

# 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, and Gayle Swanbeck.

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 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. Come and join us in this celebration of our divine feminine power. 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 11, 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

GALLERY ONLY CLOSED IN JANUARY 2016

**February 6 – March 26, 2016 ART FROM THE HEART**

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

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

Deadline for submissions: January 30, 2016

**April 2- May 28, 2016 DRAWING DOWN THE MUSE**

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

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

Deadline for submissions: March 26, 2016.

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

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

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

Deadline for submissions: May 28, 2016.

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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### JANUARY

#### CUDDL Y CACTUS

Come and create your own piece of the desert while learning needle felting (dry felting) techniques. Completed cacti will be an adorable, huggable, spine-free treat.

Friday, January 2, 1:30-4:30pm

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 Saturday, January 3, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II Saturday January 10, 1:30pm-2:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free

#### 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.

Monday, January 5, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

#### 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!

Part I Tuesday, January 6, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II Tuesday January 13, 1:30pm-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

#### THINK GREEN

We will be creating a unique plant holder using recycled Styrofoam display heads. The heads will be decorated and a potted plant will fit inside, inspiring all who see it to think green!

Wednesday, January 7, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 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, January 27, 6:30-8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### 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, January 28, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez,

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

### WISE WOMEN'S WRITING WORKSHOP

It's still a hit and growing. You can attend one or all four. Learn to tap your infinite wisdom and playfully connect with your inner writer. We'll journal with some writing exercises, topics, and creative surprises.

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

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included or all four for \$40.

### 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.

Saturday, January 31, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

## FEBRUARY

### 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 February 3, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, February 10, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

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.

Wednesday, February 4, 11, and 18, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$30.00 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: Friday, February 13, 9:30am – 12:30pm

Part II: Friday, February 20, 11am-Noon

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### MOSAIC GARDEN STONES 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, February 13, 1:30-4:30pm

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

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

### ALPHABET SOUP

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

Saturday, February 14, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

### 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.

Tuesday, February 17, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### BEADSTRINGING JEWELRY

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

Tuesday, February 17, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire,

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

### 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.

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

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

Facilitator: Maria Garcia

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### 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, February 25, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

### WISE WOMEN'S WRITING WORKSHOP

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

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

## MARCH

### HANDMADE PAPER CARDS

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

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

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee" \$20 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 collage will be the background. Where it goes from there is up to you. It's fun and rewarding.

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

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

### EGG-CELLENT!

Come and decorate a pre-hollowed egg with beautiful designs in a variety of media. Why let Fabergé have all the fun? Cholla wood will be provided as a stand for each unique piece of art.

Friday, March 6, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

### PIGGY BANKS WITH PURPOSE

Using a recycled jar, decorate a money bank with images and ideas while focusing on your financial aspirations.

Tuesday, March 10, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### CLEANING EMOTIONAL HOUSE

Start with meditation, select and cut images that attract your attention, in free flow you'll paste your images down. That which has been brewing on the subconscious level is revealed. Through sharing and discussion gain insights.

Tuesday, March 10, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20.00 Supplies included.

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### **FUN WITH YUPO PAPER**

Using watercolors, you'll have a chance to play on this unique "erasable paper". Takes the pressure off of "ruining" your painting because if you don't like it, you wash it off and start again. It's also a good time to pick up handy watercolor techniques so you can enjoy the medium even more.

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

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

### **MOSAIC RESIN PLATES 2 PARTS**

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

Part I: Friday, March 13, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Friday, March 20, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K.

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: Saturday, March 14, 1:30pm-4:30pm

Part II: Saturday, March 21, 1:30pm-4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free

### **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, March 17, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Jordana Silvestri

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, March 18, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Wednesday, March 25, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20 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, March 24, 6:30-8:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, March 31, 6:30-8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

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

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

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

### **PERSONAL TOUCHES**

You'll be able to make several electric switch and/or outlet covers using collage images and exotic handmade papers to customize this unique functional end product.

