

The Castle Voice

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Castle Voice

Mysteries of the WomanKraft Castle Center for Art, Education and Culture, Revealed

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Hours Wednesday-Saturday, 1-5pm

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Thank You!

WomanKraft thanks the Arizona Commission on the Arts, Tucson Pima Arts Council, The Grand Foundation, our generous members, our gallery docents, theatre supporters and investors, clients, customers, and all our volunteers.



In 1992, WomanKraft purchased the 1918 Queen Anne Victorian that is now the WomanKraft Castle Art Center. It houses our gallery, The School of the Arts, The Sanctuary, an all-natural beauty salon, and the Art Studios of Zoe & Grace Rhyne, Gayle Swanbeck and Studio/Gallery

space of Tony Di Angeles in Studio 102. WomanKraft is located at 388 S. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ, 85701.

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Gallery Schedule

Regular Gallery hours: Wednesday – Saturday 1-5pm

GALLERY ONLY CLOSED IN JANUARY

February 6 – March 26, 2016 ART FROM THE HEART

Receptions: February 6 and March 5, 7-10pm

Love is in the air, spring is blossoming and hearts are brimming. Hearts and flowers, flames of passion, romance and eroticism, beloved places, gifts of love... All is fair in Love and Art. All mediums accepted. Deadline for submissions: January 30, 2016

April 2- May 28, 2016 DRAWING DOWN THE MUSE

Receptions: April 2 and May 7, 7-10pm

This is our 24th Annual Women's only exhibit by and for local women artists. Come and join us in this celebration of our divine feminine power. All mediums and subject matter accepted. Deadline for submissions: March 26, 2016.

June 4 – July 30, 2016 STICKS AND STONES ARE NATURE'S BONES

Receptions: June 4 and July 2, 7-10pm

Let's take a look and focus on the "bones" of nature, dead trees, dilapidated buildings and ruins, rock formation, skeletons, the beauty of stones themselves, Let's use our creativity to show that there is still life in these old bones. All mediums accepted. Deadline for submissions: May 28, 2016.

GALLERY ONLY CLOSED IN AUGUST 2016

September 3 – October 29, 2016 WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

Receptions: September 3 and October 1, 2016, 7-10 pm

This show is all about the liquid beauty of water. Fountains, pools, reflections, raindrops, underwater seascapes, aquatic life, oceans, rivers, streams... Let's honor this powerful element, and pour ourselves a tall, thirst quenching glass of art. All mediums accepted. Deadline for submissions: August 27, 2016.

November 5 – December 17, 2016 HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Receptions: November 5 and December 3, 7-10pm

In the spirit of the Holidays and seasonal festivities, this exhibit is specifically curated to combine a unique mix of fine art and crafts all created by local artists. This is specific to the idea that gift giving for your holidays should be personal, unique and affordable. The work needs to retail from \$1.00- \$100.00. All mediums accepted. Deadline for Submissions: October 22, 2016

GALLERY ONLY CLOSED IN JANUARY 2017

February 4 – March 25, 2017 FLIGHTS OF FANTASY

Receptions: February 4 and March 4, 7-10pm

Dragons, faeries, unicorns, elves, sprites, spirits, gods and goddesses, stuff of myth and legend.. Through art we can bring fantasy to reality. All mediums accepted. Deadline for submissions: January 21, 2017

Are you an artist interested in exhibiting with WomanKraft? Call 629-9976 ext. 3 for appointments with Director of Exhibits, Zoe Rhyne or to speak to her in person call Thursday or Friday 1-5pm. Artists please note: Shows are filled from first to respond. Deadlines indicated the last day works will be viewed, not the first. Hence, make contact A.S.A.P.

WOMANKRAFT School of the Arts

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Welcome to the WomanKraft School of the Arts

All classes and workshops are free to low income people 50 years and older. This is made possible by the generous support of The Grand Foundation. Thank you. All classes and workshops are open to adults of all ages for listed fees. Your class fees help us offer more classes and pay instructors. **Please note: Pre-registration is required for all students.** Fee students must pre-pay before you will be registered. Please call 629-9976 ext. 2 or 3 to sign up for classes and workshops.

YEAR-ROUND CLASSES: STUDIO PAINTING WITH GAYLE SWANBECK, ARTIST AND CO-DIRECTOR OF EXHIBITS AT WOMANKRAFT AND FOUNDER OF THE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS.

Studio classes are ongoing, join anytime, stop when you are ready. Learn oils, acrylic, or watercolors. Select your own subject matter and proceed at your own pace. Individual instruction is available as you need it. Class limit is 6 people. Classes Wednesday, 10am-Noon, Thursday from 1-3pm. FEE: \$60 per 8 weeks. Supplies not included.

JANUARY

PARTS R PARTS

Here's a chance to learn how to draw those troublesome body parts; eyes, lips, ears, noses, feet, and hands.

Wednesday, January 6, 1:30 - 4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

*****NEW CLASS!*****

MULBERRY VOTIVE CANDLES

Using mulberry, banana, and tissue papers you'll collage lovely abstract images on 2 glass votive candles. When lit they glow with fabulous colors.

