

# The Castle Voice

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# Castle Voice

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

**WomanKraft is a Non-Profit Arts Organization founded in 1974 to claim, validate, and empower women artists and other under-represented groups.**

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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 Studio of Zoe & Grace Rhyne, Lydia Phillips, and Richard Michaels. 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 1- March 29, 2014 FIBER, PAPER, METAL, GLASS**

Receptions: February 1 and March 1, 7-10pm

This show's emphasis is on functional art but does not exclude fine art pieces, but as usual, we're looking for the well-crafted and unique. Deadline for submissions: January 25th, 2014

#### **April 5- May 31, 2014 DRAWING DOWN THE MUSE**

Receptions: April 5 and May 3, 7-10pm

This is our 22nd Annual Women's only exhibit by and for local women artists. All mediums and subject matter accepted. Deadline for submissions: March 22nd, 2014.

#### **June 7- July 26, 2014: IT'S A MATTER OF TIME**

Receptions: June 7 and July 5th, 7-10pm

Time is of the essence in this exhibit, in fact, it's about time. How do you perceive the passage of time? The changing of the seasons, time lapse photography, clocks, sundials, collage, assemblage, imagination is the limit. Let's make some time! Deadline for submission: May 24th, 2014.

### **GALLERY ONLY CLOSED AUGUST 2014**

#### **September 6- October 25, 2014: FALLING INTO FALL**

Receptions: September 6th and October 4th, 7-10pm

Accepting art in all mediums for this exhibit on my personal favorite time of year, Autumn. Autumn is a time of change, reflected in color foliage, the migration of species, the Autumn Equinox, and Hallomas, the Wiccan New Year. Deadline for submission: August 23, 2014.

#### **November 1-December 20, 2014: THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

Receptions: November 1 and December 4, 2014

We're seeking a diversity of fine crafts and art that reflect the diversity of these Holidays. The work needs to retail from \$1-\$100. All mediums accepted. Deadline for submission: October 18, 2014.

### **GALLERY ONLY CLOSED IN JANUARY 2015**

#### **February 7 – March 28, 2015: HERE COMES THE SUN**

Receptions: February 7 and March 7, 2015

How do you creatively perceive the springing into spring, snow melting, robins arriving, flowers blooming? Bring your artistic interpretations in all mediums. Deadline for submissions: January 24, 2015.

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 1:00-5:00 PM. 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.

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# 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.

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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.

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#### JANUARY

##### NEEDLE FELTING

A Fun and surprisingly easy class, we will learn classic needle felting (dry felting) techniques that can be used to create delightful fiber art figures.

Friday, January 3, 10-noon

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 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, January 7, 9:30-12:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, January 14, 10:00-11:00am

Facilitator: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

##### SPIRIT POUCHES

You know who you are, we're the ones who can't help ourselves. We pick up little bits of nature that speak to us. Here's a chance to create a special pouch for collecting and storing the dearest. Feel free to bring any special items you might wish to use in decorating your pouch but don't worry, we've got lots of choices for you to pick from. Some sewing required.

Monday, January 13, 6:00-9:00pm.

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

##### STAINED GLASS MOSAIC VOTIVES 2 PARTS

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

Part I: Tuesday, January 21, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, January 28, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

##### BEADED STEMWARE

Using wire and beads of glass, stone, or metal you transform a plain glass stemware into a unique art piece.

Wednesday, January 22, 1:30-3:30pm.

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20 supplies included

##### INDOOR MURALING 2 Parts

You'll learn the techniques of working with stained glass, tile, mirror, and the tools needed. Part I will be design and execution. Part II will be grouting and cleaning. We'll be muraling on spaces inside the School of the Arts and the Gallery.

Part I: Thursday, January 23, 9:30am-12:30pm

Part II: Thursday, January 29, 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free.

## CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

### **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 24, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **FEBRUARY**

### **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, February 4, 6:30-8:30pm.

PART II: Tuesday, February 11, 6:30-8:30pm.

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **CREATIVE NEEDLE CASES**

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, February 5, 1:30-4:00pm.

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **PARTS R PARTS**

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

Thursday, February 6, 6-9pm.

