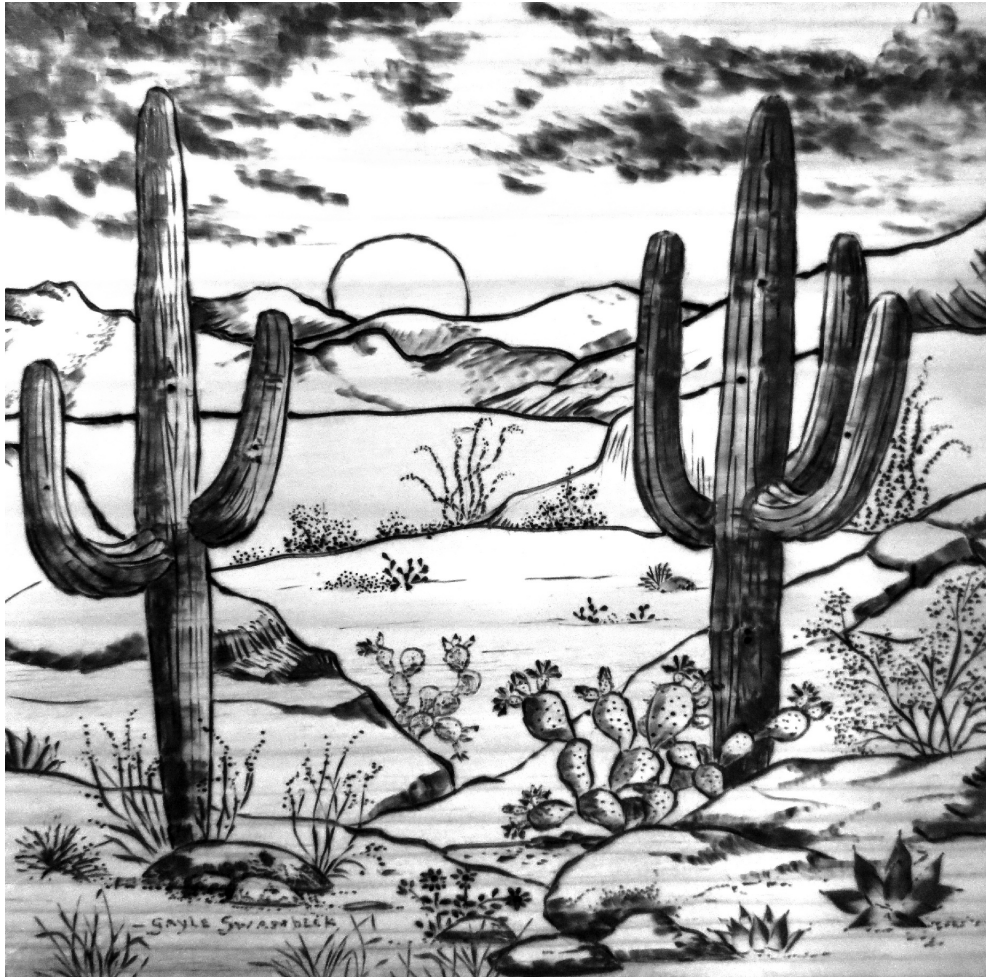


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“Beginning Spring” wood burning by Gayle Swanbeck

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Castle Voice

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

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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

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

Reception: May 2, 2015, 7-10pm

This is our 23rd Annual Women's only exhibit by and for local women artists.

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.

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

NEW

PARTS R PARTS

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

Monday, May 4, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.



DRY FELT 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.

Thursday, May 7, 10-Noon

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included

OUTDOOR MURALING 2 PARTS

We'll be working on two areas one mosaicing, the other painting. You can learn how to design and execute your own mural while enhancing Womankraft. Come for one or both.

Part I: Tuesday, May 5, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, May 12, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: free

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, May 6th, 1:30-3:30 PM

Part II: Wednesday, May 13th, 1:30-3:30 PM

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

SHADOW BOXES

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

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

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.



CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

NEW

DRAWING BIRDS

It's International Migrating Bird Day, so let's learn how to draw our fine feathered friends. First learn the simple techniques of drawing a bird, then pick up ways to include the details of feet, feathers, and head.
Saturday, May 9, 9:30AM-12:30pm
Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck
Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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, May 27,
1:30-4:30pm
Facilitators: Grace and Zoe 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.