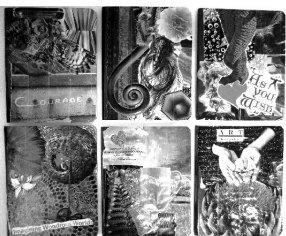
Thursday, January 7, 10am - Noon

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included. (Additional candles can be purchased for \$2 each)

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE***

PERSONAL JOURNALS / LIBROS PERSONALES



Decorate a provided journal with collage techniques

For a finished project that is personal, functional and beautiful.

Friday, January 8, 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE***
ONE JUNK ASSEMBLAGE / BASURA A TESORO



Bring some of your own "Once Junk" items and/or use our wide variety. You'll find clever and creative ideas for making assemblage art from junk. It's fun and it's green!

Saturday, January 9, 1:30 - 4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE***

REFURBISHING MATS AND FRAMES

It's two for one in this workshop! You'll learn to create stunning customized frames and mats by restoring old and damaged ones using a variety of beautiful papers, including mango, mulberry and exotic tissue paper.

Wednesday, January 20, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ARTISTIC NAME TAGS

This workshop will provide a variety of materials and lots of inspiration for you to come and create a unique nametag that truly shows off your personality. Geared toward exhibiting artists and members, come enjoy finished products at our next Reception!

Thursday, January 21, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

AFFIRMATION CHAINS :: CADENAS DE ESPERANZA



First you will create and write down a list of personal affirmations on beautiful strips of paper. Then we will join the papers, creating a hanging “chain” decoration that will be a positive and

inspirational reminder.

Friday, January 22, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

MOSAIC RESIN FRAMES 2 PARTS

Using a 5"X7" picture frame, you'll design and execute your mosaic. In the second half sealing it with a thin coat of resin. It's a way to turn the ordinary into the extraordinary.

Part I: Saturday, January 23, 1:30 - 4pm

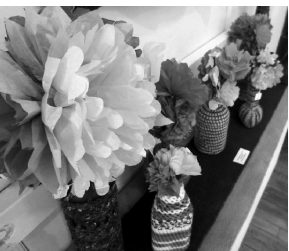
Part II: Saturday, January 30, 1:30 - 2:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

PAPER FLOWERS :: FLORES DE PAPEL



Learn traditional Mexican folk art techniques and create a variety of colorful tissue paper and crepe paper flowers.

Wednesday, January 27, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

WISE WOMEN'S WRITING WORKSHOP

You can attend one or all of these popular workshops. Learn to tap your infinite wisdom and playfully connect with your inner writer. We'll journal with writing exercises, topics, and creative surprises.

Friday, January 29, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 each or all four for \$40. Other dates are:

February 26, March 25, and April 29.

FEBRUARY

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

HANDMADE PAPER CARDS :: CARTAS HECHO DE MANO 2 PARTS

This is a two-for-one workshop. First we will learn to make 100% post-recycled paper and then we will decorate that paper and use techniques to create personalized cards, perfect for any occasion!

Part I: Tuesday, February 2, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, February 9, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

OIL STICKS AND MONOPRINTS

You'll design, using oilsticks on a glass pane painting (8"x10") and pull up to 3 prints. A final application of paint will “clean up” your image, and you'll walk away with a reverse glass painting as well.

Tuesday, February 9, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

TREAT YOURSELF

In the all Natural hair and body salon housed in “The Castle” the Sanctuary is offering a workshop so you can learn professional techniques and secrets for manicures, facials, scalp treatment, skin care, aroma therapy and more.

Wednesday, February 10, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Facilitator: Jordana Silvestri

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

*****NEW CLASS!*****

ZENTANGLE FOR BEGINNERS



Come and learn this fun and freestyle art form. Abstract imagery and design-anyone can do it!

Thursday, February 11,
10am - Noon

Facilitator: Bernadette
Cardwell

Fee: \$20.00 supplies
included.

COPPER EMBOSSED

You'll learn the tools and techniques and how to use and improvise using embossing tools. Valentine's Day is almost upon us and this workshop can be used to create a unique card or gift or create a small wall piece, dangler, depending upon your interests.

Friday, February 12, 10am - 12:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

TIE DYE FOR BEGINNERS

Bring your own white cotton, pre-washed (old or new) 1 shirt or 2 pillow cases or 4 napkins, etc. You'll learn the basics for this fun and practical fiber art.

Friday, February 12, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

A NEW USE FOR MEXICAN ROOF TILES 2 PARTS

Using those lovely terra cotta colored curved tiles, we'll design and mosaic the top half of each with stained glass, mirror, old coins and more. They'll be used as the retaining wall for a small raised flower bed here at WomanKraft.

Part I: Saturday, February 13, 1:30 - 4:30pm

Part II: Saturday, February 20, 1:30 - 2:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

HANDMADE GLYCERIN SOAP :: JABÓN PERSONAL

You'll have an opportunity to make many bars of this natural vegetable based soap. Use specialty molds, natural oils, organic and non-organic products to customize each bar you make.

Tuesday, February 16, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Facilitator: Maria Garcia

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

BEADSTRINGING JEWELRY

You can make your own beautiful jewelry in this workshop, while learning how to use special tools and techniques to create long lasting and unique pieces. Hey, it's fun to boot!