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **RESIN SEALED ASSEMBLAGE ART 2 PARTS**

Using a 5"x7" picture frame, you'll design and execute your assemblage. 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, February 7, 1:30-4:30pm

PART II: Friday, February 14, 1:30-2:30 pm

FACILITATOR: Linda K

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **HANDMADE PAPER**

Learn to make 100% post-consumer recycled paper, 100% fun...100% Successful!

Tuesday, February 11, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included

### **ONCE JUNK**

Using recycled treasures ( bring your own and /or use ours) you'll use assemblage techniques to create a unique functional piece of art. It's fun and it's green!

Thursday, February 13, 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **DECORATING BOTTLES**

Come and decorate beautiful bottles for our bottle tree! Using paint, jewels and wire we will decorate a wide array of shapes and sized bottles.

Tuesday, February 18, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

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, February 18, 6-8pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

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: Wednesday, February 19, 1:30-4:30pm

PART II: Wednesday, February 26, 1:30-2:30 pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free, supplies included

## CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

### **MANDALAS ON VINYL**

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 20, 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **DRAWING PEOPLE**

Using charcoal and graphite, you'll learn some easy and useful techniques for drawing the human form and body details; hair, hands, eyes, etc.

Friday, February 21, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **HANDMADE GLYCERIN SOAP**

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 25, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **WISE WOMEN'S WRITING WORKSHOP**

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Friday, February 28, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included

## **MARCH**

### **EXTENDED WEAR**

Is it time to toss those favorite shoes, hat, pants, or top? Maybe not. Here's an artistic answer to extending the life of your apparel. Come and learn ways to cover stains, holes, and scuffs using paints, buttons, and more. Bring along your piece of clothing and I'm sure you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Monday, March 3, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **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.

Tuesday, March 4, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

### **CHOLLA LIGHT STICKS**

This workshop uses the interior wood of dead cholla cacti to create a beautiful organic illuminated cholla stick. Richard will first demonstrate the cleaning and bleaching of the wood. Next, each participant will learn how to install the interior lights and decorate their own unique cholla wood light stick.

Wednesday, March 5, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Richard Michaels

Fee: \$20 with \$5 supply fee payable to the instructor.

### **NOT FIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION 2 PARTS**

This batch of coffee isn't for drinking, it's for painting. Come and learn how much fun it is to paint with the lush warm coffee tones, add it to watercolors, detail with India ink. It's fun and unique!

Thursday, March 6, 6-8 pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **BEGINNING TIE DYE**

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, March 7, 10am- Noon

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$20 supplies included

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### **ADDRESS LABEL COLLAGE**

Yes there is an artistic answer to all those address labels we keep getting in the mail..... collage! Learn how to transform all those self sticking labels into images from the abstract to as realistic as you'd like to push it.

Monday, March 10, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **SUNCATCHERS AND WINDCHIMES**

Using wire and pieces of double sided mirror, as well as various pieces of metal, beads and other treasures, we will create unique hanging pieces of art. a perfect way to spruce up any yard.

Tuesday, March 11, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **IT'S KNOT EMBROIDERY**

You'll learn a variety of knots, wraps, and stitches, while creating a small wall hanging. These easy techniques are applicable to many other craft projects.

Wednesday, March 12, 1:30-4pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

### **ACRYLIC PAINTING AND MULBERRY**

#### **PAPER 3 Parts**

This is an exciting workshop offered to painters interested in playing with special effects. Bring a canvas or canvas board 11"X14", and we'll supply the rest. The first two workshop will focus on conceptualizing and executing your painting. Copyright free photos will be provided if you need subject matter. In the third workshop you'll learn how to apply a mulberry paper overlay to create a distinctive and beautiful effect.

PART I Thursday, March 13, 9:30am-12:30pm

PART II Thursday, March 20, 9:30am-12:30pm

PART III Thursday, March 27, 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$30.00 supplies included.

### **SHADOW BOXES**

You'll be using a small, pre-made shadow box (provided) but please feel free to bring small treasures or use our materials to help bring this artwork to life. Paints and collages will be the background. Where it goes from there is up to you. It's fun and rewarding.

Friday, March 14, 1-5pm

Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **FLIP BOOKS**

This class will be a fun look at the very basics of animation. Using a small, pre-assembled book, we will draw a story one page at a time, so that when the pages are flipped through in quick succession the image appears to be moving!

