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

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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, Gayle Swanbeck and

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Gallery Schedule

Regular Gallery hours: Wednesday – Saturday 1-5pm.

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, 7-10pm

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, 7-10pm

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, 2014.

April 4 – May 30, 2015: DRAWING DOWN THE MUSE

Receptions: April 4 and May 2, 2015, 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 21, 2015.

June 6 – July 25, 2015: SPINES N' THINGS

Receptions: June 6 and July 4, 2015, 7-10pm

This show will focus on the 'point' of the desert. Yes, cactus spines. This is a chance to showcase the prickly beauty that goes hand-in-hand with this amazing place. All mediums accepted. Deadline for submissions: May 23, 2015.

GALLERY ONLY CLOSED IN AUGUST 2015

September 5 – October 24, 2015 RECYCLING WITH PURPOSE

Receptions: September 5 and October 3, 7-10pm

This show will highlight the versatility of re-purposing, up-cycling, Re-using and re-furbishing. Functional and fine art accepted, get creative and go green! Deadline for submissions: August 22, 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 1-5pm. 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.

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.

MAY

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, May 2, 10am – Noon

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$20.00 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: Wednesday, May 7, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Wednesday, May 14, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 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.

Thursday, May 8, 10:30-12:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

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 Friday, May 9, 1:00-5:00pm

Part II Friday, May 16, from 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free.

OUTDOOR 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 the mural outside, on our ramp to the School of the Arts and the Gallery.

Part I: Saturday, May 10, 9:30am-12:30pm

Part II: Saturday, May 17, 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free.

CHOLLA LIGHT STICKS 2 PARTS

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.

Part I: Tuesday, May 13, 9:30am-11:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, May 20, 9:30am-11:30pm

Facilitator: Richard Micheals

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

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HANDMADE PAPER AND SEEDS

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!

Thursday, May 15, 10am - Noon

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

PAPER FLOWERS

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

Thursday, May 22, 10am - Noon

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

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, May 23, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

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.

Thursday, May 29, 9 – 11am

Facilitator: Nancy Martin

Fee: \$20.00 Supplies included.

LITTLE BOXES, LITTLE ALTARS

Using recycled film and altoid cans and canisters, we will be making a tiny personal altar. Come with an idea in mind, or let your imagination run wild, a truly terrific teeny tiny treat in a tin!

Friday, May 30, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

JUNE

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, June 10, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

EXTENDED WEAR

It's 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.

Wednesday, June 11, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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.

Thursday, June 12, 10am - Noon

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

ADDRESS LABELS 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.

Friday, June 13, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

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: Saturday, June 14, 9:30-12:30 PM

PART II: Saturday, June 21, 10 – 11 AM

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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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, June 17, 6:30-8:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, June 24, 6:30-8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

CASCARONES

This traditional Mexican Folk Art makes any occasion festive. Learn to decorate and fill your eggs with confetti.

Wednesday, June 18, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

PAPER STAINED GLASS

This is a delightful way to create a unique piece of art. You'll design, cut away paper, and back these spaces with mulberry, mango, banana, or even tissue paper. Great for all ages.

Thursday, June 19, 10am– Noon

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

MIRROR IMAGES

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

Friday, June 20, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: 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, June 23, 6-9pm

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.

Wednesday, June 25, 1:10-3:30pm

PLEASE NOTE: Class is off-site, we will be leaving the castle at exactly 1:10pm.

Facilitator: Maria Garcia

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

WISE WOMEN'S WRITING WORKSHOP

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Friday, June 27, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

JULY

STAINED GLASS MOSAIC VOTIVES 2 PARTS

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

Part I Tuesday, July 1, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II Tuesday, July 8, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

MELTED VINYL RECORD BOWLS

Choose from a selection of pre-shaped bowls made from old scratched vinyl record albums. Decorate them with dots and acrylic paint creating a groovy way to recycle those old records.

Wednesday, July 2, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

PERSONAL JOURNALS

Decorate a provided journal with collage techniques. For a finished project that is personal, functional and beautiful.

Wednesday, July 9, 1:30-4:30pm

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Part II: Thursday, July 17, 10am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free.

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.

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Part II Tuesday, July 22, 1:30am-2:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free.

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 collage will be the background. Where it goes from there is up to you. It's fun and rewarding.

Wednesday, July 16, 1-5pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 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, July 23, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Wednesday, July 30, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

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Friday, July 25, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

DISTINCTIVE KEY RACKS

You'll create a unique key rack using wood board and old keys. Decorating will be your option. You can use paints, found items, mulberry paper, collage or any combination.