Tuesday, February 16, 6 - 9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20 supplies included with \$10 supply fee payable to the instructor.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

DECORATIVE CONTAINERS 2 PARTS :: BOTES DECORADO

In the first half of this workshop, you will use a simple oatmeal box as your support, natural wood findings will be affixed to the container along with flowers created from newspaper. The second half will have you painting and decorating this unique container for dried flowers, paint brushes, kitchen utensils, or ...

Part I: Wednesday, February 17, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Part II: Wednesday, February 24th, 1:30 - 3:30 PM

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE**** MANDALAS ON VINYL :: DISCOS DE VINILO PINTADOS



In this workshop we will be creating an "endless" art piece, on an old vinyl record album we will paint, draw, and decorate a personal mandala, which will stay beautiful no matter which direction it is viewed from.

Thursday, February 18, 9:30am - 12:30pm
Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne
Fee: \$20 supplies included

*****NEW CLASS!*****

SPRING FLOWERS AND PASTELS

Learn how to draw lovely flowers and use pastels to bring them to full color life.

Saturday, February 20, 9:30am - 12 :30pm
Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck
Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

ALPHABET SOUP

Enjoy a hot steaming bowl of recycled reading! In this workshop we will be taking lines and words from old poetry books and using them to create our own new poems. For those of you who have a hard time coming up with your own words but long for the thrill of writing a good poem, this is the class for you!

Thursday, February 25, 9:30am - 12:30pm
Facilitators: Zoe and Grace Rhyne
Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

WISE WOMEN'S WRITING WORKSHOP

You can attend one or all of these popular workshops. Learn to tap your infinite wisdom and playfully connect with your inner writer. We'll journal with writing exercises, topics, and creative surprises.

Friday, February 26 , 1:30 - 3:30pm
Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis
Fee: \$20.00 supplies included

MARCH

*****NEW CLASS!*****

SINGING IN ROUNDS

A round is a musical composition in which a minimum of three voices sing exactly the same melody in unison, but with each voice beginning at different times so that different parts of the melody coincide in the different voices, but nevertheless fit harmoniously together. "Row, row, row your boat" and "Three Blind Mice" are examples of rounds everybody knows, but there are scores of rounds from all over the world we'll have fun learning to sing in this workshop.

Tuesday, March 1, 6:30 - 8:30pm
Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz
Fee: \$20.00 supplies included

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE**** CREATIVE NEEDLE CASES :: LIBRO DE AGUJAS



It's function wedded to creative beauty. You'll make your own unique case from cloth and felt, sew and glue your pieces together, and then embellish with our wide selection of treasures.

Wednesday, March 2, 1:30 - 3:30pm
Facilitator: Ana Yanez,
Fee: \$20 supplies included.

BEADED BOOKMARKS

Using a wide variety of beads you'll create a beautiful and distinctive bookmark while learning the tools and tricks of jewelry making.

Tuesday, March 8, 6 - 8pm
Facilitator: Terri McGuire
Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

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STAINED GLASS MOSAIC VOTIVES 2 PARTS

Learn to use glass cutters, nippers, etc. It's fun, functional, and always successful.

Part I: Wednesday, March 9, 1:30 - 4:30pm

Part II: Wednesday, March 16, 1:30 - 2:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

*****NEW CLASS!*****

BEYOND ZENTANGLE

In this workshop you'll learn the techniques that let you work the outside of the (tangle) box. Medium supports will be provided but feel free to bring along your own project: special cards, a pair of sneakers, or...?

Thursday, March 10, 10am - Noon

Facilitator: Bernadette Cardwell

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

ORIGAMI PAPER CRANES : DOBLANDO PAPEL ORIGAMI

Come learn this ancient paper folding method, and string together your completed cranes for a memorable and "wishful" decoration.

Friday, March 11, 10am - Noon

Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

MOSAIC RESIN PLATES 2 PARTS

Using a glass dinner plate, you'll design and execute your mosaic. In the second half sealing it with a thin coat of resin. It's a way to turn the ordinary into the extraordinary.

Part I: Friday, March 11, 1:30 - 4:30pm

Part II: Friday, March 18, 1:30 - 2:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$20 supplies included

MOSAIC PLANTERS 2 PARTS

Come and learn how to mosaic a flower pot using glass and ceramic shards. Make a one of a kind unique creation any plant would be proud to grow in!

Part I: Saturday, March 12, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Part II: Saturday, March 19, 11am - Noon

Facilitators: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20.00 Supplies included.

PERSONAL HAT BANDS

Commit yourself to wearing a hat to protect your skin and eyes. Add a decorative layer of protection to your 'crown.' Bring your own charms, beads, coins and amulets, or use ours.

Tuesday, March 15, 10am - Noon

Facilitator: Nancy Martin

Fee: \$20.00 Supplies included.

FLAT STAINED GLASS MOSAIC 2 PARTS

Create an 8"x10" mosaic with an abstract or realistic design while learning to use the tools and tricks of the medium. It's great fun and stained glass is always beautiful.

