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## **Welcome to the December 2024 Newsletter**

Season's Greeting from All of Us at WHAM to ALL of You, the Cherished Members of WHAM

There's so much holiday cheer and activity this month, so please make sure you check out the website [www.wham-art.org](http://www.wham-art.org) for more details.

THE GALLEY - If a picture paints a thousand words, then enjoy the stories the photographs tell.

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**Current Gallery Exhibit  
December 3 - December 21**



Visitors to the WHAM Art Gallery will have the opportunity to view a curated collection of images that reflect the diversity and creativity of the Arizona Professional Photographers Association members, showcasing a wide variety of photographic styles and subjects.

The Artist's Reception will take place on **December 7th, 2024, from 6 PM to 9 PM**, where attendees can meet the artists and engage with the creative process behind the works on display.

This exhibition is open to the public, offering a unique opportunity to enjoy the talent and vision of Arizona's finest photographers.



**December 7th is a Big Day at WHAM. We hope to see you and make sure to bring your friends and family.**



# 11th Annual Bowls of Hope Art Festival

Please join us in support this Important Event !

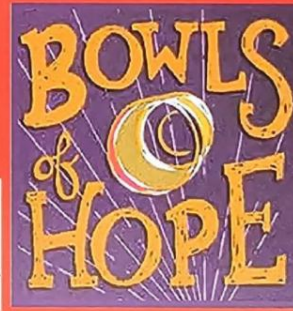
Saturday  
December 7,  
2024

9 AM - 3 PM  
16560 N Dysart Rd  
Surprise, AZ 85378

Meet and Greet  
Local Artisans

Purchase  
One of a Kind  
Art Treasures

Art Raffles



Help fight  
Hunger and  
Homelessness  
in your West  
Valley  
Community!

Give a Gift  
that Gives  
Back!

Support by  
buying Bowls.  
Get on  
SANTA'S Nice  
List!

## Bowls of Hope 11th Annual Art Festival

December 7, 2024 9 AM - 3 PM

Supporting These Local Charities



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StreetLightUSA

Come join us for this fun community event!



**WHAM MEMBER MEETING**

**DECEMBER 10TH**

**5:30PM TO 7:30PM**

**Meeting in the Classroom**

**Enter through the classroom Door  
on the South side of the building.**

**Light refreshments will be served.**



CALL to ARTISTS! The 3rd Annual "All Things Clay" juried clay exhibit. The deadline for entries has been extended to December 12th. Be sure to get your entries in soon.

Follow this link to enter - [WHAM CALL TO CLAY ARTISTS](#)

**CALL TO ARTISTS!** **WHAM**  
WHAM'S 3RD ANNUAL  
ALL THINGS CLAY



*From utilitarian to decorative, serious to whimsical,  
show us your unique creativity!*

Natural clay only will be accepted in Two Categories,  
Wheel thrown and Hand Build  
Awards will be given in both categories

**Entry Deadline: Dec 12, 2024**

**Exhibit Dates: Jan 3 to Jan 30, 2025**

**Entry Fees: Up to 3 pieces \$40,  
4 pieces \$48 and 5 pieces \$56**

Entries accepted on the WHAM website at [www.wham-art.org/gallery](http://www.wham-art.org/gallery). Please read the complete PROSPECTUS for rules and entry instructions for this competition. for questions, contact [diane.freeman@gmail.com](mailto:diane.freeman@gmail.com)

**RIO VISTA**  
**VETERANS PLEIN AIR EVENT**  
**ACRYLIC PAINTING**  
*This is a FREE Painting event for Veterans • ALL Supplies Included*



**Saturday, December 14th**  
**9:00am to 4:00pm**  
8866 W. Thunderbird Road, Peoria, AZ 85381  
**Painting Starts at 10:00am to 4:00pm**  
*This event is open to the public for viewing, purchasing  
paintings, and enjoying the entertainment.*

Be sure to come out and support our veterans at this fun outdoor painting event. Watch our talented veteran artists create one-of-a kind beautiful paintings for you to enjoy and purchase if you want to take one home with you.



## 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.



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



Presents:

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

### 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

## Open Mic Night!

Glendale has an Open Mic Night on Thursday's. Why don't you come by and check it out.

Glendale Community Center  
Presents YOU!

# OPEN MIC NIGHT

Advanced  
Sign up  
Optional



3RD  
THURSDAY  
OF EVERY  
MONTH!

Begins October 17th!

Starts at  
**6:00 PM**  
...  
**FREE!**

Glendale  
Community Center  
5401 W. Ocotillo Road

For more information  
call 623.930.4700







*Have fun while learning various techniques for decorating cakes and then using them to decorate a fabulous Gingerbread House your family and friends are sure to enjoy!*

*All supplies are furnished*

*Date: December 4th*

*Time: 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm*

*Cost: Member \$10.00 Nonmember \$15.00*

*Instructor: Jenni*

*Chambers*

*Register and pay at [www.wham-art.org](http://www.wham-art.org)*

*WHAM Classroom located on South-West corner of building- please enter the South side of the Art Center using class entrance.*



*Personalize your very own winter themed keepsake box using decoupage and other supplies for a beautiful design that will be all your own. A special place to keep all of those treasured cards and photos.*

*All supplies are furnished.*

*Date: December 18th*

*Time: 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm*

*Cost: Member \$10.00 Nonmember \$15.00*

*Instructor: Ashley Dooley*

*Register and pay at [www.wham-art.org](http://www.wham-art.org)*

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#### DECEMBER CLASSES AT A GLANCE

for information on our classes

visit [www.wham-art.org/classes](http://www.wham-art.org/classes)



#### Vets Program " A Path to Healing"

Peoria Vets- Dec 9th  
10:00-2:00 pm



**TeenWHAM-  
Yummy Gingerbread House Class**

**Dec 4th  
4:30-6:30 pm**



**TeenWHAM-  
Personalize your very own winter themed keepsake box**

**Dec 18th  
4:30-6:30 pm**



**Open Mic at WHAM  
Poetry, Stories, Songs and Community**

**Dec 20th  
6:30-8:00 pm**



**Finding the Artist Within**

**Dec 19th  
10:00-11:30 am**





### Candle Pouring Workshop

Dec 21st  
4:00-7:00 pm



### Kids Arts & Crafts

Dec 21st  
10:30-11:45 am

## GIFTS GALORE AT THE GIFT SHOP STORE

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. There are holiday themed gifts as well as all kinds of special presents.



Just so you know.

The Gallery will be closed on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day and Dec. 26 and Dec. 27.

Marty will be installing a beautiful new floor in the gallery and that's a good thing.



## A Holiday Note from Connie.

Thank all of you for being such an important part of the WHAM family. I had a vision years ago to have a Community Art Center, and each and every one of you has made that happen. I hope you know how important you are to the stability and GROWTH of WHAM. That being said, as you know, WHAM is a 501c3 a non-for-profit organization and if you are inclined, please consider WHAM as a tax-deductible gift this year. We have big plans for 2025 and therefore all charitable contributions are deeply appreciated.

The outreach programs continue to grow and the gallery is such an anchor in the community. I know you know this. What I hope is that I get to see every one of you so we can share a hug, and another year of sharing our creativity. To an abundant 2025 and to Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward All.

Happy Holidays,

Big hug, Connie



**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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