Friday, March 21, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

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Tuesday, March 25, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Maria Garcia

Fee: \$20 supplies included

PLEASE NOTE: class is off site. We leave the castle at exactly 1:10 pm. Transportation provided.

### **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, March 25, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20 supplies included

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Friday, March 28, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **APRIL**

### **OILSTICKS 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, April 1, 6:30-8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

### **WET FELTING**

No experience with felting necessary. A brief talk on the properties of wool, an introduction to wet felting and design, and you're felting! Original, colorful and fun.

Tuesday, April 8, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 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, April 8, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20 plus a supply fee of \$10 payable to the instructor

### **REFURBISHING FURNITURE**

In this free workshop we'll finish collaging and mulberry papering the last of our Cabaret tables, chairs, and a few miscellaneous items in use by the gallery. It's a win, win, win. You get the workshop for free, WomanKraft gets the furniture finished for free,

teachers earn some cash, and we all have a great time together.

Wednesday, April 9, 1-5 pm

Facilitator: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: Free

### **IT'S ALL IN THE LIGHT**

This workshop will focus on basic techniques that identify light source, shadows, highlights, etc. It will also show techniques in different mediums to achieve special lighting effects, including masking, glazes, and transparencies.

Thursday, April 10, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **MOSAIC GARDEN STONES TWO 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.

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Part II, Friday April 18, 10:00-11:00am

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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PART II: Friday, April 18, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: Free, supplies included

### **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 16, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Wednesday, April 23, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20 supplies included



## CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

### OUTDOOR MOSAIC 2 PARTS

We will be continuing the mosaic on the out door handicap ramp side panel. WE'll be using mirror, broken tile, and stained glass. Learn design, layout, and execution while being a part of enhancing our lovely non profit art center. Come for one or two workshops.

PART I: Thursday, April 17, 9:30am-12:30pm

PART II: Thursday, April 24, 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: free

### DRAWING TREES AND PLANTS

Using charcoal and graphite, you'll learn techniques for drawing trees and plants. Types of foliage practiced will be determined by you, the participant.

Tuesday, April 22, 1-4pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

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Fee: \$20 supplies included

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

Facilitator: Richard Michaels

Fee: \$20 with \$5 supply fee payable to the instructor.



WomanKraft Logo by Josh Smith



A Stepping Stone from Workshop by Zoe Rhyne

## **Changes**

As of January 1, 2014, the WomanKraft Director of Exhibits will be Zoe Rhyne. Zoe has been in training for this position for two years with a portion of this having been funded by the Tucson Pima Arts Council. In this coming year, I will work with Zoe as a supportive co-director, but all scheduling of appointments, curating exhibits, selecting exhibit themes etc. will be Zoe's domain. She is available for gallery business Thursday and Friday 1-5pm at WomanKraft. On a personal note, I am so very pleased to be able to turn this position over to such a charming, creative and effective businesswoman and artist. I look forward to working under her direction both as a colleague and WomanKraft artist in the future. Congratulations, Zoe, and the best of everything.

In love and gratitude,  
Gayle

## **It's a Matter of Time**

The June/July exhibit, Close Up/Far Away has been changed to "It's a Matter of Time."

Every once in awhile, I come up with an exhibit that is just too esoteric. Apparently Up Close/Far Away is one of them. So keeping fluid, Zoe, Grace and I have come up with "It's a matter of time." Look to page 3 for upcoming exhibits and details.

## **Thanks and Updates by Gayle Swanbeck**

Thanks and blessings to all the people who have donated their valuable time, talent and raffle donations to our exhibits and events; Josh Smith, Zoe Rhyne, Grace Rhyne, Nancy Martin, Diane C. Taylor, Richard Michaels, Patty Lyons, Glen Wilby, Laura Leighton, Jonathan DuHamel, Lydia Phillips, Debra Jacobson, Terri McGuire, Joanne Pritzen, Becky Purvis, Joni Roco, Charly, Jordana Silvestri, Ana Yanez, Fred and Heather, Dan Reichel, Paul Brunelle, Jay Harman, Sharon Otstot and Shari Murphy. Everyone of you is so appreciated! In love and gratitude, Gayle.

