



February 2025 Newsletter

A select group of West Phoenix Valley artists, known as the Vanguard Artists, will be highlighted in a captivating exhibition throughout February 2025 at the WHAM Art Center Main Gallery in Surprise, Arizona. Please join the artists at the reception on Thursday, February 6, 4-6 p.m. This is an amazing show and a perfect vibe for the month of Valentines. The exhibition will feature a judged competition alongside a sale of fine art, with prices set far below those typically found in art galleries or design showrooms.

Current Gallery Exhibit February 1st - 28th



art exhibition and sale

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Vanguard Artist Group

annual exhibition and sale
February 1-28, 2025

WHAM Art Gallery
16560 N. Dysart Rd. Surprise Az
WHAM-ART.org | 623-584-8311
Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Opening Reception:
February 6, 2025 | 4:00-6:00 PM



The Third Annual Clay Workshop at WHAM is a Winner!

The third annual All Things Clay Exhibition has been a great success. Each year the quality of the work submitted is getting better. WHAM is excited to continually bring exciting opportunities and visual art to our community.

Luey Baiz was selected to be our judge for the juried exhibition. He comes to us with a very long list of extraordinary academic accomplishments, community involvement and personal artistic achievements. His suggestion of offering a workshop to all exhibition

participants and community at large was well received. Luey expressed all the areas of consideration while making his decisions throughout the jury process. This was very informative and elucidating.

Luey also suggested a collaborative throwing demonstration of making a bowl from 25 pounds of clay. Luey Baiz, Jeff Heeg, Mike Farabee (Doc) and Mike Brunson all participated in various phases of the process. They had a ball and believed that all watching equally had as much fun.



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



FEBRUARY CLASSES AT A GLANCE

for more information on our classes
visit wham-art.org/classes



Beginners Fused Glass Class Wind Chime

February 1st
1:00-4:00 pm



TeenWHAM Create beautiful stain glass

February 5th
4:30-6:30 pm



Alcohol Ink Heart

February 5th
10:30 am-12:30 pm



Friday Night Paint Night Acrylic Painting " Special Delivery"

February 7th
6:00-8:00 pm



Acrylic Paint Pouring

February 8th
11:00 am- 1:00 pm



Vets Program "A Path to Healing"

February 10th
10:00 am-2:00 pm



Kids Class

**February 15
1:00-2:30 pm**



**Beginning Stain Glass
Sun Catcher**

**February 15th
12:00-3:00 pm**



**Beginning Wheel Throwing
Bowls - 5 Week program**

**February 18, 25, Mar 4, 11 & 18
6:00-8:00 pm**



**TeenWHAM
Collage Art**

**February 19th
4:30-6:30 pm**



Finding the Artist Within

**February 20th
10:00-11:30 am**



**Glazing Class
Using Stroke & Coat**

**February 20th
5:00-8:00 pm**



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It's in a class by itself. Come on by and join us at the monthly Open Mic right here at WHAM. Hear some poems, hear some stories, tell a poem, tell a story. Sing a song. 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and it's a blast. \$5. And as always, Chocolate will be involved. We look forward to seeing you.



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.



WHAM'S GIFT SHOP FEATURED ARTIST: DARLENE RITTER

After retiring as an art teacher for 40 years, I finally decided to do what I had always wanted



to do. I leased a room, made a studio, and signed up for a painting class to refresh my techniques. As they say, "The rest is history."

My work is often on display in the valley. My work is on display at the WHAM art gallery all year. I had a one-woman show at Sisao Gallery on Grand in Phoenix. I have been selected to show at Olney Gallery in Phoenix three different times. I am a member of Arizona Artists Guild, WHAM Gallery, Ground Floor Artists, and ArtThena, a group of women artists from across