Part I: Tuesday, March 22, 1:30 - 4:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, March 29, 1:30 - 2:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

CUDDLY CACTUS :: CACTUS COMODAS DRY FELTING



Come and create your own piece of fiber art, learning basic needle felting (dry felting) techniques. Completed work can be a cactus or a mushroom, both adorable, huggable, spine-free treats.

Wednesday, March 23, 1:30 - 4:30pm

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

SCRATCH ART ON CLAYBOARD

Using pre-prepared black clayboard panels, you'll learn the tools and techniques for this intricate drawing form.

Thursday, March 24, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

WISE WOMEN'S WRITING WORKSHOP

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Friday, March 25h, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included

APRIL

TISSUE PAPER COLLAGE 2 PARTS

Come and learn this beautiful free form art style. Create watercolors/acrylic washes, collage, and then detail your work with additional mediums.

Part I: Wednesday, April 6, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Part II: Wednesday, April 13, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20 supplies included

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

MIRROR IMAGE:: SU IMAGEN Y TUS IMAGENES

Come personalize a mirror using paint, paper and the age old art of collage. The resulting piece will be beautiful and functional!

Thursday, April 7, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

MOSAIC GARDEN STEPPING STONE 2 PARTS



Learn the techniques to make your very own garden stones. Add color and whimsy to your yard or garden. Learn to use glass and tile while having creative fun.

Part I: Friday, April 8, 1:30 - 4:30pm

Part II: Friday, April 15, 1:30 - 2:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$20 supplies included

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

HANDMADE PAPER AND SEEDS : PAPEL Y SEMILLAS HECHO DE MANO

Learn to make 100% post-consumer recycled paper, with various wildflower seeds imbedded. Plant in your yard, or someone else's! 100% fun...100% Successful!

Tuesday, April 12, 1:30 - 3:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

PRISMACOLOR PENCILS AND ABSTRACT ART

Here's an opportunity to play with Prismacolor pencils and techniques that will help you understand and create a beautiful piece of abstract art.

Tuesday, April 12, 6 - 9pm

Facilitators: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20 supplies included

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Part I: Thursday, April 14, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Part II: Thursday, April 21, 11am - Noon

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free

(Classes & Workshops continued on page 12)

BEAUTIFUL

TILL VENUS

I will love you till Venus
meets the crescent moon
I will love you till...
my last breath and
the end of time
till the cows come home
and jump over the moon
till the next lifetime
till we merge again
till the second coming
till I turn into light
till infinity
till soul meets body
till dreams come true
And I will love you like
Venus, the mighty Aphrodite
and all the goddesses of love
that ever were and shall be
I will love you till Forever
and in the Hereafter
and all the places in between...
Till Venus meet
the Shadow of the Moon
and becomes Full.....

- Ingrid Aspromatis



We were all young girls once,
with sun on our shoulders,
the wind in our hair,
and in our eyes,
in our eyes the future danced.
So far and away it danced.
It danced upon a distant horizon,
so very far away.
Upon that horizon
a rainbow of hope stretches,
a spinning color wheel
saturated with the mystery,
with the possibility,
stretching possibly to the stars and back.
Oh, we were all young girls once.
With starlight dancing in our eyes,
with starlight in our eyes we danced.

-Gayle Swanbeck April 2014
(Began in a
Wise Women's Writing Workshop)

Othertimes
It smells like summertime
So what if I change my mind
on a dime
excuse me, can I steal some time?
See, mine,
it's confined. Caught in re-wind.
Fine. To define:
wating to shine.
Last name's Rhyne,
throwin' up a peace sign.
-Gracie Rhyne



WORDS

By our
beautiful friends



GIFTS

The morning dawned with promises, unkept
The sunrise laughed at last night's dreams, then wept.
The trill of birds, the flutter of their wings
Taunt at hopes yet long for distant things.
The myriad of colored desert flowers
Lie to us that each new day is ours.
We borrow and we steal, our fingers burn -
Knowing what we hold we must return.
The gifts we treasure all are temporal
Through fingertips, like ash they sift - and fall.
The things we cherish most and long to keep
Evaporate like phantoms as we weep.
Lonni Lees



Tiny Cactus by Patty Lyons

THEY LEAVE KISSES
IN THE WINE
I FOUND ONE
INSIDE OF MINE
ALL THE OTHERS SPILLED
IT WAS ALL NIGHT POURING,
POURING RAIN
LIKE DROPS OF
FROZEN RAINBOW LIGHT,
DREAMING OF HER OWN MELTING HUES,
HER GOLDS, HER AMBERS, AND HER BLUES,
A SLIDING DROP OF RAIN
A WHISPER OF IMPETUOUS FEET,
MY BONES FALL THICK
UPON EACH OTHER
INDULGE ME
-ZOE RHYNE
(ALPHABET SOUP WORKSHOP)



Before the daily grind ground me down too far, I packed up my old life in a box, loaded the car, and dumped the rest, leaving Chicago to follow the sun. Eyes west.
So many Beatles' songs on the radio! Ah, McCartney's birthday.
As I smiled at the Arizona sign, Sir Paul welcomed me with, "I'll Follow the Sun."
Yep. It's a sign. The sun led me home. To Tucson.