Tuesday, July 29, 1:30 -3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

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, July 29, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

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

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AUGUST

ONCE JUNK ASSEMBLAGE

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!

Wednesday, August 6, 1:30 – 4:30pm
Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne
Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

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, August 7, 9:30am – 12:30pm
Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck
Fee: \$20 supplies included.

HANDMADE GLYCERIN SOAP

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Friday, August 8, 1:30-3:30pm
Facilitator: Grace and Zoe Rhyne
Fee:\$20 supplies included.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

In this workshop you'll be learning to draw all those little feathers, and the birds too.

Monday, August 11, 6-9pm
Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck
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, August 19, 6:30-8:30pm
Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz
Fee: \$20 supplies included.

BEADED STEMWARE

Using wire wrap techniques and glass, metal or natural beads, you'll learn to wire wrap stemware for a unique and personalized look.

Wednesday, August 20, 1:30-3:30pm
Facilitator: Ana Yanez
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: Thursday, August 21, 9:30am –12:30pm
Part II: Thursday, August 28, 11am – Noon
Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck
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, August 26, 6-8pm
Facilitator: Terri McGuire
Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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Crocheted Bottles by Zoe Rhyne

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THANKS AND UPDATES

Thanks go out first to Josh Smith for all his creative and professional work. To Zoe and Grace Rhyne for the long hard volunteer hours they put in doing their new jobs, including successful grant writing. To Richard Michaels who continues to beautify and keep safe the castle grounds and building. Thanks also go out to Glenn Wilby for his ongoing help keeping our outside area clean and attractive. Diane Taylor for handling our emails, Paul Brunelle for docenting the gallery, Lydia Phillips for her tireless labors of love too many to count, to Nancy Martin and Carol Kestler for their valuable mentoring skills and time volunteered, and to Jonathan DuHamel for his terrific work on the Castle Voice. Finally, a special thanks to those people whose financial generosity keep it all happening, you know who you are. In love and Gratitude, Gayle Swanbeck.



NEW FRONT GATE

MORE THANKS

An all-volunteer driven organization can never say thanks often enough, but we try. The gifts of their time and talent are enormous. So thanks go out to the people who made our January Rummage Fair successful. Thanks to the folks who help with each exhibit; shopping for the receptions and preparing the

food, hanging the art works, cleaning the gallery, maintaining the outside yard and facilities. Thanks go out to those who keep the Gallery, the School, and WomanKraft growing and going for almost forty years now. Blessings on you all: Nancy Martin, Zoe Rhyne, Grace Rhyne, Josh Smith, Lydia Phillips, Richard Michaels, Barbara Acchord, Heather Gonneville, Linda Hill, Patty Lyons, Gerrie Young, Diane C. Taylor, Joanne Pritzen, Paul Brunelle, Laura Leighton, Kat Cronn, Shari Murphy, Carol (from the neighborhood) Glenn Wilby, Tess Bedoy and Terri McGuire.

CHANGES

Please note the exhibit Drawing Down the Muse will be closing on May 24, 2014 not May 31, as previously listed.

CONGRATULATIONS ZOE

On January 1, 2014 Zoe Rhyne took over the director ship of our gallery. Her first exhibit: "Fiber, Paper, Metal, Glass" opened and closed to rave reviews all around. The art and its display showed talent and savvy beyond her years. Curating an exhibit is no small responsibility, and at WomanKraft it begins with finding the artist, selecting the works, and creating the shows' identity and theme. Next she must set the show, hang the show with her crew and organize the reception, and then open, maintain, and close the show. Oh, and by the way, all of this is done by volunteers on a next to nothing budget. Zoe, you've trained hard for two years, and it has paid off. Congratulations on the art, the attendance, and the sales. Miss Rhyne's current success, Opened Saturday April 5th with our 22nd Annual Drawing Down the Muse and it runs through May 24.

JANUARY'S RUMMAGE FAIR BOUTIQUE

This two-day affair brought in \$1,189 to our buildings repair and renovations fund. Thanks to all the workers, donations, and buyers that helped make it such a success.

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AUGUST'S RUMMAGE FAIR BOUTIQUE

It's happening again and do we ever have more great 'stuff'! We will continue to collect items until August 12. Call 629-9976 ext. 2 or 3 or Lydia Phillips at 777-5207 for delivery or pick up. We are also seeking volunteers for set up Wednesday, August 13 from 1-5pm and Thursday, August 14, 10am until it's done. The fair will run Friday and Saturday, August 15-16, 8am-4pm. NO EARLY BIRDS. Saturday after 4pm we load all the remaining items and take them to the Westover Swap meet on Sunday morning. After setting up and selling for 4 days, we really could use some fresh help boxing and loading everything. Call or talk with us in person to schedule your commitment: Lydia, Zoe or Gayle.