## **The Rummage Fair Boutiques**

First, a report on August's boutique. Once again, the selection and prices were outstanding. We actualized \$1,380.50 at the sale, and over \$300 at the Sunday's Swap meet. Everything was sold, and we came home with empty trailer and suburban. Thank you workers, donators, and buyers.

## **January Rummage Fair Boutique**

The January Rummage Fair Boutique will be held Friday, January 17 and Saturday, January 18 both from 8am to 4pm. We are looking for helpers for the event and both set up dates, Wednesday, January 15, 12-5pm and Thursday, January 16, 10am until done. We will accept all clean, working items right through the sale. Call (520) 629-9976 ext. 1 for Grace or (520) 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 Boutique. Remember, we collect throughout the year for our next Boutique, in August.

## **Karaoke Nights at WomanKraft**

September 2013's Karaoke Night still found us with a small group, but growth was there too, with new and veteran voices and energy contributing to the evening's fun.

Our next Karaoke Night be Saturday, February 15 from 7-10pm. Tickets are \$5.00 for non-members and \$3.00 for WomanKraft members. Come and check us out, be a singer, or just sit back and enjoy the fun and great entertainment.

## **Variety Show Events**

November 2013's Variety Show Event was a brilliant success. Audience, talent, and workers enjoyed a fantastic meal, decadent desserts, and an array of stunning entertainment. We opened with Joni and Charly's leading each other and the audience with their sensual modern and traditional tangos. Next

## NEWS AND COMMENTS

Terri McGuire's golden voice wowed us with a sampling of favorite songs. Becky P stepped up to the mic and touched our hearts and our funny bones with her excellent poetry. Next brought Grace Rhyne to the boards with a beautiful improvisational modern dance piece that had all eyes riveted to her movement's Closing the show was Zoe Rhyne doing a performance piece "Pedro and Esse" she flawlessly acted out all sides of their stroll through nature, her dragon especially leaves an impression.

Our next Variety Show Event will be Saturday, April 26 from 6 to 10pm.

Tickets are \$20.00 each (Paid in advance) with only 20 tickets sold. You can reserve your tickets anytime. First come, first served. The menu is Italian; organic vegetarian lasagna, crusty bread and a fresh organic salad. Desserts to be announced.

Do you have a talent you would like to share? Call us for an audition (520) 629-9976 ext. 1 or 2.

### **Magic Is**

-Bp

Magic is the sunlight  
that first seeps into the night sky  
and draws the dawn over the horizon  
Magic is the laughter  
that pours forth suddenly  
some irony of life crackling  
through the ordinary  
Magic is the first breaths  
we take when emerging  
from the watery homes  
of our mothers  
Magic is the thank you  
that floods a friend's face  
Magic is the art, the music, the poems  
that flow through us  
on random days  
Magic is remembering  
we have everything we need  
and are everything we need to be

in this moment now  
Magic is joy  
compassion  
stillness  
And above all  
magic  
magic is  
love

### **Emails**

Special thanks go out to Diane C. Taylor, who has taken over WomanKraft's email updates, they're looking great! And a thanks goes out to Paul Brunelle who has been diligently sending out emails for years, Paul has recently become evermore involved in the Speak the Speech Theatre Company. This year, the company started its first year of full performances. A WomanKraft group took advantage of the 10 or more discount and we were all deeply impressed by the production of Sam Shepherd's True West. From set to tech, from actor to director, it was a fine theatre experience. We look forward to many more in the future. See page 14 for details on Speak the Speech Theatre Company.

To be added to our email mailing list, call and leave us a message. WomanKraft does not share our mailing lists with anyone, so don't hesitate!

### **Winners**

The lucky winner of the September/October raffle "The Sharing of the Spirals" By Gayle Swanbeck was Barbara Whitaker of Tucson. Congratulations!

The winners of our Pumpkin Carving pARTy 3rd prize at \$20.00, Ana Yanez, 2nd Prize at \$25.00, Zoe Rhyne, 1st Prize at \$50.00, Jeanne Dusseault, all of Tucson. The voting was done by all present: carvers, friends, and workers, and it was a hard choice. There were so many amazing pumpkins! Thanks and kudos for all those who participated. Check it out on our website.