—Mary Lou Griggs



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ADVANCED TIE DYE



This workshop offers it's students an opportunity to learn and practice more complex ties and to dye much larger items. Bring your own items to be dyed, must be 100% cotton. You can dye

sheets, tablecloths, jackets, cotton canvas shoes or a grouping of smaller items, using a wide range of colors.

PLEASE NOTE: Class is OFF-SITE at the studio of N. Skreko Martin. Call WomanKraft for your reservations and directions.

Tuesday, April 19, 10am - NOON

Facilitator: N. Skreko Martin

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

PAINTING WITH OILSTICKS 2 PARTS

You'll learn to create beautiful artworks with this unique oil painting medium. It'll free up your style!

Part I: Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

*****NEW CLASS!*****

PAINTING TREES WITH ACRYLIC

First you'll practice color mixing, and techniques on a variety of trees and vegetation and end with a quick composition painted on an 8 X 10" Canvas board. Everything is provided, but feel free to bring your own paint, brushes, etc to use and/or have me evaluate what you might have or might need as you continue your painting career.

Wednesday, April 20, 1:30 - 4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

*****NEW CLASS!*****

LEARNING PERSPECTIVE

Here's a chance to learn one and two point perspective that will have you drawing cubes, buildings, entire city landscapes in perfect 3D perspective.

Wednesday, April 27, 1:30 - 4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

WIND CHIMES AND SUNCATCHERS :: BRILLA DE VIENTO Y SOL



In this workshop, we will use a variety of pretty, dangling, shiny, colorful, metallic, recycled materials to create something lovely to hang in your yard.

Thursday, April 28, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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NEWS & COMMENTS

THANKS & UPDATES BY GAYLE SWANBECK

Major yard work before our September/October reception was done by Josh Smith. Our almost normal summer rains left us huge crops of grasses and weeds. It was a Herculean task. Way to go, Josh. The back area was again worked on prior to the Storytelling Under the Stars held here in October. Josh used our pulled ocotillo to create a curtain of wood behind the outdoor staged area. He removed or organized years of tiles, stone and wood, and designed a way to light the back yard with spotlights for the stage and ambient lighting for the audience area. It was beautiful.

Inside the gallery, our 97-year old Victorian lady got additional repairs. The upstairs bathroom got a much needed make over, old water stains covered, cracks patched, walls, and trim painted, the toilet repaired, and the floor tiles finally scraped free of paint and back to their natural condition and sealed. Also upstairs our window on the front porch was replaced, as well as one of the curved windows in the turret room. Josh refurbished the one remaining original window that had been stored carefully in our basement for these many years. Both are now awaiting the painting of the building.

Four new dead bolts were also installed upstairs allowing us one master key to access the rooms instead of six separate ones. Downstairs in the School of the Arts, Josh also scraped the ceramic floor tiles and floor board tiles free of some very ugly paint, revealing beautiful pale yellows and blue. What a difference. Also in the School of the Art's back storage room another cleaning, tossing and re-organizing went on. It's been years since I've seen the top of that table. Next comes the storage closet. It is so lovely to work because of your space, not in spite of it.

Outside, Josh covered the Gila woodpecker holes with metal and spot painted them. He also installed a new motion security light that illuminates the back parking lot. This has been a long needed safety improvement.

Congratulations and thanks also go out to Grace and Zoe Rhyne for completing this year's 990's (Federal Financial Disclosure for non-profits). They watched me do it one year, and this year breezed right through it on their own, filing early. This is no small feat and speaks highly of these women's desire to continue growing WomanKraft for many years to come. It's work, but fun work to curate exhibits and produce events, but organizations and businesses can't survive unless the nitty-gritty is attended to: the grant writing, the reports, the banking, the 1099's, the 990's, taxes, insurance, Arizona Corporation Commission Annual Report, the sales sheets, and bills paid. Good work women. I can't tell you, Josh, Zoe and Grace, how proud and grateful I am for your presence here.

*In Love and Gratitude,
Gayle Swanbeck*

Thanks also go out to all the special people who gift their time and/or money, but quietly, wishing no public thanks. You hold such a special place in our hearts. You know who you are.

*In Love and Gratitude,
WomanKraft*



Tie Dye Workshop

DIRECTOR THANKS BY ZOE RHYNE

January is here already, it's hard to believe another year has gone by! I would like to thank everyone who helped make the last few shows possible, Josh Smith,

Tony Di Angelis, Grace Rhyne, Gayle Swanbeck, Paul Brunelle, Linda Hill, Patty Lyons, Barbara Achord, Kat Cronn, Diane Jackson, Donna Flenner, Nancy Martin, Susan Roemer-Schmitt, Brandi October Ertle, and Gerrie Young.

I also thank all of my participating artists for their creativity. Your inspiration is truly inspiring! As you

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probably know, WomanKraft hosts 5 shows a year, with each show having a theme and running for two months. These themed shows allow us to showcase a wide variety of media, while maintaining a connecting thread throughout the gallery. I have so much fun coming up with themes I think will appeal to as many people as possible, and hopefully inspire some creativity. So, artists, when you see the theme of a show, use your imagination. You can always call me at the gallery with any questions or clarifications, and I really encourage you to think outside the box.

