



What's Happen'N Art Movement

**June 2026 Newsletter - It's a Great Month to See Some Amazing Art & Make Some of Your Own**

A promotional poster for an art exhibition titled 'Kind of Blue'. The background is a textured blue sky with white clouds. The text 'June 2 - 29, 2026' is written in a white, handwritten-style font. Below it, the title 'KIND OF BLUE' is written in large, bold, dark blue letters. A white text box contains the description: 'An exhibition that embrace the spirit of cyanotypes, where artists explore the boundless inspiration of blue in its many shades, moods, and meanings.' Another white text box announces an 'Artist Reception JUNE 13, 2026 4-6 PM'. The poster features several overlapping images of art: a painting of yellow and white flowers, a painting of blue and white fish, a painting of a blue cat, a painting of a colorful sea turtle, a painting of a woman in a white dress, and a painting of a blue and white abstract scene. At the bottom left, the WHAM logo is repeated, along with the text 'What's Happen'N Art Movement' and contact information: 'Phone: (623) 584-8311' and 'Fountain Valley, AZ 85378'.

## MAY CLASSES AT A GLANCE

For information on our classes visit [wham-art.org/classes](http://wham-art.org/classes)

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#### Mindful Art for Seniors & Caregivers Acrylic Painting "Old Barn"

June 2nd  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm



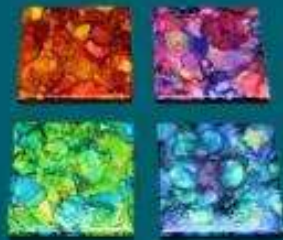
#### TeenWHAM Summer Camp Class "Build a Landscape 3D Art"

June 2nd  
2-4 pm



#### **CLASS IS FULL** "Under the Sea" - Watercolor Class -

June 3rd  
9 a.m. - Noon



**WHAM Teens  
"Alcohol Ink  
Coasters"**

**June 3rd  
4:30-6:30 p.m.**



**The Coiled Jar  
Clay Class with Jeff Heeg**

**June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th  
10 am-1 pm**



**Build Your Own KALEIDOSCOPE  
Class**

**June 4th  
1-4 p.m.**



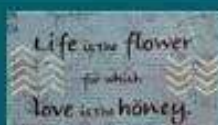
**Stained Glass Workshop for  
Beginners  
3 week workshop**

**June 10th, 17th, 24th  
5:30-7:30 pm**



**HAND BUILT TEXTURED  
PLANTER/POT  
Clay Class**

**June 13th  
10 am - 4 pm**



**Mindful Art for Seniors 55+ &  
Caregivers -**



**TeenWHAM  
"CD Mandala Art"**

**June 17th  
4:30-6:30 pm**



**Finding the Artist Within**

**June 18th  
10:00-11:30 a.m.**



**Clay Sculpting for Beginners**

**June 20th & 27th  
10 am-3 pm**



**The Write Stuff:  
Handcrafting your own journals  
with Kathie Shepherd**

**June 20th  
1-5 p.m.**

## Art is Happen'n Here: Open Studio

Join us for a relaxed, creative evening—bring your art supplies, ideas, and a snack to share while connecting with fellow artists.

WHAM Classroom (South Side)

Friday, June 19, 2026 | 4–8 PM

RSVP: [nora.puls@wham-art.org](mailto:nora.puls@wham-art.org) (drop-ins welcome)

## WHAM Gift Shop is Open for Business

Gary Kilsdonk is Artist of the Month and has some very special items for sale.

I am a retired pharmacist living in Sun City West, making kaleidoscopes as a hobby for 15 years, and teaching kaleidoscope classes for 10 years. I love kaleidoscopes and I always enjoy watching someone look through a kaleidoscope that they built for the first time



### VISION 250: A Month-Long Community Celebration at WHAM

This July, join us at WHAM Art Center as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary through art, creativity, and community.

From hands-on art activities and live performances to powerful exhibits and Open Mic Night, there's something for everyone—all events are FREE and open to the public.

Stay tuned, mark your calendar, and come celebrate with us this July!

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*You're Invited*

## VISION 250: A Free, Month-Long Community Celebration at WHAM Art Center

*Honor ★ Celebrate ★ Create*

Join us this July as we **celebrate America's 250th anniversary** through art, community, and shared experiences. Bring your friends and family—*all are welcome*.




<b>JULY 11 2026</b>	<p><b>Vision 250 Artist Reception</b> 2PM-4PM</p> <p>Experience powerful works celebrating freedom and creativity from featured and veteran artists in the gallery.</p>	<p><b>Free Kids' &amp; Adult Make-and-Take</b> 10AM-12PM</p> <p>Create a meaningful patriotic clay eagle to paint, personalize, and take home.</p>	<p><b>Heroes in Harmony</b> 5PM-7PM</p> <p>Experience a powerful patriotic performance honoring service and freedom by veteran artists.</p>
<b>JULY 17 2026</b>	<p><b>Open MIC Night</b> 6:30PM - 8PM</p> <p>Hear powerful stories, music, and poetry from veterans and community voices.</p>	<b>JULY 18 2026</b>	<p><b>Free Kids' &amp; Adult Make-and-Take</b> 10AM-12PM</p>

★ *"Because of their service, we have the freedom to create, express, and unite."* ★

**JULY  
25  
2026**

**250th Grand Celebration**  
6PM-8PM

Enjoy live art and interactive creativity in a celebration of freedom and expression.



**ALL  
EVENTS  
100%  
FREE**



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## Performer & Author Penny Orloff In Memoriam

WHAM has lost a dear friend

It is with a heavy heart we inform you that the WHAM family lost one of our brightest stars. Unfortunately, Penny Orloff did not survive a bicycle accident that occurred several weeks ago. Penny came to WHAM as a vibrant and generous volunteer. In a short time, she produced four one-person shows in the main Gallery.



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## WHAM Gift Shop

Come to WHAM's Gift Shop where featured artist Gary Kilsdonk has beautiful things displayed among the other artists whose wears are for sale.

## WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

WHAM Has Such Diverse Ways in Which to Volunteer. What piques your interest?

We always need help setting up events in the Gallery. To help with changing out the front gallery shows, contact **Nicolas Flowers** email: [nicolas.flowers@wham-art.org](mailto:nicolas.flowers@wham-art.org)

To help with setting up the classroom and assisting the art instructors with their classes, contact **Dede Robinson** email: [dede.robinson@wham-art.org](mailto:dede.robinson@wham-art.org)

- Usage of WHAM building during open hours with approval
- Access to an Artist community to share ideas

- More fun than a barrel of monkeys!

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



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