Saturday, March 28, 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

## **APRIL**

### **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, April 7, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

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

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### **MIXING COLORS**

Here's a chance to learn all the basics and intricacies of the color wheel. It's easy, it's fun, come and join us.

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

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **TIE DYE FOR BEGINNERS**

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

Friday, April 10, 1:30pm-3:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K

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.

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

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

### **WATER COLOR COLLAGE 2 PARTS**

Create unique patterns, while learning many watercolor techniques, then tear, cut, and collage your patterns into works of art.

Part I: Wednesday, April 15, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Wednesday, April 22, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

### **MOSAIC FLOWER POTS 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, April 16, 9:30am-12:30pm

Part II: Thursday, April 23, 11:00am-Noon

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

### **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, April 17, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

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, April 21, 10am-NOON

Facilitator: N. Skreko Martin

Fee: \$20.00 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, April 21, 6-8pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

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

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Friday, April 24, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

### **APRIL FLOWERS**

Here's a chance to learn some helpful techniques drawing flowers, plants, and trees. What we'll focus on will be tailored to the needs and wants of the attending students. So whether it's a cactus bloom, a climbing vine, or a flowering tree, the answers are one workshop away.

Saturday, April 25, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.



## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### 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.

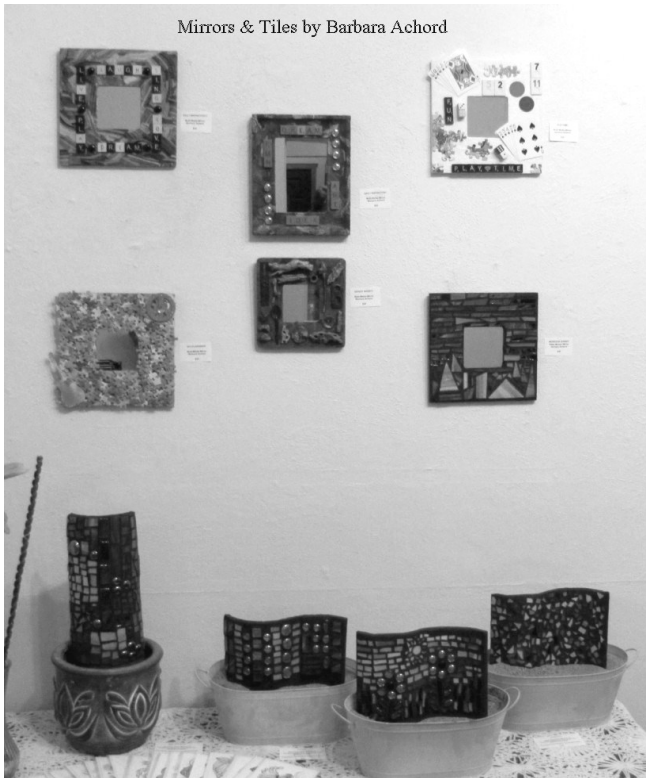
Tuesday, April 28, 1:30pm-4:30pm

Facilitator: Richard Michaels

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



PODpourri 4 by Lonni Lees



Mirrors & Tiles by Barbara Achord



Scary window? Photo by Jonathan DuHamel



## NEWS & COMMENTS

### THANKS AND UPDATES BY GAYLE

Many changes, repairs, and improvements have happened here at WomanKraft in the last tri-semester of 2014. School of the Arts workshops produced over 20 mosaic roof tiles to continue bordering our front walkways and flowerbeds. New flowerbeds were created on both sides of the front porch staircase and under the front picture window. Two new Rosemary bushes were planted out front, along with a Dwarf Saint John's Bottlebrush, donated plants green up the area running back to Studios 102 and 103, and the back garden areas now have a variety of spices, herbs and cacti.