Leaving the Body by bp

KARAOKE NIGHT AT WOMANKRAFT

February's Karaoke night was sadly cancelled. Terri McGuire, our KJ, was laid low by one of those nasty bugs that have been going around. She's still nurturing her throat and lungs back to health. We wrap you, Terri, in our prayers and healing light. Saturday, June 28, 7-10pm is our next Karaoke Night.

Tickets are \$5.00 Non-Members and \$3.00 Members. Come and check out the fun, be a singer or just sit back and enjoy some munchies and the entertainment.

THE VARIETY SHOW EVENT

Saturday, July 19, 6-10pm is this tri-semester's variety show. They just keep getting better! From six to 7/7:30 is dinner and socializing. Our menu will consist of a delicious organic vegetable and cheese casserole, accompanied by a crisp organic salad, fresh seasonal fruit, tasty French bread, and homemade

desserts. When folks are ready, the floorshow begins and talent reigns supreme for the next hour and a half. The gallery remains open until 10pm for more dessert, beverages, and conversation. Only 20 tickets are sold at \$20.00 each, pre-paid. So reserve your space A.S.A.P! If you have talent you would like to share, call for an audition. Gayle, 629-9976 ext. 2 or Zoe at ext. 3.

ADDICTED TO SUNSHINE

Despite the fact that the Earth seems to be spinning faster, and the days seem to fly by at ever-greater speeds, we are still standing!! Having relocated to an upstairs studio, we have been accumulating experiences, knowledge, and interesting stuff nonstop. Zoe has taken over the Directorship of Exhibits, and is learning how to paint from the ever-so inspiring Gayle. Grace is a dancing fool, and recently celebrated another excellent performance with Safos Dance Theatre. Gracie has been hard at work keeping WomanKraft in all the local publications, making beautiful monthly update flyers, and working on our website. She is also working on her drawing skills with Gayle. Josh is constantly helping us improve and strengthen our beautiful building, working with Gayle to design and execute the beautiful metal work adorning our castle. We are all so grateful for all the incredible opportunities that we have had here. We have learned and grown so much, as artists and as people. We look forward to many more years of being a part of this beautiful dream that has been made a reality.

With an Attitude of Gratitude, Zoe and Grace

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CASTLE

January found the gallery space getting its bi-annual fix-up/dress-up. Holes were patched, walls were painted, floors were cleaned and sealed, windows washed. It's so nice to see that extra sparkle. The School of the Arts was a main focal point: The water-damaged wall was repaired, patching done, fresh paint, new curtains, new oil cloths for our tables, and the floor cleaned and sealed. Finally, all the art was rehung (over 140 Pieces), and it looks fantastic. Few people know that there are three small rooms off the school and for two decades plus, this has been a no-man's land of tools, furniture, supplies, and junk. Junk is there no more, the rooms are clean, and totally

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organized. A new doorway was created to allow access to these rooms from the gallery without entering and disturbing the classroom. Tables, chairs, pillows, occupy one room, another now holds all of our needed tools and hardware and the third is now storage for our Mixed Media Players and the School of the Arts.

Life here just got a whole lot better. Ongoing outdoor renovations now include new front porch handrails continuing the 'winged' motif of the entryway gate. Josh Smith is now working on the front art/security door for the classroom. It is scheduled for installation in April. The front widening of the sidewalk advanced and includes a new flowerbed contained by the mosaic roof tiles completed in our workshops. Look to page 7 for opportunities to come and participate in these workshops. It just keeps looking better and better.

The School of the Arts indoor muraling class did more work on the school's bathroom. Barbara Achord, Leana Rothman, Laura Leighton, Zoe Rhyne and I extended the original design higher on the walls and over the storage shelves. Special kudos to Laura Leighton for the floral design and execution over the storage area. It's all looking so very good. More work will be done in the July 10 and 17 Workshops. Look to page 7 for the details on this free opportunity to learn how to indoor mosaic while you volunteer.

RAFFLE WINNERS

The lucky winners of the November/December 2013 Raffle where Richard Michaels who took home 'The Cave of Wonders' by Zoe Rhyne. Grace Rhyne, who took home the Ayurvedic Facial from the Sanctuary. February/March 2014 winner of both prizes wishes to remain anonymous. He says it's an embarrassment of riches. We think what goes around comes around. Enjoy 'Springtime Explosion!' by Grace Rhyne and the facial. Congratulations!