Thursday, May 28, 9:30am-12:30pm
Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne
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, May 29, 1:30-3:30pm
Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis
Fee: \$20 supplies included

JUNE

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.

Tuesday, June 2, 1:30-4:30pm
Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne
Fee: \$20 supplies included.



ACRYLIC PAINTING AND MULBERRY PAPER 3 PARTS

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



Part I: Thursday, June 4, 9:30am-12:30pm
Part II: Thursday, June 11, 9:30am-12:30pm
Part III: Thursday, June 18, 9:30am-12:30pm
Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck
Fee: \$30.00 supplies included.

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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, June 9, 1:10/1:30 – 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, June 10, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

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

Part II: Friday, June 19, 11am-Noon

Facilitator: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

MOSAIC GARDEN STEPPINGSTONE 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, June 12, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Friday, June 19, 1:30 – 2:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$20 supplies included

PRISMACOLOR PENCILS AND ABSTRACT ART

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

Tuesday, June 16, 6-9pm

Facilitators: Terri McGuire

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, June 17, 1:30 –4:30pm

Part II: Wednesday, June 24, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

NEW

HANDMADE PAPER MASKS 2 PARTS

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 masks, then the second part of the workshop you will decorate this handmade masterpiece.

Part I: Saturday, June 20, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Saturday, June 27, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee" \$20 Supplies included.



ADVANCED TIE DYE

This workshop offers its 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, June 23, 10am-Noon

Facilitator: N. Skreko Martin

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

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Friday, June 26, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

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

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

JULY

NEW

DECORATIVE CONTAINERS 2 PARTS

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

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

Part II: Wednesday, July 8, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

ONCE JUNK TREASURE BOXES

Using old cigar and jewelry boxes, bring some old knick knacks, and use some of ours to paint and decorate a unique box into a magical treasure chest!

Friday, July 3, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 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, July 6, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

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, July 7, 1:30 – 3:30pm

Facilitator: Jordana Silvestri

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

NEW

ORIGAMI PAPER CRANES

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

Thursday, July 9, 10am-Noon

Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

NEW

AFFIRMATION CHAINS

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

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

Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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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, July 14, 6-8pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

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, July 16, 9:30am-12:30pm

Part II: Thursday, July 23, 11am-Noon

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 Supplies included.

MOSAIC RESIN FRAMES 2 PARTS

You'll be designing and executing a mosaic on a picture frame (5"x7") in the first part and in the second sealing it with a thin coat of resin. It's a way to turn the ordinary into the extraordinary.



Part I: Friday, July 17, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Friday, July 24, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitators: Linda K

Fee: \$20.00 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: Saturday, July 18, 10am-Noon

Part II: Saturday, July 25, 10am-Noon

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

A NEW USE FOR MEXICAN ROOF TILES 2 PARTS



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

Part I: Wednesday, July 22, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Wednesday, July 29, 1:30 -2:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free

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Friday, July 31, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

AUGUST

PAPER FLOWERS

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

Wednesday, August 5,
1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.



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NEW

FIBER FLOWER BROOCHES

Using pre-cut felt petals and leaves, along with buttons and beads, Create unique flowers with minimal sewing, attach it to a pin, and voila! A one of a kind beautiful blossom brooch.

Friday, August 7, 1:30-4pm

Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

NEW

HERE KITTY KITTY

Using charcoal and paper you'll learn how to use basic geometric shapes to create a correct outline for cats domestic or wild. You'll also learn techniques for hair, eyes, markings, and shadings. If you love cats and drawing, you'll love this workshop!

Monday, August 10, 6 –9 PM

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

HANDMADE GLYCERIN SOAP

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Tuesday, August 11, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

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, August 11, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

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

NEW

MOSAIC RIVER STONES 2 PARTS

Learn the techniques to make your very own mosaic art piece on a river rock. Learn to use glass and color to add whimsy to your yard or garden, use it as a door stop, or a paper weight!

Part I: Tuesday, August 18, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, August 25, 1:30- 2:30pm

Facilitator: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

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, August 18, 6:30-8:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, August 25, 6:30-8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

NEW

ARTISTIC NAME TAGS

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

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

Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: 20.00 Supplies included.

BEGINNING TIE DYE

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

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

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$20 supplies included

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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. Come to one or both.

