Time:** 10:00am to 11:30am

**Cost:** \$20.00

**Instructor:** Cindy Chambers



## Debra Goley

A special thanks to Debra Goley for all her work with the Newsletter and as a Member of WHAM. Here's what she'd been up to. Debra Goley branches out and we couldn't be more proud.

WHAM member and former team member, Debra Goley's work has been accepted into Visions Gallery Art Quilts XXVIII in Chandler AZ. Opens Saturday November 18 at 4-6pm with artist reception. Work juried by Shelly White to be included in Art Quilts: Breaking Rules,

Honoring Tradition at Vision Gallery from November 18, 2023 – January 12, 2024. Debra Goley's work for this exhibition: "Sit It Out or Swing" as first seen juried into abstract division in Houston International Quilt Festival Nov 2022 and WHAM gallery juried into Arizona Art Alliance Interpretations VIII in March, 2023 whereby she won third place.

Debra's work will also be featured in juried exhibition at the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport . Her artwork, Dad, Me and Live TV, has been selected for Phoenix Airport Museum's Night Vision exhibition at Sky Harbor International Airport. The venue

received 536 entries by 211 artists from around the state and 66 artworks were selected.

On display in Terminal 4, Level 3 from October 21, 2023, to May 26, 2024. Debra's art hung in the Wham gift shop and is for sale and is once it leaves the Airport commitment loan. The work was created and debuted for three-year National tour in honor of the 50 th anniversary of Man's Walk on The Moon.

Currently her work, "Island of Steel" as seen below right center and "In and Out" are at the Shemer gallery.

## Veterans Program: Art, A Path to Healing



The Veterans Art Program, THE VETS PATH TO HEALING, led by Team Leader Marty Wolfe at WHAM continues to expand with the addition of the Goodyear outreach program that is held on the 3rd Monday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Loma Linda Community Center, 420 E Loma Linda Blvd, Goodyear, AZ. The 2nd Monday and the 4th Thursday is where Marty leads the veterans in all kinds of artistic expression at the WHAM Gallery. Just last week, the Veteran's at the WHAM Gallery location painted several one-of-a-kind chairs to be auctioned off at the Chance No Kill Shelter fundraiser that will be held on Friday November 3 at Toyota of Surprise, 13543 N. Autoshow Ave., Surprise AZ 85388. Time: Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

During each session, supplies are provided for each participant and each class will be taught by a professional artist. A light lunch will also be provided.

Want to join the fun?! Call Marty Wolfe at 623-606-1649.

### Nathaniel George

was inducted as the First Youth Poet



Laureate for Maricopa County on Saturday September 16, 2023 right here at the WHAM Gallery. More news about this remarkable young man and his outreach into the community as a representative of WHAM and the Literary Arts Programs.

Nathaniel George, the inaugural Maricopa County Youth Poet Laureate, will be attending the public reading of Joy Harjo on Saturday, October 14th at the 2023 Desert Nights, Rising Stars Writing Conference hosted by Arizona State University's Virginia G. Piper Creative Writing House. Serving as the 23rd National Poet Laureate from 2019-2022, Joy Harjo is an internationally acclaimed poet, and Nathaniel is excited to hear from such an esteemed fellow laureate through this opportunity.

## Teen WHAM Art Class

First and Third Wednesday of the Month



Teen WHAM art classes are geared specifically for teens ages 11 to 16; where teens gather in an art club atmosphere for inspiration, art instruction, and a place to belong. Each month we will be studying different aspects of art. Drawing, painting, creating, and developing long lasting creative, critical thinking skills, building stronger social skills while adding art to their way of life.

ASK about 'TeenWHAM' club membership program (additional teen member perks, extra events, activities, and community art events, exclusively for teen WHAM members)

**Date:**

First & Third Wednesday of each month

**October 18th**

Smart Phone Photography 4:30 - 6:30pm

**Cost:** \$15 per Non-Member | \$10 per Member

**Instructor:** Jenni Chambers



*All supplies provided*

**NOTE:** Please enter South side of Art Center using Class entrance for all classes scheduled 4pm and later as the front Gallery will be closed for the day.

Register

# WHAM Member News!



- Join our **Facebook** [WHAM Art -Members only](#) page to share what is on your easel, inspirations, and happenings in the art community! You must be a current member to join the group.
- The next art and gift shop exchange is November 5th and 6th. It happens every other month. So after November, the next one will be January.
- Looking for **artful gift!** If you shop online with Amazon, your purchases can benefit WHAM - this is how you can help. Sign in to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser with your Amazon account information, or activate **AmazonSmile** on your Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone via your app's settings. Select WHAM, from the list of charitable organizations, to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation. For more information, visit [About AmazonSmile](#).
- WHAM Room rental prices effective January 1, 2023 If you are looking for an affordable space in which to teach a class, give a presentation or hold a meeting, WHAM can help you out. Our reasonable prices are: Half Day (4 hours) Non-Member \$60/Member \$50 Full Day (8 hours Non-Member \$110/Member \$90 The benefits of Renting WHAM's classroom to teach art classes are: Space that has tables and chairs for your students. We have a small kitchen/lunchroom area to be used if needed. WHAM can process your bookings and payments through our booking system. The cost to you will be 5% of each student booking. WHAM will advertise your class on social media and email your class information to hundreds of artists on our mailing list. What a great way to get your name out into the art world.

Contact Dede Robinson at [dede.robinson@wham-art.org](mailto:dede.robinson@wham-art.org)

**Will you be the next featured artist?**

David Fudge is spearheading a video program that will feature the artists of WHAM. Diane Freeman volunteered to be first.



Diane Freeman is the first artist from WHAM to be interviewed by David Fudge for a series being produced by WHAM. If you are interested in being interviewed, email David and let him know what's on your mind, in your art, and what you're doing at WHAM. [david.fudge@wham-art.org](mailto:david.fudge@wham-art.org)

## 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)**
- **Monthly Member Meetings**
- **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!

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



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