Another long length of old sidewalk was pulled and new cement poured to safely level the walk and widen it for handicap accessibility. Indoors we've installed a new set of Cholla lights in the front craft room windows, continuing the outdoor lighting motif. Josh Smith designed and built four boxes with hinged lids for our recyclables. (One in the School of the Arts, two in the gallery, and one for the Sanctuary.) Zoe, Grace, and myself collaged and mulberry papered them. I do believe we have the best looking recycle bins in Tucson, though I confess my bias. Along with our new bins, I went after the three waste baskets in the School and mulberried their faded glory into renewed beauty and more years of service. Why throw it in the landfill when a little bit of time and creativity can turn it into an artistic conversation piece?

Our big project under way is the front fence. The old ocotillo fence has been slowly dying off and no longer serves its purpose of security or beauty. The new fence is all metal and continues the wing design of the front handrails. With some of the metal pieces coming in at twelve feet, Josh has been challenged creating new jigs and extending his work table to handle the sheer size of the panels. It's going to be beautiful! Also purchased for the building is a thirty-two foot extension ladder. As Josh was installing our new security lights, it became quite evident to me that our forty-year old ladder had become a liability. With the outside paint job coming up, there was no way our people were going up on something less than the best. We found a Black and Decker at Lowes being discontinued for the 2015 models. Add that sale price to an additional Black

Friday 20% off and we saved over \$200 on a \$400 ladder.

Finally, let me say that thanks go out again this year to all the people who have contributed so generously to our building fund. We are constantly hearing from people how much safer they feel with the new sidewalks, handrails, and steps. They all compliment us on the beauty of the improvements and how fast they are happening, and I point out that all the best intentions in the world can't buy paint, mortar, metal, etcetera, it takes cash. So once again, thank you for your incredible kindness, thank you for believing in us and our mission here at WomanKraft. You know who you are. In love and gratitude, Gayle Swanbeck

### RICHARD GRAND MEMORIAL MEADOW

Tucson Audubon's Paton Center for Hummingbirds proudly dedicated a section of its beautiful grounds in memory of Richard Grand, a longtime friend and supporter of WomanKraft. Richard Grand began supporting the School of the Arts in 1979. His wife Marcia, and daughter Cindy generously carry on the tradition today through the Grand Foundation. The dedication of the meadow took place the first weekend in December, with bird watching tours and presentations by Tucson Audubon society members. The Paton Center for Hummingbirds in Patagonia is Arizona's most reliable site for Violet Crowned Hummingbirds. Congratulations Tucson Audubon for preserving and enjoying such an important natural wonder. This lovely meadow is a beautiful way to honor his memory for years to come. Thank you. For more information, please contact [Kashley@tucsonaudubon.org](mailto:Kashley@tucsonaudubon.org) or visit The Paton Center For Hummingbirds at 477 Pennsylvania Ave, Patagonia Arizona

### HELLO, MY NAME IS...

There have been several suggestions made in regards to having our artists wear name tags at our receptions so that people have a chance to see "who's who" while walking around. So artists, consider this an opportunity to show off your creative stuff. We encourage all of our artists (and anyone else who wants to join the fun) to create and wear a name tag for our next reception. As long as we can read your

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name, anything goes. Be as simple or as sparkly as you like. We look forward to seeing your handiwork at our upcoming receptions.

### **THANKS TO TUCSON PIMA ARTS COUNCIL**

A special thanks goes to TPAC for funding some much appreciated upgrades and training here at WomanKraft. The latest grant allowed us to purchase a new printer/copier, which works beautifully, as well as an external hard drive for added storage space and back up storage for all of our important computer stuff. The grant also made possible over 200 hours of paid training for Grace and Zoe “the Next Generation” of WomanKraft. The girls have been logging hours learning all about grant and proposal writing, filing the reports to go along with that, as well as important business skills including filing our 990’s and 1099’s. They have now written and been awarded five out of five grants. Go girls go! Thank you TPAC for making this possible!

### **WOMANKRAFT ON FACEBOOK**

Well it finally happened. Thanks to our lovely artist, member and volunteer, Kat Cronn, WomanKraft now has a fully functioning and updated Facebook page! We are excited about the opportunity to reach more people and new audiences. Check us out and share us with your friends.

