



A Message From Connie Whitlock:

As 2023 comes to its close I offer these words of Thankfulness

As the year unfolds, I'm thrilled to welcome you all to a December filled with warmth, giving, and immense gratitude. This isn't just another month; it's a time to celebrate our journey together and set the stage for an even more impactful future.



December is universally known as the season of giving. This month, we've rolled out initiatives focused on giving back - to our community, to those in need, and to ourselves. WHAM is a COMMUNITY driven organization with emphasis on ART IS FOR ALL, sharing knowledge, resources, and kindness, creating a ripple effect of positivity that extends far beyond our immediate circle.

As we reflect on the year, let's take a moment to acknowledge our growth, the challenges we've overcome, and the lessons we've learned. Some are:

- **Growth**: We average 5 to 8 new members a month as well as renewal memberships.
- **Challenges**: are that grant awards are more limited in total funding and the awards we are given. Corporations and Government agencies are cutting back on their giving amounts. Another huge challenge is finding space to continue offering classes and workshops.
- **Lessons**: Culture is constantly changing, requiring new ideas. WHAM stays aware of these changes and tries to keep current.

One of the most empowering realizations I've had is that we are never given challenges beyond our capacity to handle and is a testament to our strength and potential. Each of you has shown resilience, adaptability, and an unwavering commitment to WHAM's goals. For that,

I am incredibly grateful. Without these challenges, we would not be open to receiving something greater in our lives.

Remember, the challenges you face are not roadblocks; they're steppingstones to a stronger, more capable you. So get ready for a series of exciting events designed to inspire, educate, and connect. We've got special (and private) workshops that I can't wait to share with you and watch unfold. These events are not just about learning; they're about celebrating our collective achievements and setting intentions for the year ahead.

I'm grateful for the chance to share these insights with you and even more grateful for the community we've built together. Here's to closing out the year on a high note and stepping into the new year with renewed energy and purpose!

Warm regards,
Connie Whitlock

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

CURRENT EXHIBIT:

All Things Clay



**The WHAM Art Center is proud to present!
THE SECOND ANNUAL "ALL THINGS CLAY"
Juried Art Exhibit**

**Exhibition Dates: January 3rd through January 30th,
Tues-Sat 10am-4pm**

**Artist Reception & Awards Presentation:
January 6th 4pm - 6pm**

Clay artists continue to achieve stunning works of art with their creative vision and mastery of mixing colorful, beautiful glazes that make their work wonderful decorative additions to the art world. WHAM continues to broaden the dialogue between art and craft and this exhibition brings the creativity of these artists to forefront.

**Please join us!
All are welcome. Free admission!
WHAM Community Art Center - West Gallery
16560 North Dysart Road, Surprise AZ 85378**

Valley Favorite Winners



WE WON! Best in The Valley!

Congratulations and Thank All of You for Voting for WHAM Art Center as The Best in The Valley! WE WON!

The Daily Independent at YourValley.net has let Connie Whitlock know that WHAM Art Center is the top choice Valley Favorite for 2023.

Thank you for sharing the good news, bringing your friends and being a valued member. With your help let's make 2024 the year that the most visitors come to see why WHAM Art Center is your favorite. We will continue to provide great classes and sell more of the the amazing art that lines the walls and is featured in the gallery. 2024 is destined to be another year of memorable exhibits, increased awareness and an anchor in the community that provides opportunities for all; a true community center with an outreach that reaches beyond our doors and into the surrounding community.

JANUARY CLASSES AT A GLANCE

For information on our classes visit wham-art.org/classes

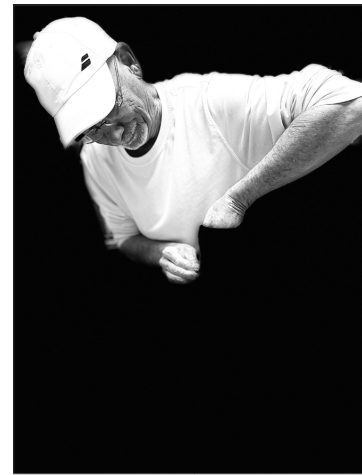
**Master Art Program - Kandinsky
January 2nd & 13th
10:00-11:30am**





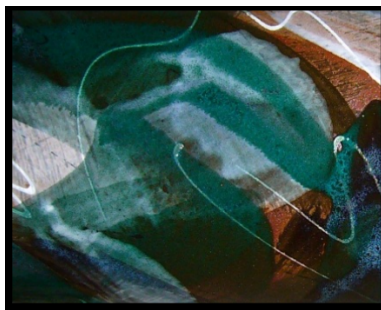
**TeenWHAM -
Scuple Clay Collage
January 3rd & 17th
4:30 - 6:30pm**