Part I: Saturday, August 22, 9:30am-12:30pm

Part II: Saturday, August, 29 , 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free

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, August 26, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

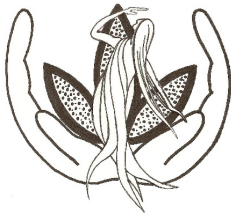
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Friday, August 28, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included



Crash Glass Mosaic Votive by Linda K



Buddha Shrine by Lonni Lees

NEWS & COMMENTS

THANKS AND UPDATES BY GAYLE SWANBECK

Our January 10th board meeting found all current board members still willing to serve. An anonymous donation will allow Jill Reese to research the historical facts on our beautiful 1918 Queen Ann Victorian building, laying ground work for future grant opportunities and possibly some tax relief.

Our January Rummage Fair took in \$1,603.50 and this year joins other donations to meet the increase we're suffering in taxes and insurance rates. Please remember when casting your vote at the polls that when funding gets cut to the arts and to education organizations like ours face the reality of that budget deficit. When Tucson Pima Arts Council is given only enough funds to grant not 60 but 26 organizations money, and we must compete with the likes of the Tucson Museum of Art, it is our little organization that sees no money, not TMA. It is not TMA's or TPAC's fault; it is the fault of a government that cannot grasp a basic reality. For every \$0.50 invested in the arts our economy sees a \$1.00 return. The arts are vital to our National economy, not the myth of artists feeding at "the public troughs." When you're traveling through our city look hard at all the beauty brought to you through the arts; murals, sculptures, streetcar and bus stops, bridges... now, if you can imagine, no art, but gray cement, gray blocks, gray benches, and no art. To contact Governor Doug Ducey about the devastating budget cuts, call (602) 542-4331.

For all the people who helped raise that \$1,603.50 thanks go out to you from our hearts: Lydia Phillips, Grace Rhyne, Zoe Rhyne, Josh Smith, Richard Michaels, Linda Hill, Joanne Pritzen, Laura Leighton, Barbara Achord, Nancy Martin, Carla Turco, Emily and Patricia, Gerrie Young and all the people who donated items and those who came to buy them.

We now have, thanks to Grace Rhyne, a monthly event flyer. Ask for it when you don't want a whole hardcopy of the Castle Voice, or pick one up after hours from the

new dispenser, designed, built and installed by Josh Smith. It is located on the fence to the left of our front gate. Beautiful, functional, and waterproof. Also check out the QR code on the flyer, linking to our Facebook page which is now kept up by Kat Cronn, who celebrated her 1st year anniversary as an artist and member at WomanKraft in April. Thanks!

Zoe and I tackled a reorganizing of the School of the Arts bathroom storage area – tossing, sorting and passing on to the January Rummage Fair all the extras. Grace went after the hallway storage area, reorganizing all of the magazines and calendars we use in all our collaging workshops and projects. Also done were the cloth, ribbon, and miscellaneous craft material drawers, shelves, and bins. It looks great.

The new front fence is over half completed. Josh has installed all the front panels to the South of our front gate, all the dead ocotillo fencing in the area has been removed, and the trees and cacti trimmed back. Each 8 foot panel is a masterpiece composed of 112 welds, 40 pieces of metal with more than 1,000 welds to complete the fence so far. The results are beautiful and impressive. He is now working on the North sections.

We've created 10 more roof tiles in the School of the Arts workshops and this will allow Josh to extend the sidewalk and garden beds by one more section. Bit by bit the beauty keeps happening.

Studio 102 has undergone some major restorations as well. The ceiling, damaged years ago by rain and age, was hidden beneath cheap fake panels and later suspended cloth, it has now been re-plastered, the walls patched and repainted along with all the trim. Repairs are still needed in the bathroom and will be finished shortly. A huge heartfelt thank you to those people who's donations have made these renovations and improvements happen, you know who you are.

In the gallery, walls were patched, spot painted, and the floors striped and redone. Glen Wilby also managed to remove a tree blocking our front windows

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in the main gallery room, and threatening the foundation.

February/March and April/May exhibit thanks go out to the people for making the shows happen: Zoe Rhyne, Grace Rhyne, Josh Smith, Kat Cronn, Patty Lyons, Linda Hill, Gerrie Young, Diane Jackson, Rachel Pace, Paul Brunelle, and Nancy Martin.