<https://www.facebook.com/womankraft>.

Thank you Kat!!

### **MORE THANKS AND UPDATES**

Our August Rummage Fair was a huge success with over \$2,000 raised. Thank you to Jennifer Faulk-Harkins, Zoe and Grace Rhyne, Josh Smith, Lydia Phillips, Nancy Martin, Gayle Swanbeck, Richard Michaels, Diane Taylor, Barbara Achord, Lonni Lees, Joanne Pritzen, Paul Brunelle Linda Hill, David Craig, Cathy and Ron Platt, Carla Turco, Shari Murphy, Paul Rhyne, Kat Cronn, Joy Holdread, Paul Scott, and Don for all your help with set up, sales, and tearing down. It’s a huge event, and we are so grateful for the great donation items, and your time. Thanks to all those who attended!

Thanks go to Jackie Weiss for donating plants for our August Rummage Fair.

Thank you to Manny Aquino for donating Mexican roof tiles for our workshops.

And a sincere thank you to Wayne and Marty Lane, Linn Lane’s relatives in Colorado, for their generous ongoing support, we love you guys!

Thank you to Jonathan DuHamel for his endless patience and hardwork while helping us with the Castle Voice.

Thank you to Diane Taylor for doing our Mailchimp email updates for so long, as well as writing an informative article about WomanKraft for the Sonoran Arts Network. You can check it out at: <http://www.sonoranartsnetwork.net/womankraft-by-diane-c-taylor.html>

Grace Rhyne is adding this to her ‘Many hats worn’ list. Thank you Gracie!

Thank you to all who attended our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pumpkin Carving pARTy, and especially to The Sanctuary, the Gallery, and The School of the Arts for supplying fabulous 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes.

Thank you goes out to Grace Rhyne, Gayle Swanbeck, Josh Smith, Kat Cronn, Ron Platt, Kathy J., Laura Leighton, Nancy Martin and Gerrie Young for help with the planning, hanging, cleaning, shopping and preparing for our September/October Exhibit, and an equally enormous thank you to Grace Rhyne, Gayle Swanbeck, Patty Lyons, Josh Smith, Gerrie Young and Paul Brunelle for help with the November/ December Exhibit.

**Karaoke Night** was a blast the day after Thanksgiving, with our best turnout yet and many new voices joining onstage. The sing-alongs were fantastic! We cannot say thank you enough to our beloved KJ and vocal goddess Terri McGuire for supplying the equipment and stylings. **Our next Karaoke Night will be Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 7-10pm. \$5.00 Non-Members, \$3.00 Members.** Don’t miss it!

Our **December Reception** was a multi-event evening, celebrating the 24th birthday of acquiring our beautiful building, as well as the second

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reception for the Holiday Bazaar, and the 40th year as an Arizona non-profit! Zoe Rhyne made a strawberry cake to decorate the table with other celebratory goodies, and we had nearly \$3,500 in board member donations! The most sincere, heart felt thank you – you know who you are. Thank you to all who contributed, to our Castle wish list, financially or otherwise, including but not limited to Lorna Ross, Margaret and Dennis Fessenmyer, Roberta Gayle, Nancy Martin, Debra Jacobsen, Norma Watson, and Gayle Swanbeck.

**Raffle** - Thank you to our Art Raffle Donors- David Craig for donating his ‘Desert Rose in Green’ for September/October Raffle, Richard Michaels was very happy to have won. Thank you also to Lydia Phillips for donating her ‘Wake Up Call’ Oil Stick for the November/December Raffle which will be drawn December 20 so hurry in to get your tickets while the time lasts!

**Tickets are 1 ticket for \$2.00**

**2 tickets for \$3.00**

**3 Tickets for \$4.00.**

February/March Raffle will be a Stained Glass Decorative Vase by Donna Royal.

The April/May Raffle will be an exclusive signed print of the iconic ‘Songlines...Dreaming the World’ colored pencil masterpiece by Gayle Swanbeck.