The Recycling with Purpose Show was an excellent example of the variety, creativity and ingenuity of our artistic community. Great job everyone!

Upcoming shows include Art from the Heart, a show about love, passion and romance! And in April, we will host our annual Drawing Down the Muse, empowering women artists for over 24 years. I look forward to seeing all of our artistic interpretations, happy art-ing! -Zoe



Recycling with purpose

RUMMAGE FAIR

August 2015 Rummage Fair brought sales of \$1,759.65, less than \$115 in expenses, and provided

WomanKraft with \$1,644.645 in income. That equals almost 25% of our yearly taxes. Great job people! Our volunteers included Zoe and Grace Rhyne, Lydia Phillips, Josh Smith, Gayle Swanbeck, Laura Leighton, Paul Rhyne, Nancy Martin, Kat Cronn, Linda Hill, Shari Murphy, Donna Flenner, Gerrie Young, Barbara Achord, Joanne Pritzen, Dan Reichel, Paula Rhyne, Paul Brunelle, and of course all you fabulous folks who donate your treasures, making this whole event possible.

WHAT IS THE RUMMAGE FAIR?

WomanKraft holds a Rummage Fair twice a year, in January and August. This fantastic indoor, two-day event is not to be missed! If you need anything, we might have it. And if you have things you'd like to pass on, if it's clean and it works, we'll take it! Clothes, shoes, kitchenware, knick-knacks, books, movies, vintage items, holiday decorations, toys, tools and more. The proceeds from this fund-raiser go towards paying our property taxes, utility bills and insurance. As a volunteer run non-profit organization, WomanKraft relies on the generosity of our community, so come support your favorite local arts organization, get a great bargain, and get rid of that box of stuff you've been meaning to donate.

The rummage fair is also a great opportunity to volunteer some time here at WomanKraft. We always need help setting up and tearing down this FUNdraiser!!

THE JANUARY RUMMAGE FAIR

The January Rummage Fair will be held **Friday, January 15 and Saturday, January 16, 2016 both from 8am to 4pm.** We are looking for helpers for set up, **Thursday, January 14, 10am until done,** and then could really use some fresh help to re-pack and disassemble **Saturday, January 16, 4 to 6pm.** **Please call 629-9976 ext. 1 to schedule your participation!**

We will accept all clean, working items right through the sale. Call (520) 629-9976 ext. 1 for Grace or (520)

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777-5207 for Lydia Phillips. Deliveries or pick-ups will be scheduled. Thank you so much everyone, and see you all at the Rummage Fair! Remember, we collect throughout the year for our next Rummage Fair, in August.

BOARD MEETING

Saturday the 8th of August's board meeting, complete with coffee and bagels was well attended. All business was attended to, and ideas discussed. Board minutes available upon request.

WomanKraft is having our next Board Meeting **Friday, January, 8, 2016, from 10am to 12pm.** Board members, members and all will gather to discuss the goings on at WomanKraft and make important decisions. New board member nominations and other WomanKraft business to be considered for the agenda accepted until January 6th at 5pm. Please call (520) 629-9976 ext. 1. See you there board members!

DECEMBER RECEPTION + BIRTHDAY

December marked another wonderful year here at our beautiful castle. This 1918 charmer has been WomanKraft's home now for 24 years. We celebrated this exciting event at our December Reception, with our building looking her best wearing her first Saturday art finery. Creative and affordable art be-decked the walls, and art appreciators from all over enjoyed each other's company, the art, and of course, birthday cake.

Included in the evening were very healthy sales, 130+ visitors, over \$3,500 in Board Member donations, a successful book signing by WomanKraft member/artist/author Lonni Lees, two delicious organic carrot cakes and one chocolate cream pie homemade by Zoe Rhyne left everyone happy, energized, and sweetly sated. Thank you everyone for a really great year.

Missed our birthday? No worries!

HERE'S WOMANKRAFT'S WISHLIST, good year round!

- Scaffolding – for 2 and ½ stories, turret
- 8 ½ X 11 Copy Paper
- Black Brother Brand Toner Cartridges TN-630 or TN-660
- Trewax Vinyl Floor Cleaner
- Trewax Vinyl Floor Sealer
- Art Supplies – jewelry, tiny broken assemblage, frames with glass
- Double sided tape
- Business size envelopes
- Paper Towels!
- Vacuum Bags – Kenmore C, Q & 5055 (50557-50558)
- Forever Stamps
- 2 Pocket Office Folders
- Magic Erasers
- Pumie Pumice Sticks
- Aileen's Tacky Glue
- 2 Part Epoxy Resin
- Water (for drinking)
- Stained Glass
- Coolcoat for rooftops
- Solar Panels, Installation and everything
- Rain Water Harvesting Installation and everything
- CASH! Since we're a 501 c(3) non-profit, it's tax deductible to the full extent of the law, yippee!

...We're dreaming BIG!