**Have you been to the WomanKraft website recently?**

**[www.womankraft.org](http://www.womankraft.org)**

Thanks to Grace Rhyne and the Tucson Pima Arts Council, for all your hard work and support. Please visit our website and enjoy a gallery of images. Of both inside and out or our lovely 1918 Queen Ann Victorian. Check out our grounds and gardens, murals, iron work, art gallery, workshops, renovations and event happenings. Also available, is the Herstory of WomanKraft, as well as all up to date info on upcoming shows, events, times, addresses, phone numbers and class schedules. And all in a lovely shade of purple!

Keep an eye out for a virtual tour of The Sanctuary – an all natural hair and body salon. Also, an 'Artist's Corner' Page, and a Facebook Page!

WomanKraft has gone virtual, so don't miss one bit by joining our email list. You'll be kept in the loop with visually appealing and informative mini- newsletters, thanks to our devoted member, talented artist, and long time friend Diane C. Taylor.

If you would like to be added to our email list, please call us at (520) 629-9976.

**Improvements to the Castle**

Repairs and renovations at the Castle have been moving right along. An artistic security grate has been added to the upstairs kitchen window created and installed by Josh Smith. He also, along with Richard Michaels, have worked on repairing and reinforcing doors throughout the building. Its nice having doors close properly without having to lose our original 1918 hardware.

Our front entry has seen the most changes with the old city installed mini-ramp torn out and an actual step being poured. New handrails have also been installed, new handles on the gate, and the pillars have been topped with our WomanKraft logo: a lotus held by two hands.



Check out the front cover of this Castle Voice for a look, go online at [womankraft.org](http://womankraft.org), or better yet, come on down and see for yourself. The 'wing' theme, designed by Gayle Swanbeck and created by Josh Smith, will continue in the future projects of replacing the front and side ocotillo fence with a metal one, and new front porch railings installed. In our back yard, the ramp mural moves along and it looks great. More free workshops on indoor and outdoor muraling are offered in January and April. Check out the School of the Arts schedule for dates and information.

Josh has also run lights in the back area to illuminate the ramps stained glass murals, as well as the walkway itself. Beautification in-hand with safety. There is a long list of future projects, we will report in each Voice on our progress. Special thanks to all who labor to make this space so beautiful. And to those who help fund our projects. You know who you are.

**Are you a Member of WomanKraft?**

For only \$30.00 a year, join WomanKraft in her wonderful endeavors to claim, validate, and empower. By becoming a member you will receive a discount on fabulous events like Karaoke Night, and, 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 cash or check, or better yet

come visit us in person! 388 s. Stone Ave. Tucson, AZ. Call us at (520)629-9976 with any questions.

### **Bi-Annual Board Meeting**

WomanKraft is having our Bi-Annual Board Meeting Saturday, February 8 from 10am – 12pm. Board members will gather to discuss the goings on at WomanKraft and make important decisions. Minutes from the board meeting will be available upon request. See you there board members!

### **Studio Rental**

A studio has finally come available at WomanKraft. It is an upstairs room, wooden floors, storage closet, 3 large windows, and A/C. It is not a live in space. Studio work only. \$250.00 a month, first and last months rent, month-to-month contract. Call (520) 629-9976 ext. 1 or 2 for appointments and information.

### **Need Performance Space?**

Are you a performer, musician, or artist looking for a place to share your gift? WomanKraft has a beautiful stage in our grand floor turret room that is available for rent for any kind of intimate performance. (See back cover.) 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, karaoke, you name it! Please feel free to call us anytime with any questions or for further information. We host several Variety Shows a year as well, which gives performers a chance to share 15 minutes of their talent with a great audience, and be part of a WomanKraft event at the same time! If you would like to audition to perform with us in our next variety show- April 26, 2014, from 6 to 10pm, please call and leave us a message, we would love to hear from you.

### **The Sanctuary**

The Sanctuary is an all natural, full service hair and body salon located within WomanKraft. Jordana Silvestri has an amazing selection of services and products at competitive prices. She handcrafts the products she uses herself, and they are all natural and organic. Using flower and gem essences as well as an extensive knowledge of natural herbal techniques, she creates an unforgettable experience for anyone involved. For more information and appointments, please call (520) 882-6280.

