



November 2025 Newsletter

Make sure you read this entire newsletter, there's a lot of exciting news including the 12th Annual Bowls of Hope on Saturday November 29, 9-3.

Here is what's happen'n in the WHAM Main Gallery
You don't want to miss this one!



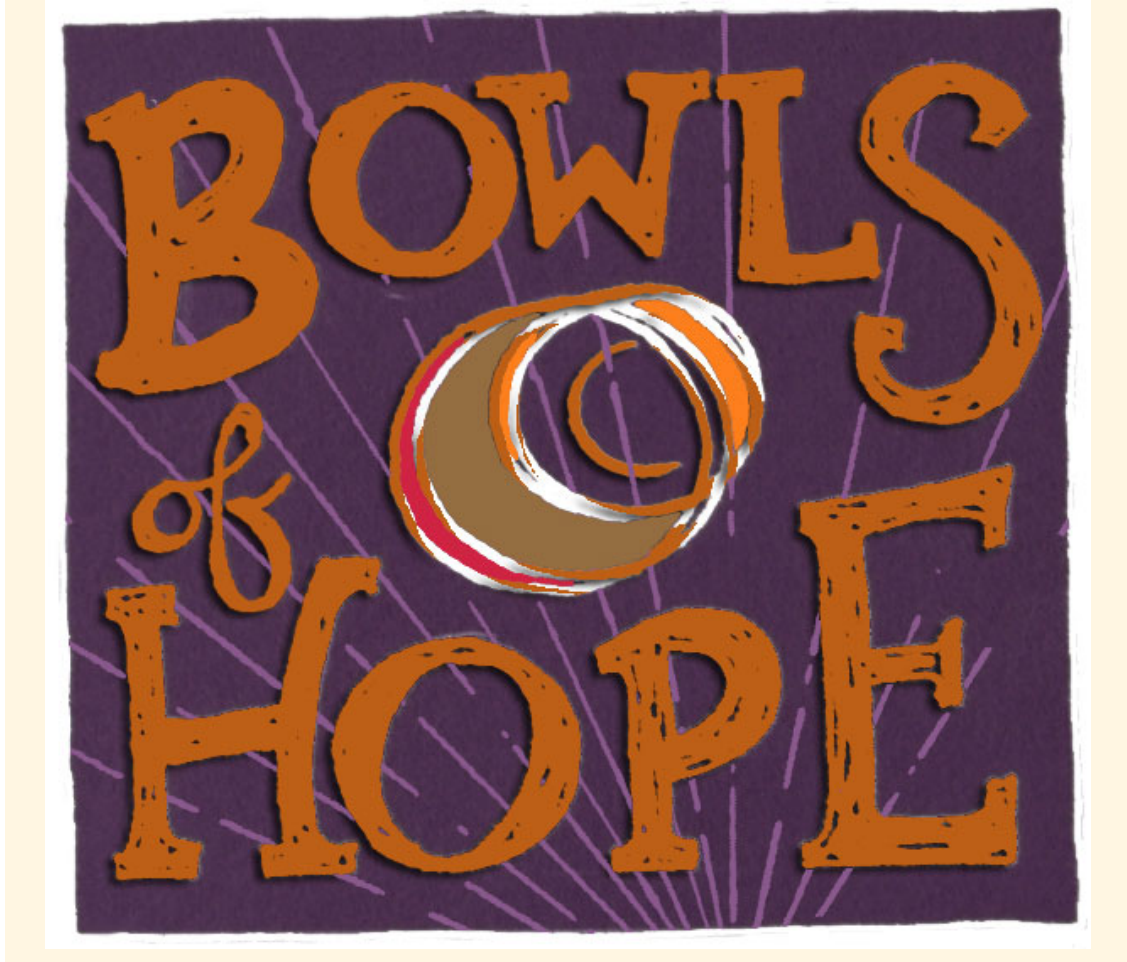
Contemporary Watercolorists of Arizona
Fall 2025 Members Art Exhibition
November 4 - 29, 2025

Artists Awards reception: Thursday November 20, 2025
5:30 – 7:30pm

WHAM Community Art Center,
16560 N Dysart Rd, Surprise, AZ 85378
Open 10 am – 4 pm, Tuesday through Saturday



