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## Welcome to the March 2024 Newsletter

Like every month there's so many wonderful activities and exhibits. Please tell you friends about this great event on April 21st. The information follows.



A Tournament to benefit WHAM. Swing fore the Arts on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

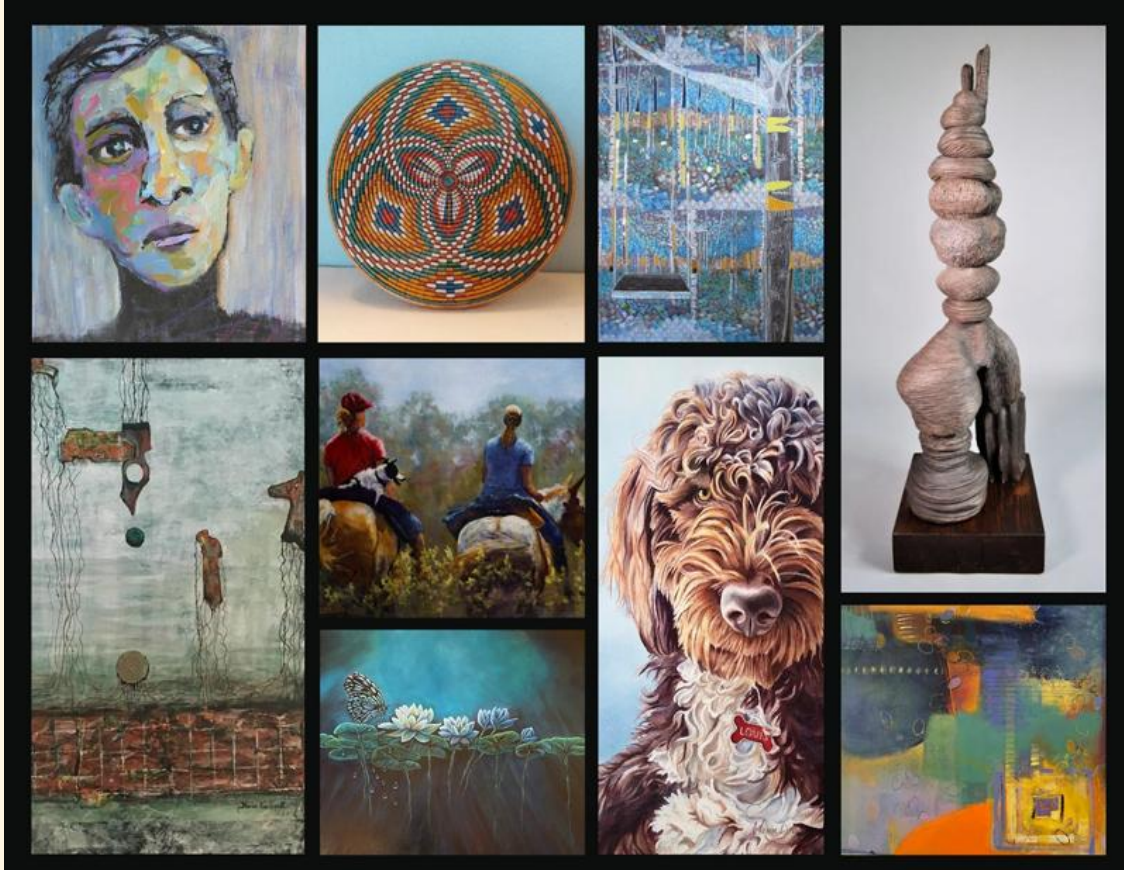
WHAM is a 501c3 Not-for-Profit committed to support and promote Art Awareness and participation in the West Valley of Metro Phoenix. WHAM's programs for Veterans, Kids, Teens & Adults include painting, drawing, pottery, clay art, mixed media and more!

Join us at TOPGOLF Glendale, 6101N 99<sup>th</sup> Ave, Glendale, AZ for fun, food and much more. Please call Connie Whitlock or WHAM at 623-640-5229 to find out how you too can help spread the good news about WHAM and help with WHAM's biggest fundraiser.

Visit our website for more information at [www.wham-art.org](http://www.wham-art.org).

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Arizona Art Alliance



March in the WHAM Gallery: Interpretations IX presented by Arizona Art Alliance. For the month of March, the gallery will be filled with paintings from artist's juried into the Arizona Art Alliance exhibit.

March 2 thru March 31, 2023: Exhibition dates

March 9, 2024 - 4:30-6:30pm: Reception & Awards Presentation Reception, Awards Presentation, and Art/Music Discussion: Interpretations IX: Art and Music through a Humanities Lens by CAFÉ Flutes.