BOOK SIGNINGS, THE MORNING BLEND T.V. APPEARANCE

Our beautiful building provides WomanKraft with the space needed to produce events, performances, exhibits, classes and so much more. Recently our lovely gallery hosted several local Arizona women authors for a book signing. This event gave us a chance to connect with and empower women authors, something that WomanKraft has always prioritized. Denise Sassoon, Kellie Fitzgerald, and Holly Rutenbur Dickinson, joined us after an exciting radio interview and a spot on the local Morning Blend Kgun9 News Station! These three ladies treated us to

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readings on our beautiful stage, informative and interesting Q & A, and autographs came with all book sales.

It was a pleasure to support these women in their quest to enrich our lives with their stories. Thanks to all who participated, keep writing and keep reading!

INTIMATE PERFORMANCE SPACE AVAILABLE

Are you a performer, musician, playwright, or artist looking for a place to share your gift? WomanKraft has a beautiful stage in our ground floor turret room that is available for rent for any kind of intimate performance. Our stage has fabulous acoustics built in, and space for around 20 audience members to sit back and enjoy, as well as fully functioning stage lighting for great ambiance. Perfect for poetry readings, acoustic musical performances, staged readings, story telling, book signings, karaoke, you name it! Please feel free to call us anytime with any questions or for further information. 520-629-9976.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF WOMANKRAFT?

Anyone who thinks they can give and receive value from being a member is welcome to join for only \$30.00 a year, join WomanKraft and claim, validate, and empower women artists and other under represented groups. By becoming a member you will receive a discount on fabulous events like Karaoke Night, Pumpkin Carving Contest, as an artist, a higher percentage of art sales. Please consider making this small yearly donation. WomanKraft is a valuable asset to Tucson. We are grateful for surviving and thriving in this tumultuous downtown. Your support is what keeps us going!

Please don't hesitate to contact us. To make this donation, you can mail checks made out to WomanKraft, or better yet come visit us in person! 388 s. Stone Ave. Tucson, AZ.
Call us at (520)629-9976 with any questions.

STORYTELLING UNDER THE STARS

This event had one big surprise, the Female Storytellers (FST!) who selected the date, and proposed the collaboration of this event, never showed up! With no word or response, we still have no idea what happened. However, our own talent was present and all stepped up to tell their stories, including five people volunteering from the audience. Terri McGuire also graced us with several beautiful songs. The pre-show found the gallery selling a surprising amount of art to WomanKraft newcomers, a grateful perk to the event. Another perk was seeing the potential for many more outdoor events, (see next article). The space, lighting, and staged area were quite a treat above and beyond the talent.

READING UNDER THE STARS - STORYTELLING AND POETRY

Join WomanKraft while we celebrate our beautiful mother Earth on her special day with a feast for your creative soul. We will be hosting an evening event featuring stories and poetry from members of our talented community. Enjoy the ambience and the entertainment, you may even be inspired to join in the fun during our open mic.

30 chairs available, feel free to bring a folding chair and/or some padding to stay comfy. **Tickets are \$3 for WomanKraft Members, \$5 Non-Members.** Drinks, snacks, and of course art will be available. Don't miss this opportunity to both share and be inspired. **Friday, April 22, 7-10pm, EARTH DAY**

KARAOKE

Well we've done it again! November's Karaoke Night was a blast! Song choices had everyone singing along, rocking out, and even playing some air guitar. The casual atmosphere at WomanKraft's Karaoke Night let's you enjoy all the fun of karaoke without any fear of embarrassment. Our stage transforms our gallery space into an acoustic dream, and the professional equipment and beautiful vocal stylings of our talented KJ Miss Terri McGuire really makes this event

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something not to be missed. This month's raffle winner of two free tickets to the next Karaoke night, was Victor!

Don't miss the next Karaoke Night **February 19** from **7- 10pm**. It's the best answer to the question "What did you do this weekend?"

ART RAFFLES AT THE GALLERY...

As a non-profit organization, WomanKraft is dependant on fundraising to help pay for, well, everything. Our recent fundraising endeavor is an **art raffle** for an art piece that has been donated to WomanKraft by the artist for each two-month exhibit we show in the gallery.

September/October Art Raffle "Butterfly" by Josh Smith was won by Terri McGuire. Congratulations. November/December winner will be announced in our next issue of the Voice.

The February/March Raffle will be (3) small silk screened pillows by one of WomanKraft's founding mothers, Susan V. Chambers.

And the April/May Raffle will be a piece donated from the estate of Linn Lane, a Watercolor by Lauri Giangregorio.

Tickets are:

1 for \$2.00

2 for \$3.00

3 for \$4.00.

Stop by and check it out! Gallery Hours: Wednesday – Saturday 1:00-5:00 PM.

TONY DI ANGELIS IN STUDIO 102

We are happy to announce that Studio 102 at WomanKraft has been rented!

Artist and member Tony Di Angelis has moved into the outside artist studio available at WomanKraft. Tony has been exhibiting work in the gallery in recent shows, and his volunteer efforts and work on the yard have already been exemplary. Tony's artwork, large

and vibrant in color and texture, is a great addition to the eclectic taste of our downtown art center. Be sure to check out his gallery in Studio 102 next time you are at WomanKraft – you won't want to miss what Tony's been up to!