The April/May Raffle prize is a hand-painted Art Vest Signed by the Artist. Best of luck!

Thank you all for the art donations, and keep on buying those tickets.

Tickets are available during regular gallery hours or call us for more info.

1 Ticket - \$2.00

2 tickets - \$3.00

3 Tickets - \$4.00

Drawing will be Saturday, May 24th. Need not be present to win.



Churea by Ana Yanez

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Brainstorm meeting, on March 26, 2014 had Joanne Pritzen, Grace Rhyne, and Paul Brunelle brainstorming ideas to help attract new and maintain our renewing memberships. Future meetings are planned. If you have interest please call Grace at (520)629-9976 for input or info. We are also looking for a membership coordinator – interested?

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,

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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 check or money order, or better yet come visit us in person! 388 S. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ. Call us at (520)629-9976 with any questions.

HELP AND HINTS

It's almost **mosquito** season! Here are some helpful hints to keep those pesky pests away without the use of chemicals.

Blend 1 + ½ Cups Basil leaves with One Quart of Water.

Strain thoroughly. Spray in a room to repel mosquitoes.

Keep basil, lavender, and rosemary near doorways, patios, etc., it repels mosquitoes. Sprinkle instant coffee, a little goes along way, over standing water to control mosquito larvae or spray mineral oil over standing water to trap mosquitoes that land.

Ants

Sprinkle dry cream of wheat where ants can ingest it, when cereal gets to the stomach, it expands, and the ant dies. Remember, where there are ants there are no termites so having some ants around is a good thing.

GOOD BRUSHES GONE BAD

Good Brushes gone bad is looking for your 'dead' paintbrushes to turn into art. House brushes, art brushes, flats, rounds, big or small, you know the ones. Deliver them to WomanKraft in a plastic bag that seals and we will get them to Tess Bedoy. Come check out her Good Brushes Gone Bad in our April/May exhibit.

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.

THE STAGE

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. 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- Saturday, July 19, 2014, please call 629-9976 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 882-6280.

COMMUNITY NETWORKING

Speak The Speech Theatre's producer/director Dan Reichel and company manager Paul Brunelle thank all of our wonderful friends here at WomanKraft. Since our beginnings, WomanKraft has been a loving support in helping to lay our foundation. I think Linn Lane would be proud. Speak The Speech Theatre plans on mounting two full productions next season, one in October and one in February. For all of those who saw our production(s) of "True West" and "A Company of Wayward Saints" we sincerely thank

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you. There is exciting news about next year's season coming soon. Follow our website at ststheatre.org to keep up with shows and events.

TUCSON PIMA ARTS COUNCIL

WomanKraft was begun almost forty years ago. It has been volunteer powered all this time. We have grown from eight women, using a kitchen as their meeting room, to our current Artist owned Queen Ann Victorian Gem. We have served thousands of artists, audience members, and students, created thousands of dollars in taxable earnings, tens of thousands in property taxes, and have opened our gallery doors to tens of thousands from around the world. At twenty and twenty-two, Grace and Zoe have the chance to grow WomanKraft for another forty years plus. Now, to me, that has always seemed a dream worth living, a community resource worth sustaining, a legacy worth handing on. TPAC grant money has allowed us over the past two years to train Zoe and Grace to one day run WomanKraft. Training continues in grant writing, general operations, and attending to the bookkeeping and other financial paperwork. We will be seeking additional grant opportunities to train in bookkeeping. Current city council is looking to cut the budget and if rumor proves true...DEEPLY! If you are opposed to these type of cuts, call the city council hotline at (520) 791-4700 and become involved in shaping a Tucson that meets your needs and desires. The arts bring millions of dollars to the Tucson economy, yet is always the first to get cut, whether from our schools or our cities. Thank you Tucson Pima Arts Council for a truly fine job. Your support is appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS SAFOS

Congratulations to Safos Dance Theatre for another stunning performance. On April 4th, the WomanKraft group went to see the 5 Year Anniversary performance of Safos Dance Theatre, 'Quinque' featuring WomanKraft's very own Grace Rhyne! Gracie dazzled us all with her fluid movements, expressive features and excellent choreography. The show was beautiful, the dancers lovely and the themes elegantly simple and thought-provoking. We look forward to future performances. For more information, please visit www.safosedance.org.



Freak City by Kat Cronn



Collage by Lonni Lees

SEEN AT THE GALLERY



Collage by Lonni Lees



Hanging Totem by Tess Bedoy



Cactus Sampler by Barbara Schnauss



Spiraling in the Mist by Gayle Swanbeck



Reflections from the Castle



Supplication by Aimy Escoto

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