### **DIRECTOR THANKS BY ZOE RHYNE**

After 2 years of hands-on training from our lovely Ms. Swanbeck, I am thrilled to have been officially appointed Director of Exhibits here at WomanKraft. It has truly been an amazing experience. Coming up with show themes, selecting art, getting to know the artists, old and new, hanging the show... It has all been a dream come true! Thank you all for your ongoing support and participation. I look forward to many more years of beautiful art and interaction. Thank you to Gayle for your patience and faith in me, I will do my very best to keep up WomanKraft’s tradition of fabulous art and a creative, supportive environment. I had never imagined being able to accomplish something so wonderful, and I am so excited to continue

learning and growing and helping others realize their dreams like I have realized mine. Thank you!

### **NEW MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR**

The position has been filled! Thanks to our lovely volunteer, Barbara Achord, who has taken on the position of Membership Coordinator! Our membership list will be updated continuously and members will be reminded when they are due to renew. It’s an important job, and we are very pleased to have it in such capable hands. Thank you Barbara!

### **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.

### **BOARD MEETING**

WomanKraft is having our next Board Meeting Saturday, January 10, 2015 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. 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!

### **THE JANUARY RUMMAGE FAIR BOUTIQUE**

Don’t miss our next fabulous sale. The January Rummage Fair Boutique will be held **Friday, January 16 and Saturday, January 17, 2015** both from 8am to 4pm. We are looking for helpers for the event and both set up dates, **Wednesday, January 14, 1-5pm and Thursday, January 15,**

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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.

### STAAR MOUNTAIN

Well, once again our staged reading has been postponed. This time it was a nasty flu bug that struck down 7 out of the 9 cast members within a week! Rather than push through a mediocre performance, we have decided to postpone the reading until April, so that we can give it the attention and energy a good performance deserves. Don't miss this whimsical adventure, coming soon to a WomanKraft near you!

“Staar Mountain”, an original play by Linn Lane, produced by the WomanKraft Mixed Media Players as a staged performance and directed by Dan Reichel and co-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!

**Saturday April 18, 7:00 pm doors open at 6:30**

**Sunday April 19, matinee, 2:00 pm 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 Co-Director Gayle Swanbeck.



Studio for rent

### STUDIO 102 FOR RENT

One of our fabulous studios has become available for rent once again. This ground level charmer, located adjacent to our WomanKraft building is an excellent environment for any one looking for a creative space. Studio is complete with closet space and it's own bathroom. \$250 a month, 1<sup>st</sup> and last months' due at time of signing contract. 24 hour access (though it's not a live-in space and smoke free), utilities included. Call or come by for more information. (520) 629-9976. Wednesday–Saturday 1–5pm.

### ARTIST STUDIO, SMALL GROUP, OR REHEARSAL SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENT

An upstairs studio has finally become available at WomanKraft. It has hardwood 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 and smoke free. Call (520) 629-9976 ext. 1 or 2 for appointments and information.

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### 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.

### COMMUNITY NETWORKING

Safos Dance Theatre is happy to announce the premiere of "Dancing the Mural", a site specific dance theatre performance in South Tucson, along with the unveiling of the community mural. Choreographers from throughout the region will create 7 new pieces based on the images in the mural. The show will feature a piece on a classic 1965 Chevy C10, a piece with water honoring the first integrated pool in the Tucson area, a community piece featuring South Tucson senior citizens as the main performers, and many others. We are very excited! For more information and tickets, please call (520) 481-1656 or visit [www.safosdance.org](http://www.safosdance.org)

The performance will be Friday March 27 and Saturday, March 28 at 7pm

If you would like to attend with the WomanKraft group, please call (520) 629-9976.

### SPEAK THE SPEECH THEATRE REVIEW ZOO STORY

Ken Beider and Anthony Auriemma captured and held our attention with this dramatic one act play by Edward Albee. The dialogue was intriguing and had us all rethinking what a casual encounter in the park can really do to a person. It was a white-knuckle roller coaster of emotions and reactions, good work gentlemen! During a brief intermission, the audience was able to discuss the performance and prepare for the next one act of the afternoon, Pillow Talk.