Barbara Achord has taken over the position of Membership Coordinator, with great results. Between her organizing the mail/membership list, contacting members with a gentle reminder and Zoe's efforts to have new artists become members, our numbers are growing steadily each month. Congratulations women.

Thanks also goes out to Grace Rhyne for all the amazing work she is doing with our website, publicity, Mailchimp emails, and photo documentation. At 18 years of age Grace took over the job of Executive Director of WomanKraft and in her 3 years has grown into the job and grown WomanKraft. She has taken on enormous responsibilities and does not disappoint. You are filling some very big shoes left by Linn Lane's death. Thank you.

January was another year's anniversary for Zoe Rhyne in the position of Director of Exhibits. She has shouldered a very big job and has done it beautifully. Each show surpasses the last and our current exhibit for April/May Drawing Down the Muse is in my estimation the best Muse exhibit ever. These two women are forces of Art and Nature, and with the enormous help and skills of Josh Smith are the hope and future of WomanKraft. If you have a moment, don't forget to thank them too.

-In Love and Gratitude, Gayle Swanbeck

KARAOKE NIGHT

Karaoke Night was a blast in February, with our best turnout yet and many new voices joining on-stage. 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, June 27 from 7-10pm, \$5 Non-Members, \$3 Members. Don't miss it!**

GAYLE'S LAMENT

A POEM BY PAT WOHLER

When my coffee pot is empty,
I start feeling kind of low.
My nerves begin to tingle
But I have nowhere to go.

I can feel my toenails itching,
And I am feeling kind of mean.
It's hard to feel compassion
When you're body screams caffeine.

Next my palette knife's a weapon
And my eyes are seeing stars.
While my hair begins to frizzle
Like a creature straight from Mars.

Before I go ballistic
Hope falls within my reach.
A chocolate covered coffee bean
I crush between my teeth.

The elixir fills my taste buds,
I am soaring through the skies.
While wonders of the universe
Unfold before my eyes.

So when the days seems dark and gloomy,
And your pot has let you down
Pop these little chocolate wonders
And you'll have no need to frown.

(Besides, everything is better with chocolate).

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DIRECTOR OF EXHIBITS THANKS BY ZOE RHYNE

It seems like only yesterday, my sister Grace and I were entering our first show here at WomanKraft. I can remember how exciting that feeling was! Our very first real art show! Our art was hanging on the walls at a gallery and people were coming to see it! Even though we are now seasoned WomanKraft veterans, every show is just as exciting. Through the position of Director of Exhibits I get to see the same “first show” light in many artists’ eyes when they discover WomanKraft for the first time and get a glimpse at the endless creative opportunities provided here. I love being a part of this important moment again and again. Art is our common language here, and it is amazing how many people speak it. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helps make these shows a reality; participating artists, people coming to help hang the show, clean the gallery, help with yard work, put out publicity, inviting friends, buying art, taking classes, becoming members... I could go on forever! Let’s continue this beautiful artistic endeavor together for many years to come.

RUMMAGE FAIR

The August Rummage Fair will be held **Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15, 2015 both from 8am to 4pm.** We are looking for helpers for the event and both set up dates, Wednesday, August 12, 1-5pm and Thursday, August 13, 10am until done. After working the sale, we could really use some fresh help boxing up the remainders to take to the Swap Meet, starting at 4 pm on Saturday, August 15. **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. Remember, we collect throughout the year for our next Boutique, in January 2016.

BOARD MEETING

WomanKraft is having our next Board Meeting Saturday, August 8, 2015 from 10am-12pm. Board members will gather to discuss the goings on at WomanKraft and make important decisions. Coffee and bagels will be served. Minutes from the board meeting will be available upon request. See you there board members!

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF WOMANKRAFT?

For only \$30 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.

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.

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

An upstairs studio has finally come available at WomanKraft. It has hard wood floors, storage closet, 3 large windows with beautiful natural light, and A/C. This is a smoke free space and is not a live in space. \$10 Hourly Rental and weekly rates available. 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.

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, first and last months' due at time of signing contract. 24 hour access (though it's not a live-in space) and utilities included. Smoke free. Call or come by for more information. (520) 629-9976. Wednesday–Saturday 1–5pm.

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.

NAME TAGS!!

