

# 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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**Hours Wednesday-Saturday, 1:00-5:00pm**

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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, Gayle Swanbeck and

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# Gallery Schedule

Regular Gallery hours: Wednesday – Saturday 1-5pm

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

Receptions: September 6 and October 4, 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 23rd 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.

## **November 7 – December 19, 2015 HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

Receptions: November 7 and December 5, 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 \$1.00- \$100.00. All mediums accepted. Deadline for Submissions: October 23, 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. Please call 629-9976 ext. 2 or 3 to sign up for classes and workshops.

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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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### SEPTEMBER

#### 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!

Wednesday, September 10, 1-5pm

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 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: Thursday, September 11, 9:30am-12:30pm

Part II: Thursday, September 18, 11am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free, supplies included.

#### STAINED GLASS MOSAIC VOTIVES 2 PARTS

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

Part I Friday, September 12, 9:30am -12:30pm

Part II Friday, September 19, 11-NOON

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

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.

Friday, September 12, 1:30-4:30pm

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.

Saturday, September 13, 10-NOON

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$20 supplies included

#### ALL ABOUT THE OCEAN

This is a workshop exploring techniques for drawing and painting waves, ocean wildlife and shells.

Monday, September 15, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

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, September 16, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20.00 plus a supply fee of \$10.00 payable to the instructor.

## CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

### 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, September 19, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

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, September 24, 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, September 26, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

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

### 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. PLEASE NOTE: Class is OFF-SITE. We leave the castle at exactly 1:10pm. Transportation provided.

Tuesday, September 30, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Maria Garcia

Fee: \$20.00 Supplies included.

## OCTOBER

### SKULL OF ROCK

Using smooth, round river stones, we will paint a beautiful Day of the Dead skull face, use your finished art-rock as a doorstop, paperweight, or just decoration!

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

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

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, October 7, 6:30-8:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, October 14, 6:30-8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

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: Wednesday, October 8, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Wednesday, October 15, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 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, October 9, 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20.00 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, October 10, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Friday, October 17, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$20 supplies included



## CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

### **OUTDOOR MURALING 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: Saturday, October 11, 9:30am-12:30pm

Part II: Saturday, October 18, 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free

### **HANDMADE PAPER MASKS**

This is a two for one workshop! first we will learn how to make 100% post recycled handmade paper, and then we will form the paper into a unique mask to decorate into an artful masterpiece.

Tuesday, October 14, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

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, October 21, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe 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 October 21, 6-8pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

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, October 22, 1:30-3:30pm

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, October 24, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

### **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, October 28, 10-NOON

Facilitator: N. Skreko Martin

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

## **NOVEMBER**

### **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, November 4, 6:30-8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

## CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

### **CASCARONES**

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

Wednesday, November 5, 1:30-4pm

Facilitators: Ana Yanez

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: Thursday, November 6, 9:30am - 12:30pm

PART II: Thursday, November 13, 11-NOON

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

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, November 7, 1:30-4:30pm

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.

Saturday, November 8, 1-5pm

Facilitator: Richard Michaels

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

### **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, November 11, 6-9pm

Facilitators: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **COLLAGE MAGNETS**

With the age old art of collage, we will decorate magnets with chosen images to create two 3"x5" one of a kind magnetic decorations!

Wednesday, November 12 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 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, November 14, 9:30am-12:30pm

PART II: Friday, November 21, 11-Noon

Facilitator: Linda K.

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.

Tuesday, November 18, 10-Noon

Facilitator: Jordana Silvestri

Fee: \$20.00 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.

Tuesday, November 18, 1-4pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included





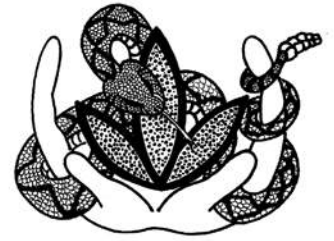
# WE CAN'T SAY THAT

An enormous THANK YOU goes to Arizona Commission on the Arts

Supporters, and all those



The 1918 Queen Ann Victorian, rented chain-link fence included, in all her glory 1991, when WomanKraft purchased. You can hardly see through the driveway Tamarisks....



Security Door by Josh Smith  
Stained Glass Mosaic by Gayle Swanbeck and Zoe Rhyne (School of the Arts Entrance)



The Sanctuary, an all natural hair and body salon, Jordana Silvestri, has been renting with us for the last 20 years.