PILLOW TALK provided a nice contrast with both David Wang and Eric Everts using their comedic timing and facial expressions to get us all laughing. While the play had us all giggling and laughing out loud, it also dealt with some very real feelings about the situation of two men sleeping in the same bed in a plutonic sense. Overall, the acting was very good, the sets convincing, and the performances passionate. Well done Speak the Speech, we look forward to more upcoming shows.

Speak the Speech's next play will be *The Lion in Winter* by James Goldman, Directed by: Ken Beider and produced by: Dan Reichel.

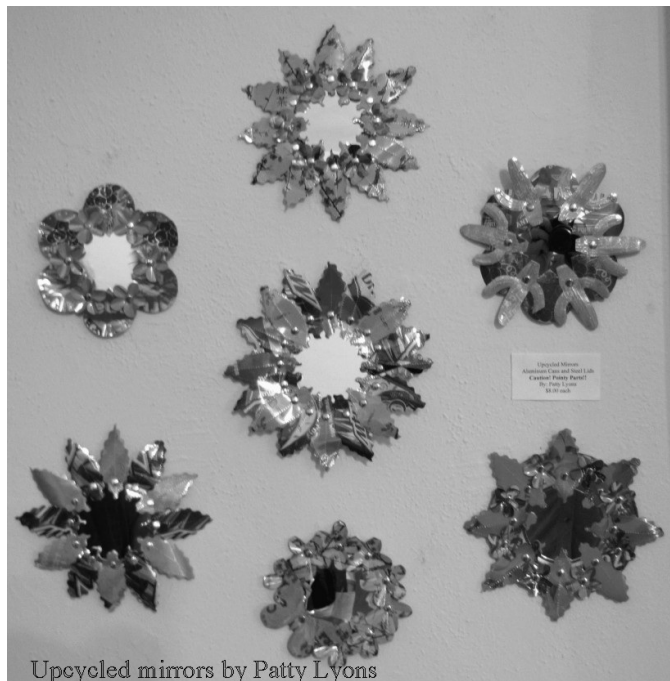
For more information and upcoming events please call Dan Reichel at (520)883-0976 or visit [www.STSTheatre.org](http://www.STSTheatre.org)



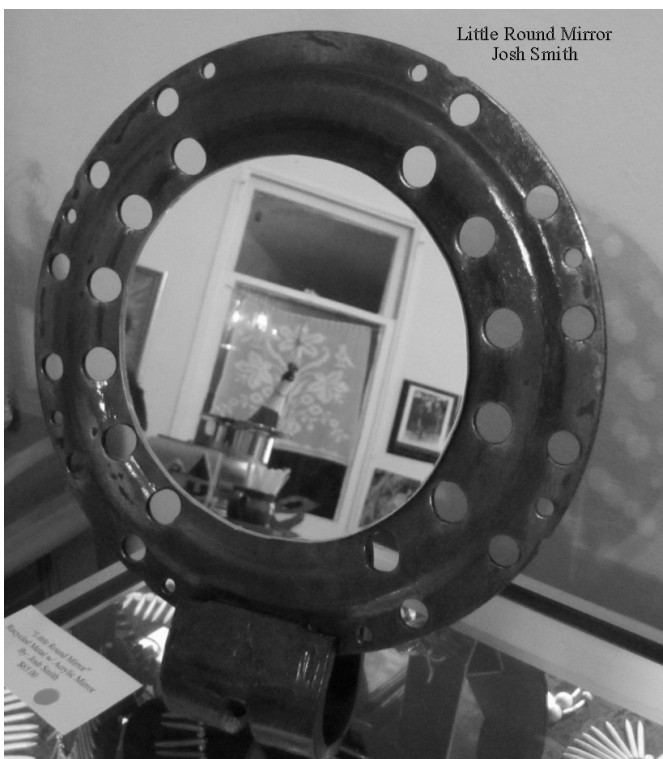
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