Well, the artists name tags have been fantastic! Artists are getting creative (imagine that!) And coming up with some excellent examples. Let's keep up the good work. Artists, keep making name tags, and don't forget them on our reception Saturdays! If you are interested in taking a workshop specifically for making these name tags in a supportive creative environment, **check out our class opportunity on page 9.**



CLEAN UP DAY AT THE CASTLE

Come show your support on Monday, July 13th starting at 1pm and join us here at WomanKraft for a day of yard work, dusting, cleaning, trimming, sweeping, organizing, moving, and helping us keep this castle beautiful! WomanKraft is 100% volunteer driven, and this is a great opportunity for anyone to come down and show their support. Any and all help is appreciated. Please call (520) 629-9976 to sign up, and for more details.

COMMUNITY NETWORKING

SAFOS DANCE THEATRE

Zoe Rhyne's Non-Critical Critique of Safos Dance Theatre's Performance 'Dancing the Mural' March 2015

Safos Dance Theatre (a local non-profit modern dance company) has done it again! WomanKraft represented on both performance nights in support of our very own ever-talented Grace Rhyne, and in support of the arts. This year's performance included collaborative works with the South Tucson Community, visual artists, muralists, musicians and dancers from throughout the region. The show

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featured a wide array of style and talent, with everything from moving dramatic themes to dancing on a truck on-stage, flinging flower, playing games, and a wonderful splash to finish! The talented dancers conveyed grace and emotion, the musical choices both live accompaniment and pre-recorded compositions were beautiful. It was evident that everyone involved was having a good time and was proud of their work, and they should be!

Grace debuted a new piece as a cherry on top of a deliciously entertaining cake, engaging the audience with excellent modern dance infused with the interaction with water. Grace and her two dancers, flung, tossed, spun, sprayed and splashed water all over the stage and each other. It was a creative and beautiful dance, and everyone loved it. Congratulations Safos, on another outstanding performance! Thank you to all the WomanKraft Members who came to support. We look forward to enjoying many more performances in the future. Bien Hecho!

To find out more about Safos Dance Theatre, please visit www.safosdance.org

FST!

Female StoryTellers of Tucson chose WomanKraft as the beneficiary of their April 'DIY' show, thank you! The night included story after story filled with insight, humor, and a touching honesty. FST! Was founded in 2012 as a creative outlet for women to have a voice in Tucson. Each month FST! invites four or more women to write and perform personal stories based on a set prompt or theme. With each person's individual perspective on the theme, each FST! performance is uniquely unpredictable, often inspiring much laughter and the occasional tear from the audience. As passionate as FST! members are about storytelling, FST! also focuses on supporting the local community by raising funds for arts and community organizations. For more information, visit www.fstorytellers.com. If you are interested in submitting or telling a story, please

contact storytelling@fstorytellers.com or info@fstorytellers.com

The next three months will include events at the Flycatcher on 4th ave. such as May 6th "**B.F.F**"

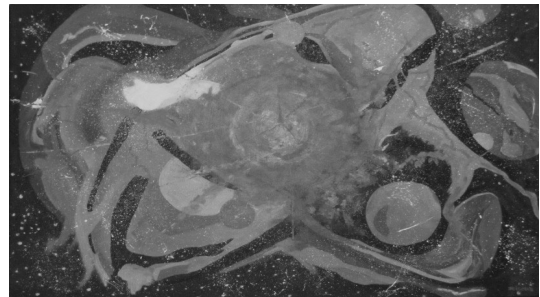
June 10th "**The long way 'round**" (deadline for submissions May 27th)

July 8th "**Kids these days**" (deadline for submissions June 24th)

WomanKraft is proud to support these fabulous women in their endeavors, and we look forward to future collaborations and events with these lovely ladies. We will keep you posted!

THE COMMUNITY PLAYERS

Mark your calendars, The Community Players production of Neil Simon's "Rumors" opens May 8th and runs through May 24th. "Rumors" gives us a comic look at how a group of wealthy friends, getting together for an anniversary party, handle a crisis situation. This hysterical comedy can be seen at The community Playhouse beginning May 8th and running through May 24th, Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30PM and Sundays at 2pm. Tickets are \$16, with discounts for military, students and seniors. Friday nights are Frugal Fridays with all tickets just \$10. The Community Playhouse is located at 1881 N. Oracle road. Parking and the main entrance are at the back of the building with the access to the parking lot off of 13th Ave.



"Bang" by Nancy Drigotas

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