UPSTAIRS RENTAL SPACE

After consideration it was decided to let this beautiful upstairs space serve another community need rather than be a studio rental. It can be rented at an hourly rate for photographic shoots, tarot readers, book groups, workshops, small private gatherings, and rehearsal space, to name a few. Contact us at (520) 629-9976 for more information, a showing, and our very affordable rates.

WomanKraft is artist based, grass roots, service oriented and provides an environment where Women & Men of Consciousness can present art, see exhibits / events, share skills, exchange ideas, and be a part of building community.

GET CRAFTY WITH PERSONALIZED NAME TAGS



Reception nights at WomanKraft are a great place to meet new friends, and meet local artists that are showing work in the

gallery. Director of Exhibits Zoe Rhyne has been encouraging artists to create individualized name tags to wear at Receptions.

The Artists are getting creative (imagine that!), let's keep up the good work. Artists, keep making name tags, and don't forget them on our reception Saturdays! If you are interested in taking a workshop

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specifically for making these name tags in a supportive creative environment, check out our class opportunity on page five.

THE ARIZONA COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

This project is supported in part by the Arizona Commission on the Arts which receives support from the State of Arizona and the National Endowment for the Arts.

WomanKraft is more than pleased to announce that we are one of the recipients of The Arizona Commission on the Arts Community Investment Grant, Level II.

Funding for the arts in Arizona is at an all time low and all of us at WomanKraft are eternally grateful for the opportunity ACA provides through their organizational grants. The future of our rich culture depends on investment in the arts and our community. As art directed resources become more and more sparse, necessary changes and reductions have been made throughout the art sector. Again, we send the most heartfelt thank you to The Arizona Commission on the Arts for their funding and their leadership in these difficult financial times. Together we will overcome and continue to create cutting edge art for the empowerment and advancement of our cherished community. Please remember, artwork IS work.

THE SANCTUARY



The Sanctuary is an all natural, full service hair and body salon located within WomanKraft, with an amazing selection of services and products at competitive prices. Jordana Silvestri, owner, uses flower and gem essences as well as an extensive knowledge of natural herbal techniques,

creating an unforgettable experience for anyone involved. For more information and appointments,

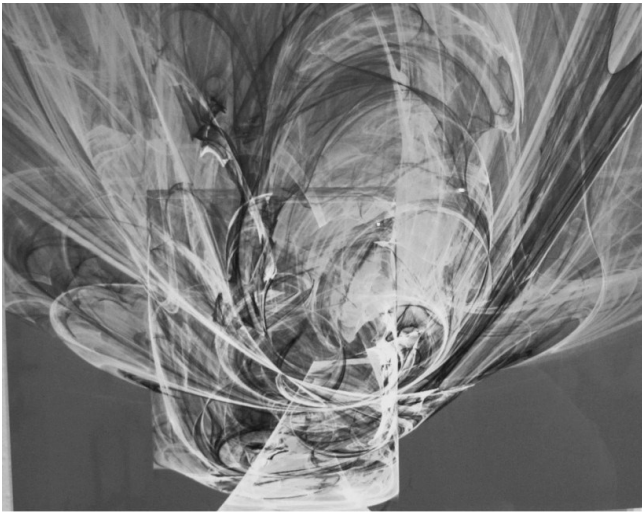
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HELPFUL HINT

We have discovered a very useful piece of paper from ADOT! Available online, this printable document simplifies the otherwise complicated process of vehicle transferring upon death. This Beneficiary Designation for Vehicle Title Transfer Upon Death, is a 100% legal way to name a beneficiary for your vehicle! This is an important document that can save a lot of time, hassle and worry. With a simple notarized signature, place the document with your car title and all this hassle can be avoided. Check out <http://www.azdot.gov/docs/mvd-forms-pubs/96-0561.pdf?sfvrsn=0> to print your own free beneficiary designation!

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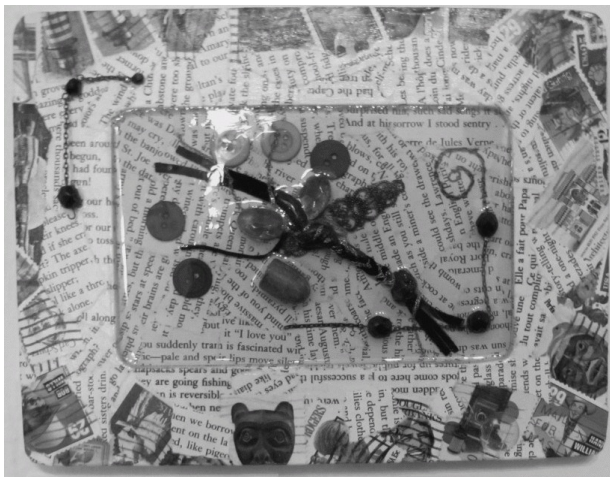
Man in the Mask by Josh Smith



Emotion Machine by Kat Cronn



Spirit Dolls by Zoe Rhyne
And a Stone Vessel by Gerrie Young



Stamped! By Grace Rhyne



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