Artists Reception Thursday, November 20th
5:30pm to 7:30pm



You have made it possible for WHAM to give back to the community by participating in the Annual Bowls of Hope Event. BOWLS of HOPE fundraiser will be held on Saturday November 29, 2025. The hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please come by and let your friends and family know that they can get beautiful one-of-a-kind bowls for themselves or their loved ones. Here is a copy of the press-release we have sent to the local papers. We want you to have a look so you can know all you need to know to spread the good news. I sincerely hope to see all of you there to thank you for your membership and your friendship. Happy Holidays, Connie Whitlock, Executive Director at WHAM.



For immediate Release - Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Filling Bowls, Feeding Souls: WHAM Art Center's 12th Annual 'Bowls of Hope'

SURPRISE, AZ — WHAM Art Center is proud to present its 12th Annual “Bowls of Hope” charity event on Saturday, November 29, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 16560 N. Dysart Rd., Surprise, AZ.

The art festival unites local artists and community members to raise funds for those facing hunger and hardship across the West Valley. More than 500 handmade bowls created by WHAM artists will be available for purchase—each a unique work of art, beautifully glazed and crafted to bring warmth and creativity into any home.

In addition to the bowl sale, booth spaces are available for rent to artists and makers interested in displaying their work or sharing a creative business. Spaces are \$25 for the day. To reserve a booth, contact Diane Freeman at diane.freeman@wham-art.org.

Each bowl purchased represents more than a piece of art—it is a contribution that helps feed families and support neighbors in need. As WHAM Executive Director Connie Whitlock shares, “Each bowl represents creativity and compassion—spreading hope and strengthening the bonds of community.”

Proceeds from Bowls of Hope support six local charities, including St. Mary’s

Food Bank, Eve's Place Community Services, Homeless Youth Connection, StreetLight USA, All Faith Community Services, and Valley View Community Food Bank. Since the program began, WHAM has donated over \$42,000 to these organizations—helping provide food, shelter, and hope to families, veterans, women, and children in need.

With hunger still impacting families across Arizona—affecting one in five residents—Bowls of Hope reminds us that creativity and compassion can make a tangible difference close to home. This November, WHAM invites the community to come together in celebration of art, generosity, and the human spirit—helping end hunger in Arizona, one bowl at a time.

For more information, visit www.wham-art.org or call 623-584-8311.



NOVEMBER CLASSES AT A GLANCE
for information on our classes
visit [wham-art.org/classes](http://www.wham-art.org/classes)



Hand Build an Angel

Nov 3rd
1:00 - 4:00 pm



Mindful Art for Seniors & Care Givers

Nov 4th
10:00-11:30 am



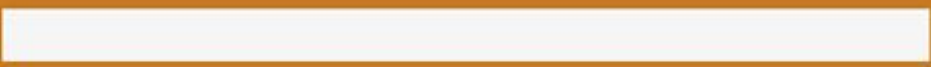
TeenWHAM
Watercolor Still Lifes

Nov 5th
4:30-6:30 pm



Friday Night Paint Night

Nov 7th
6:00-8:00 pm



Vets Program " A Path to Healing"
Peoria Vets
Nov 10th
10:00-2:00 pm





Whimsical Watercolor Class

Nov 12th
10:00am -12:00 pm

Stain Glass Workshop for Beginners 3 week workshop

Nov 12th 19th & 26
5:30-7:30 pm



WHAM Kids Saturday Arts & Crafts

Nov 15th
1-2:30 pm



Mix Media Art Journaling- 2 day workshop

Nov 18th & 25th
6:00-8:00 pm



BEGINNING WHEEL THROWING CYLINDERS

5 week program

Nov 18th, 25th, Dec 2nd, 9th & 16th
6:00-8:30 pm



Tweens & Teens - Masters Program "Starry Night"

Nov 22nd
1:00-3:00 pm

This is going to be fun and we would love you to join us. Tickets are available at the gallery or online.