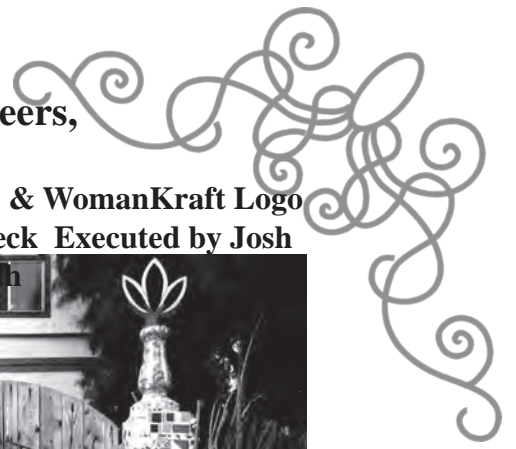
A Variety Show Event - what a wonderful audience!





# THANK YOU ENOUGH!

...s, Tucson Pima Arts Council, the Grand Foundation, all Volunteers,  
...e who made this possible!



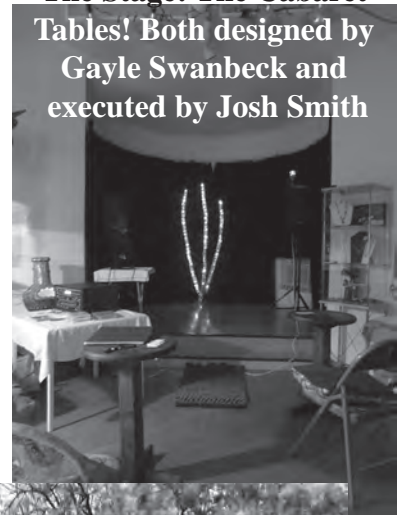
School of the Arts - January 2014 Project.

Handrails, Door Handles & WomanKraft Logo  
Design by Gayle Swanbeck Executed by Josh  
Smith

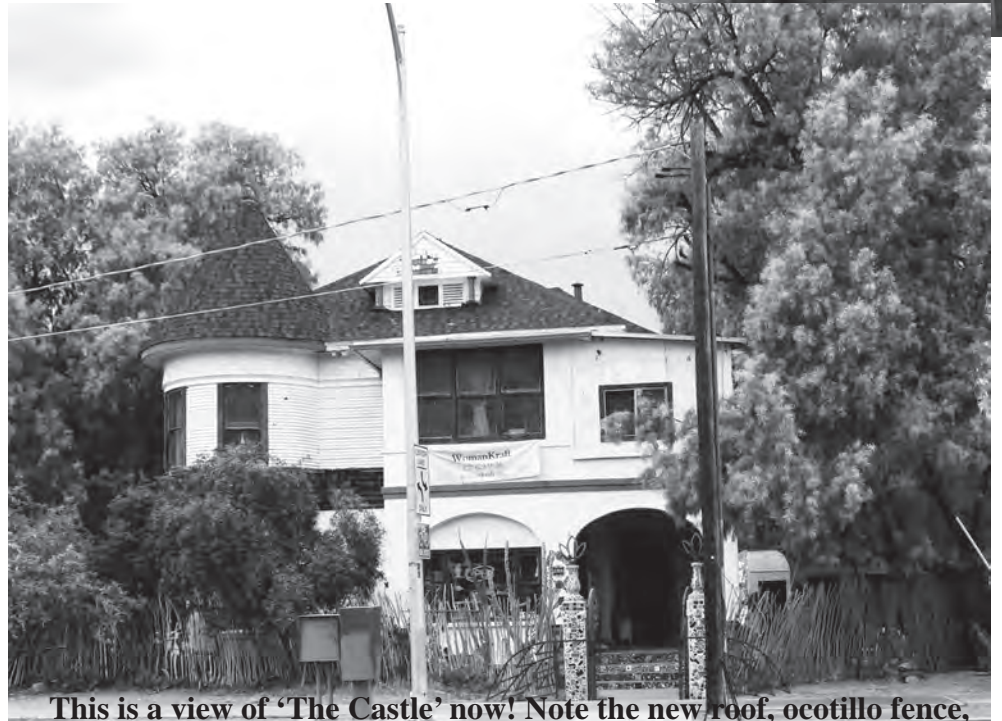


Same view of water damage repair, fresh  
paint and re-hanging of 200+ art works.

The Stage! The Cabaret  
Tables! Both designed by  
Gayle Swanbeck and  
executed by Josh Smith



Another January 2014 Project,  
we cleaned, re-organized and tore  
out a wall in our 3 connecting  
gallery and school closets.



This is a view of 'The Castle' now! Note the new roof, ocotillo fence,  
hand-crafted metal handrails and insignia, banner, and semi-fresh paint job.  
(Hint hint, wink wink we need some paint(ers)!) )

## CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

### **PSYCHEDELIC JELLYFISH**

An interesting and beautiful way to decorate any landscape, come and create your own creature out of antique glass electrical insulators in various shapes colors and sizes.

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

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 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.

Thursday, November 20, 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

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

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Friday, November 21, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

### **WIND CHIMES AND SUNCATCHERS**

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.