This is the third year in a row that WHAM has worked with the Arizona Art Alliance and the CAFE Flutes to present an enjoyable and informative program of music along with the art exhibit in the WHAM Gallery. The reception, awards and the music and humanities program are free to the public.

## INTERPRETATIONS: Art and Music through a Humanities Lens



A discussion about interdisciplinary connections in conjunction with the Artist Reception for Arizona Art Alliance's *Interpretations IX* Exhibition

Saturday, March 9, 2024, 2PM at WHAM Community Arts Center

16560 N. Dysart Road, Surprise, AZ 85378 - free admission

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon exploring visual and musical arts. CAFE Flutes will provide live music that relates to four works of fine art on display in Arizona Art Alliance's *Interpretations IX* Exhibition. Experience the juxtaposition of paintings with the live music.

The program, facilitated by leading humanities professors, will build meaning and create dialogue about how artists and composers express their ideas, and how audiences process them. This free interdisciplinary event invites artist and audience participation!



Central Arizona Flute Ensemble



*"Artists know that the very, very personal is universal. The arts invite us to participate, to interact, but we don't always have opportunities that foster this interaction. The process of engagement can be made more possible by dialogue."*

Dr. Janice Jarrett, Humanities Scholar, Music Specialist

*"I look forward to discussing the relationship between visual art and sound, and how images and music are perceived differently. There is a rich historic and cultural context for us to explore."*

Dr. Julie Codell, Humanities Scholar, Art Specialist



This event is a collaboration between Central Arizona Flute Ensemble, Arizona Art Alliance, WHAM Community Art Center, and AZ Humanities. Visit [www.cafeflutes.com](http://www.cafeflutes.com) #cafeh umanities24



This program was made possible by Arizona Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this discussion do not necessarily represent those of Arizona Humanities or the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## MARCH CLASSES AT A GLANCE

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

### Oil Painting Workshop with Ron Souza

March 1st, 8, 15 & 22nd  
10:00am-2:00pm



### Hand Built Covered Treasure Box



**March 2nd, 9 & 23rd  
9:00a - 12:00pm**

### **Beginners Fused Glass Wind Chimes**

**March 4th  
6:00-8:00pm**



### **Master Art Program Monet**

**March 5th & 9th  
12:00-4:00pm**

### **TeenWHAM Art Club**

**Recycle  
March 6th & 20th  
April 2  
4:30pm-6:30pm**



### **Open Mic Night at WHAM is Every 3rd Friday of the Month 6:30-8:00pm**

**Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 the doors open for the monthly gathering of Poets, Story tellers, Singers and Jokesters and their friend's family and fans of WHAM as M.C. Maggie Gautier brings new comers and veterans up to the microphone to share a part of their art, words. Please join us for this lively, fun**



and heartfelt community experience. You will be glad you did and the \$5. Dollar entrance fee pays for the treats that are served.



## Vicki Hunt - Story Bridges

On Tuesday February 20, 2024, WHAM Board Member, Vicki Hunt received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Independent Newsmedia at the Hometown Heroes Awards. This is a celebration of individuals for their local achievements and distinguished contributions to the community of Peoria, AZ. Just a few of Vicki's notable achievements are: a small business owner in Peoria, teacher at Peoria High School for 16 years and she served on the Peoria City

Council for 16 years. Congratulations to Vicki for this well-deserved recognition. Vicki is also the creator and producer of **“Story Bridges”** the oral history of Peoria, AZ. **Vicki is a team member in the Literary Arts Program at WHAM.** Check out the website to watch the videos.

## Event in the WHAM Gallery



Recycle Dragon Sculpture

For the ninth year, WHAM is having the Annual Recycle show in the WHAM Gallery.

To enter go to the WHAM website under the Gallery/Call to Artists Recycle.

[Annual Recycle Art](#)

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**April Featured Artist is Jen Clevenger**



My Name is Jen Clevenger and I'm a Fiber Artist and Jewelry Maker. I've been making jewelry for the last 25 years. Though I've been making jewelry much longer, my true passion is Fiber Arts. I'm a weaver, sewer, needle felter, and macrame artist. I specialize in weaving wall hangings and fabric. I've been a proud member of WHAM for 3 years. I'm grateful for my WHAM family and being around such creative people.

## WEST VALLEY YOUTH POET LAUREATE

Do you know a teen who is a POET? If so, please let them know they are eligible to become the next West Valley Youth Poet Laureate. Please send them to the Web

Applications for submission are processed through the WHAM website under the Literary Arts Header. If you have any questions or issues with the application please contact Maggie Gautier.

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# The People Voted,

# WHAM WON!

The people voted and WHAM won the award for the Best Gallery in the West Valley. The Independent had it's yearly online voting for Valley Favorites. We are delighted to win the Best Gallery title for the second year. Thank you to all of the people who took the time to vote for WHAM.

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



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