**Advanced Wheel Throwing -
Beginning/Intermediate
January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
February 1st, 8th
2:00-5:00pm**



**Beginning Wheel Throwing Part 1
Cylinders
January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
February 6th, 13th
6:00-8:30pm**

**Friday Night Paint Night -
Go Cardinals
January 5th
6:00-8:00pm**



**Beginning Glaze Class
January 14th & 21st
9:30-12:30pm
January 28th
10:00-11:30am**

**Master Art Program - MC Escher
January 16th
10:00-11:30am**



**Finding the Artist Within
January 18th & 20th
9:00-10:30am**

Acrylic Painting - A Rose for You
January 18th
6:00-8:30pm

Spicery is located in Historic Downtown
Glendale 7141 N. 59th Ave. Glendale, AZ 85301



Hand Build Bird House
January 20th - Make Project
10:00-12:30pm
January 30th Glaze Project
5:30-8:00pm

Vets Program - A Path to Healing
Surprise Vets January 8th
Goodyear Vets January 15th
Peoria Vets January 25th



Alcohol Ink Vase
January 29th
6:00-8:00pm

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Downtown Glendale 7141 N. 59th Ave.
Glendale, AZ 85301

**Open Mic: Poetry, Story Telling,
Singing a Song or Telling a Joke**



Maggie at a recent workshop

Open Mic has expanded to every month Starting January 19th at 6:30 p.m.

They asked for it, and they got it. The participants and the audience for the Open Mic Night asked if it could be available every month. The answer is YES. Why? Because they asked and two, because it's another way for WHAM to reach out to the community and bring people to the gallery location.

And three, it's fun, it's inspiring to hear other people's stories and it's for all ages. \$5. At the door and cookies and water provided. Come and check it out if you never have, or haven't in a while. We'd love to see you there. M.C. Maggie Gautier, Literary Arts Manager

More News about the Maricopa County Youth Poet Laurette coming soon.

Open Mic is held at the WHAM Art Gallery and that the doors open at 6:15pm.

WHAM Members Artwork on Display at the Vista Center for the Arts

The Vista Center for the Arts once again invited the members of the WHAM Art Center to exhibit artwork. Thanks for those who submitted and congratulations for putting your work further out in the world.

Exhibition Dates 9 January through 30 January 2024. The Vista Center for the Arts Gallery is open to the public during Box Office Hours Tuesday through Friday 10am to 2pm. Also the art can be viewed when you attend a performance at the Vista.

This will be the third time that the WHAM Artists have been invited to exhibit their artwork at the Vista Center for the arts. If you haven't already been there, The Vista is a really a nice anchor in the community and the art is prominently displayed.

The performing arts and fine arts continue to present the very best in cultural entertainment for the West Valley communities.

OPEN STUDIO!

FOR OUR WHAM MEMBERS ONLY

WHAM will be having "Open Studio" in the classroom, for our members on Mondays anytime between 10am and 2pm. The exception will be the second Monday each month when our Veterans meet in the classroom.

This will be a time for members to bring in their own supplies to work on one of their own projects. They will work along with other artists to meet and enjoy a place of creativity and friendship.

January 15th and 22nd
February 5th, 19th and 26th
March 4th, 18th, and 25th

So bring a sack lunch or snack along with a small project you are working on and enjoy!

WHAM Room Rentals

WHAM Room rental prices effective January 1, 2024

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 for room rental are:
Half Day (4 hours) Non-Member \$60/Member \$50
Full Day (8 hour) Non-Member \$110/Member \$90

Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday you can rent the room for 2hrs for:
Non-Member \$35

Member \$25

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 is charging a 5% processing fee per student along with your room rental. 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

2024 MEMBERS ONLY

- ART EXCHANGE (Takes place in the front Gallery)
- GIFT SHOP EXCHANGE (Takes place in the Gift Shop behind the docent area)

Sunday and Monday every other month from 10am-1pm
(We are closed to the public on those days)

January 7th & 8th	10am-1pm
March 3th & 4th	10am-1pm
May 5th & 6th	10am-1pm
July 7th & 8th	10am-1pm
September 8th & 9th	10am-1pm
November 3th & 4th	10am-1pm

• Volunteer hours start over in January so will not need to be accumulated to submit art pieces, following sessions will require volunteer hours to be documented with Gaylia Young @ gaylia.young@wham-art.org.

• GIFT SHOP: 10 art pieces and/or 10 greeting cards are allowed in the Gift Shop each session per artist member. 25% donation will be expected when an item sells. Artists are paid on the 15th of the month following their sale.

• ART EXCHANGE: Items must be clean and wired for hanging. Each artist member is allowed to bring in 3 pieces in the 3-D room and 3 pieces of wall art. 5 Prints are allowed to be displayed in the hallway for a 6 month period.

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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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