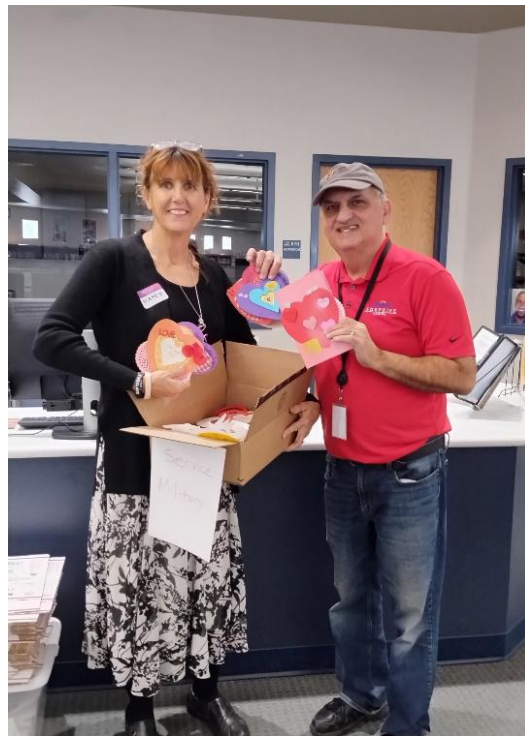
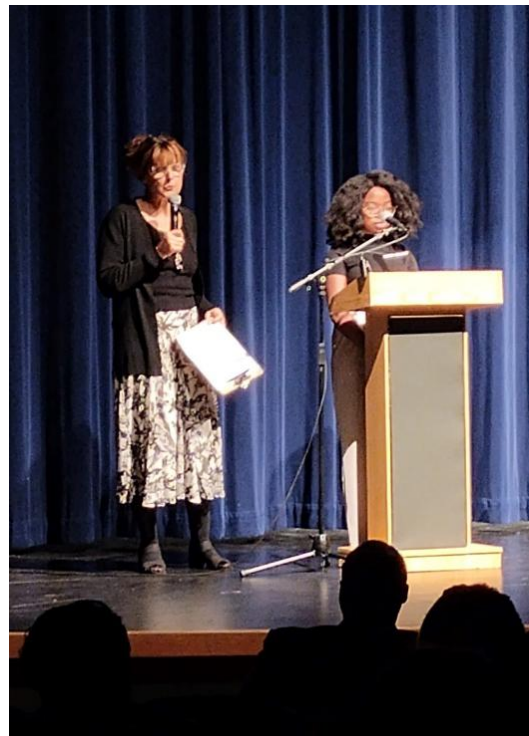
the Phoenix valley.

Many of my paintings are transferred onto large scarves! They are for sell art the WHAM Gallery gift shop throughout the year. love doing this and seeing people wear my scarves makes me so happy. I think the scarves are beautiful. I am proud of them and they look gorgeous on those who wear them. I get complements on them and that also makes me happy.

I paint with acrylics in a non-objective, spontaneous and expressive manner using the elements and principles of design. Geometry was a favorite subject in school and I find that it influences my art. I create from the inside, and I love having no rules.

Tribute to Martin Luther King Jr.

WHAM Participated in a Tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. on January 18. The event held at the Willow Canyon High School was attended by an estimated six-hundred people. Olivia Hansen, the West Valley Youth Poet Laureate and Maggie Gautier, the Literary Arts Manager at WHAM, were among several performers and performed a poem they co-wrote. In addition, WHAM had tables full of Valentine's supplies and hundreds of Valentines were made by all ages who had come to the event. They volunteered and the Valentines are being delivered to members of the Military, Home Bound members of the community and First Responders. The Valentines for the First Responders will be delivered closer to Feb. 14th.



West Valley Symphony

Our friends at the West Valley Symphony are offering a special discount to WHAM Members and Friends for their upcoming concert in February. Their concert performances, which are performed at the Vista Center for the Arts in Surprise, are always uplifting and inspiring, so you don't want to miss this one!



West Valley Symphony
SURPRISE • ARIZONA

Sunday, February 16, 2025 • 3PM
Guest Conductor: Daniel Wiley

The Barbarian Artist
Coleridge-Taylor - Tchaikovsky
Shostakovich

Performance at
The Vista Center for the Arts
15660 N. Parkview Place, Surprise

For tickets visit:
westvalleysymphony.org

February Special!
\$10 off Adult
\$5 off Youth
Promo Code WVSFEB25
Limit four tickets.
Previous purchases not eligible.

The next Member Art Exchange will be Sunday and Monday March 2nd and 3rd from 11am to 2pm



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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