### **Upcoming Raffle**

February/March 2014: Art Donation will be Grace Rhyne's Resin Assemblage 'Springtime Explosion!' April/May 2014: Art Donation will be a Hand Painted Vest signed by the artist.

### **Community Networking**



Dance Theatre is proud to invite the WomanKraft Community to our 5 year anniversary performance *Quinque* Friday April 4, 2014 and Saturday April 5, 2014 7:30pm at Pima West

Community College Center for the Arts- Recital Hall West Campus, 2202 W. Anklam Rd. Tucson, AZ 85709-0225. WomanKraft, we invite you to take advantage of our group rate of \$10 for parties of 12 or more! Call WomanKraft at (520) 629-9976 to attend as a group with us! Tickets will also be available at the door or online at [www.safosdance.org](http://www.safosdance.org). Online ticket sales begin March 1st. Suggested Donation: \$14, students with Student I.D./Seniors \$12.

You are also cordially invited to join us for our "Color the Mural!" Project, a two-year collaboration with social service agency the House of Neighborly Service. *Safos* will host community mural painting workshops in and around South Tucson beginning April 2014. For more information, about the mural project, please visit [www.colorthemural.com](http://www.colorthemural.com) or call (520) 481-1656.

*Safos* Dance Theatre is an emerging modern dance company committed to creating contemporary artistic forms that reflect important issues affecting the multi-ethnic communities of the U.S.-Mexico borderlands. We value dedication, integrity, respect and diversity. Thank you WomanKraft for your support!!

**Speak The Speech Theatre Company to Produce:**

“Company Of Wayward Saints” by George Herman, this is the Company’s second offering this season, and will be directed by Dan Reichel. The play is a comic tale of wandering players, who in an attempt to earn their way home, rekindle their Company's old magic along the way discovering the comedy and grace of humanity. It is a fine mosaic of life redeemed... The play performs weekends starting Feb. 21- March 9, 2014. The performances will be held at the Cabaret Theatre 330 S. Scott Ave. Tucson, AZ. Fri. and Sat. Performances at 7:30pm and Sun. at 2pm. Note there will be no performance Saturday February 22 and Friday March 07.

We are soliciting WomanKraft folks to take advantage of the group rate - \$10 Group Sales (10 or more patrons). For the general audience, Tickets will be available January 22, 2014 one month before the production.

For more information or ticket sales call: (520) 904-8054 or visit us on the web at [ststheatre.org](http://ststheatre.org)  
Dan Reichel/Director (520) 883-0976 or [dreichel@ststheatre.org](mailto:dreichel@ststheatre.org)

**Samples of Some Art Seen at the Gallery**



**Walking Through Wildlife Dreams by Gayle Swanbeck**



**Copper Horned Toad by Jennifer Faulk-Harkins**



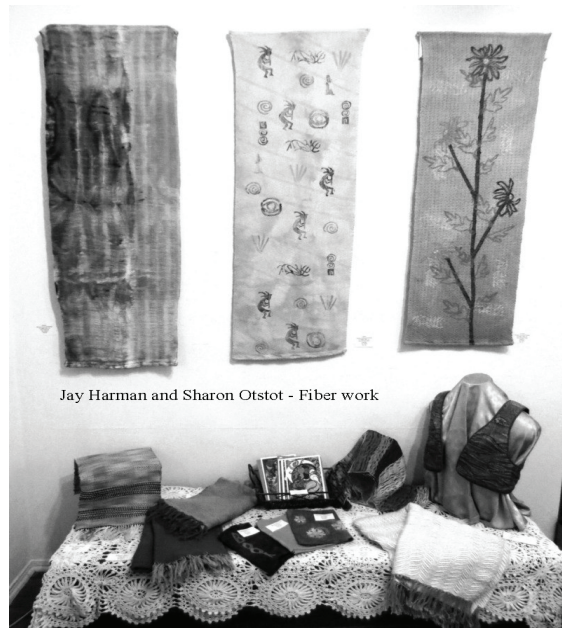
Butterfly Cat by Sharon Otstot



Josh Smith - Metal lamps



Bp - Goddess Mother



Jay Harman and Sharon Otstot - Fiber work

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