Wednesday, November 26, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

## **DECEMBER**

### **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: Tuesday, December 2, 1:30-4:30pm

PART II: Tuesday, December 9, 1:30-4:30pm

PART III: Tuesday, December 16, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

### **PAPER FLOWERS**

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

Wednesday, December 3, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

### **A NEW USE FOR MEXICAN ROOF TILES 2 PARTS**

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Part I Friday, December 5, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II Friday, December 12, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free

### **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, December 12, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **BEADSTRINGING JEWELRY**

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Facilitator: Terri McGuire

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

## CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

### 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, December 17, 1-5pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included



### Seen around the Gallery



### 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!

Friday, December 19, 9am-12:30pm

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**THANKS AND UPDATES BY GAYLE SWANBECK**



What can I say? You're the best! Why? Because you give a gift that is worth more than rubies... your time. Thank you: Jonathan DuHamel, Josh Smith, Zoe Rhyne, Grace Rhyne, Richard Micheals, Lydia Philipps, Nancy

Martin, Paul Brunelle, Gerrie Young, Patty Lyons, Diane Taylor, Kat Cronn, Tess Bedoy, Glenn Wilby, Laura Leighton, Barbara Achord, Terri McGuire, Linda Hill, and Lena Rothman. These folks keep the doors open, the art up, the place clean, improvements made, press releases, the Voice happening, the grounds beautiful, the bills paid, book keeping done, deposits made, art created onsite (murals, garden borders etc.) and you know, there's more... so much more to a place like WomanKraft staying and growing as a Tucson arts center.

Thanks also go out to both Nancy Martin and Deborah Jacobsen for donating Mexican roof tiles to our workshops. Jackie Weiss for donating plants for our rummage fairs, Paul Rhyne for donating the use of his trusty Suburban for all that hauling we ALWAYS need to do. And to all the people who donated their treasures and helped out at our August rummage sale.

**UPDATES**

Eight stained glass mosaic, floral design panels were made by Zoe Rhyne and Gayle Swanbeck, these 8"x10" panels were installed by Josh Smith into his beautiful art/security doors separating the gallery from the upstairs studios and at the entryway to the School of the Arts. Check them out in our fabulous centerfold photo collage, on our website, or in person. Additional improvements by Josh happened inside the building. Both the back hallway and a front craft room were re-painted. The transom above the gallery bathroom was repaired and reset with a stained glass mosaic artwork, repairs were done to some upstairs

studio doors, and new shelves were installed in the hallway closet leading into the classroom. More storage! Now here's my favorite. The small room in the School of the Arts is storage for more than 65 workshops and class supplies. The last time it was seriously cleaned and re-organized was almost 5 years ago. Josh, Zoe, Richard, Grace and I began the giant job of recreating the space into a place of function and beauty. Supplies were purchased, the room was cleaned, Josh built and installed permanent custom designed shelves, everything was cleaned, sorted, sent to the rummage fair, recycled, newly ordered on the shelves, labeled, or tossed. It was tedious, dirty and overwhelming and now.... IT'S WONDERFUL! Special thanks to those special people whose generous contributions made these improvements possible. In love and gratitude, Gayle Swanbeck.

An Original work by our very own Linn Lane inspired in one of our very own Wise Women's Writing Workshop

**Love Heals**

Love heals  
Trust reveals  
The heart centers,  
And glows  
On the warmth  
Of a hot smile  
Love is never too much  
Or too long  
Cause it goes on  
Renewable always  
Sustainable, yes  
To have is to bless.

**STARR MOUNTAIN**

"Starr Mountain", an original play by Linn Lane, produced by the WomanKraft Mixed Media Players as a staged performance and directed by Gayle Swanbeck, is a quirky tale about the exploits and interactions of homeless and inner city people being moved by the government into an upper middle class neighborhood. Characters include Anne, a writer who

has inherited a home from her aunt; Fredonia, a homeless woman being aided by her social worker, Marilyn; an eccentric guy named Newport Bob, not from Newport, and Zaaz, also not from Newport.... Or anywhere else you might be familiar with. Reservations and pre-payment required. Tickets for our 20 seat house go on sale immediately, be one of the lucky ones and sign up now! Ticket prices are \$7 for non-members and \$5 for WomanKraft members.

Saturday, December 13, 7pm doors open at 6:30.  
Sunday matinee, December 14, 2pm doors open at 1:30.