LADY PENELOPE IN QUARANTINE

Penny Peyser's hour-long romp now
touring internationally - the surprise hit of
the 2024 Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Penny is a
writer, an
actress, and a
documentary
filmmaker with
an impressive
theater, film and
TV career.

Join us at the
WHAM Art Center
One Night Only,

Nov 15 at 7:30pm

16560 N Dysart Rd
Surprise, AZ 85378
623-584-8311



Tickets online \$25 at Eventbrite
just scan the QR code
Tickets at the Door \$30



WHAM APPRECIATION NIGHT!

Donor and Sponsor Appreciation Night.

WHAMs Donor and Sponsor Appreciation Night (Oct. 16) was a huge success! We were honored to host city officials, sponsors, and business partners for an evening of art, music, and community connection.

Guests enjoyed live music, light refreshments, partaking in our new Where's Whamy game, and hands-on art activities, while exploring the vibrant halls of WHAM and taking in the incredible artwork on display.

A big thank you to everyone who attended and continues to support WHAM's mission to bring art to the West Valley."

Sazsha Marine Social Media Manager

Pictured are County Supervisor, Debbie Lesco, WHAM Executive Director, Connie Whitlock, City of Buckeye Mayor, Eric Orsboth, WHAM Board Member, Karen Bisko and Glendale Spicery Restaurant owner, Lorraine Zomak.



Attendees having a great time



Thanks to WHAM Board Member, Roxy Garcia for making all of the delicious food that was enjoyed by all.

WHAM IS OUT AND ABOUT

COME TO THE PEORIA MAIN LIBRARY FOR THE WRITERS WORKSHOP AND OPEN MIC. YOU CAN COME TO ONE OR COME TO MANY. YOU WILL ALWAYS LEAVED WITH SOMETHING YOU WROTE. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

Presented by WHAM Literary Arts



What's Happen'N Art Movement

WHAT'S YOUR STORY? WRITING WORKSHOP

A Short Story in A Short Time
A 10-lesson workshop to learn new writing skills
and improve your storytelling and presentation techniques; be
with other writers and share your stories, poems, jokes, lyrics.

WE START ON
OCTOBER 4TH-EVERY 1ST AND 3RD
SATURDAY-2-4 P.M. END. FEB. 21,
2026

SAVE YOUR SPOT! COME ONCE,
COME TO ALL, IT'S UP TO YOU.

16 AND UP. LEAVE EVERY SESSION WITH A STORY IN
YOUR HAND. FACILITATED BY MAGGIE GAUTIER AND
SPECIAL GUEST WRITERS
Peoria Main Library - 8463 W. Monroe St. Peoria,

Made possible by the Peoria Arts Council
Register at
<https://signup.com/go/CctXAtn>
questions? email Maggie.Gautier@WHAM-art.org.

Team Leader of the Month

Meet Lori Favara

Many of you know Lori as the Gift Shop Manager. At every member art exchange, you will find Lori cheerfully helping members and volunteers exchange and log in/out their items for sale. She works hard each month verifying sales and inventory records.

What you might not know about Lori is that ... She is passionate in all kinds of art and always inspired & learning new textures and styles.



Lori is one of the first people to help out with different projects & events that come up along the way. A big Thank You to Lori for everything that she does for all of us at WHAM.

The Literary Arts has an offer for you.

The Author's Circle is every third Sunday of the month at the WHAM Location. Come to the Galley and from 2 to 4 you will have a chance to read some of your work; listen to others and share what you have learned along the road to being a writer. All levels of adult writers are welcomed. Monitored by Chris Taylor. A \$10. suggested donation. See you there.



WHAM Member Exchange

We will be changing the art in the Gift Shop, the Member Gallery and the 3-D Room. Be sure to bring in your creations because holiday shopping is already here. It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like One-of-a-Kind Gifts. Visit the Gift shop and be AMAZED!!!

CALL FOR ART!

January 2026 will be the 4th Annual "All Things Clay Exhibit"
To enter go to Entrythingy or go to the WHAM
Website/GALLERY/All Things Clay

From all the teams at WHAM to all the WHAM members, thank you for your membership and your support. We'll be having a members meeting when it gets cooler and we'll be sure to let you know.



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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