Interested in being a part of this fabulous event?  
For more information on participating and auditions, please call (520) 629-9976 ext. 2 to speak with Director Gayle Swanbeck

**FRIENDS OF WOMANKRAFT, YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.**

**ANN BANNARD**

It is with regret that I report the passing of one of WomanKraft's founding mothers, Ann Bannard. A talented sculptor, Anne was represented in the collections of the Hadley School for the Blind, Coventry Cathedral (England) and the Tucson Museum of Art. She created pieces for the Portland Oregon Zoo, numerous Tucson churches, libraries and museums and for her alma mater, Sweet Briar College. I remember helping Ann, in my studio, to produce the Loaves and Fishes tiles she designed for St. Phillips Episcopal Church. Although Ann had not been active at WomanKraft for many years we thank her for her role in founding WomanKraft and her commitment to helping other artists. Submitted by Nancy Martin

**LUSIA SLOMKOWSKA**

WomanKraft's friend Lusie Slomkowska passed away peacefully on 7/25. Lusie, a well-published poet and writer participated at WomanKraft over the years in

collaborations with Linn Lane, and as a facilitator for Glob-All: Young Polish Women Photographers in 2004. An avid collector of contemporary Tucson artists, Lusie bought artwork from WomanKraft artists and made regular donations. For her obit and memorial service details go to: [www.Legacy.com/Tucson/obituararies.asp](http://www.Legacy.com/Tucson/obituararies.asp)  
Submitted by Nancy Martin

**THANKS AND GIVING PARTY**  
Friday, November 28, 1-5pm

Try some shopping at a local venue this Friday after Thanksgiving. Bring two or more items of non-perishable food for our Tucson Community Food Bank and take 10% off your entire purchase, including workshops. Support our local artists, a local non-profit arts organization, and our local Food Bank all in one enjoyable visit.

**LATER, THAT SAME EVENING**

**KARAOKE NIGHT AT WOMANKRAFT**

What (almost) rhymes with turkey?  
**KARAOKE!**  
Our last karaoke night rocked the house. With excellent (or at least enthusiastic) performances by first timers and veterans alike. Don't miss our next karaoke night, it's ALMOST on Thanksgiving. Karaoke Night will be held Friday, November 28 from 7-10pm  
Suggested Donation : \$5.00 Non-Members, \$3.00 Members

**UPSTAIRS ARTIST STUDIO, SMALL GROUP, OR REHEARSAL SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENT**

A studio has finally come available at WomanKraft. It is an upstairs room, hard wood floors, storage closet, 3 large windows with beautiful natural light, and A/C. This is not a live in space. \$10.00 Hourly Rental or 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 WOMANKRAFT PERFORMANCE SPACE**

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, karaoke, you name it! Please feel free to call us anytime with any questions or for further information. 520-629-9976.

## **CALLING LOCAL PLAYWRIGHTS!**

Do you have an up and coming original work you would like to see on stage? WomanKraft has a fabulous intimate performance space for rent, as well as an upstairs space for possible rehearsals.

**SPEAKING OF LOCAL PLAYWRIGHTS**, Check pages 12 and 13 for upcoming performances!

## **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.

## **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, 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.

VISIT US ONLINE! <http://womankraft.org/>

Our ever-improving website features a beautiful gallery of images of both inside and out of our 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 information on upcoming shows, events, times, addresses, phone numbers and class schedules. And all in a lovely shade of purple!

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.

## **THE JANUARY RUMMAGE FAIR BOUTIQUE**

The January Rummage Fair Boutique will be held Friday, January 16 and Saturday, January 17, 2014 both from 8am-4pm. We are looking for helpers for the event and both set up dates, Wednesday, January 14, 1-5pm and Thursday, January 15, 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.

## NEWS & COMMENTS

### BOARD MEETING

WomanKraft is having our next Board Meeting Saturday, January 10, 2015, 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!

### IT'S OUR BIRTHDAY!!

Saturday, December 6, is another day of multi-events. Open our usual hours are 1–5pm. We'll be re-opening from 7-10 pm. for our second reception of The Holiday Bazaar. At this time cakes and other delights will be added to our already great food table. It's been 23 years since we signed on the dotted line, acquiring our 1918 Queen Ann Victorian, lovingly referred to as 'the Castle'. Come celebrate with us!"

WomanKraft Castle Birthday Wish list:

- white copy paper
- forever stamps
- toilet paper
- paper towels
- napkins
- small paper plates
- white business envelopes
- index cards 3"X5"
- HP-27 Black Ink Cartridge
- And of course, financial donations always help pay the taxes, insurance, and utility bills!

### COMMUNITY NETWORKING

Tucson's Speak The Speech Theatre to Produce:

**An Evening of One Act Plays** Centering on the Theme "to understand and possibly to be understood"...**"The Zoo Story"** by Edward Albee & **"Pillow Talk"** By Peter Tolan.

The plays perform weekends starting October 10, 2014 – October 26, 2014. The performances will be held at our new Theatre: The Community Playhouse, 1881 N. Oracle Rd. Tucson, AZ, Fri. and Sat. Performances at 7:30pm, Sun. at 2pm. Ticket prices vary and will be available September 10th through

our web site: [STSTheatre.org](http://STSTheatre.org) or call (520)-904-8054.  
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