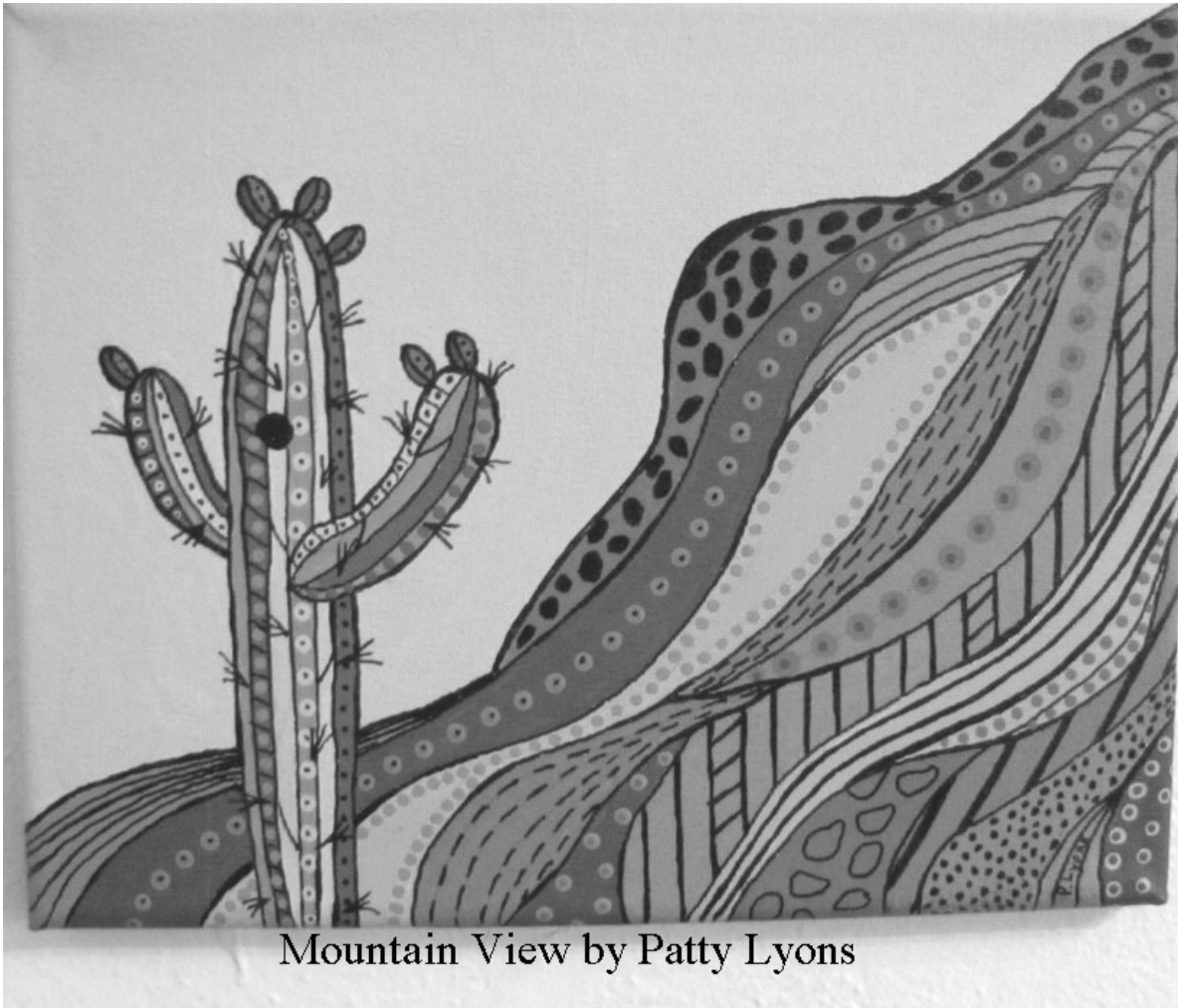


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Thank You!

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.

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Gallery Schedule

Regular Gallery hours: Wednesday – Saturday 1-5pm

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.

September – October , 2016 WATER WATER EVERYWHERE

Receptions: September and October 2016, 7-10 pm

This show is all about the liquid beauty of water. Fountains, pools, reflections, raindrops, underwater seascapes, aquatic life, oceans, rivers, streams... Let's honor this powerful element, and pour ourselves a tall, thirst quenching glass of art. All mediums accepted. Deadline for submissions: August 2016.

November 5 – December 17, 2016 HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Receptions: November 5 and December 3, 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 22, 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 indicate 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.

SEPTEMBER

STAINED GLASS MOSAIC VOTIVES 2 PARTS

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

Part I: Friday, September 11, 9:30am-12:30pm

Part II: Friday, September 18, 11am-Noon

Facilitator: Zoe and Grace 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, September 11, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II, Friday September 18, 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, September 12, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Saturday, September 19, 1:30- 4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free

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, September 15, 6-9pm

Facilitators: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20 supplies included

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

*****NEW CLASS!*****

DAY OF THE DEAD MASKS

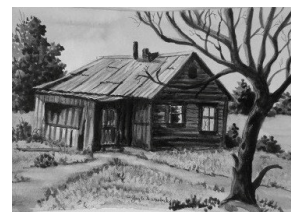
Join us in celebrating this Dia De Los Muertos by decorating a mask in the classic "sugar skull" style of this Holiday. Paint, decorations and inspiration will be provided!

Thursday, September 17 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

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

Part II Tuesday September 29, 1:30pm-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

*****NEW CLASS!*****

RECYCLING JARS

Make a Bank! Make a Votive! Wherever your creativity takes you. We'll be using various decorating techniques including tissue paper "stained glass," paint, lace and more on various recycled glass jars!
Thursday, September 24, 9:30am-12:30pm
Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne
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, September 25, 1:30-3:30pm
Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis
Fee: \$20 supplies included or all four for \$40.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE***

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, September 30, 1:30-3:30pm
Facilitator: Ana Yanez
Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

OCTOBER

*****NEW CLASS!*****

CRAZY CARDS

We will provide an amazingly folded card, and we will guide you through decorating each side into a unique and fun card for any occasion!
Thursday, October 1, 9:30am-12:30pm
Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne
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, October 6, 1:10-3:30pm
PLEASE NOTE: Class is off-site, we will be leaving the castle at exactly 1:10pm.
Facilitator: Maria Garcia
Fee: \$20 supplies included

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, October 7, 1:30-3:30pm
Part II: Wednesday, October 14, 1:30-3:30pm
Facilitator: Ana Yanez
Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

*****NEW CLASS!*****

ZENTANGLE FOR BEGINNERS



Come and learn this fun and freestyle art form. Abstract imagery and design-anyone can do it!
Thursday, October 8, 6-8pm
Facilitator: Bernadette Caldwell
Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

MOSAIC RESIN FRAMES 2 PARTS

Using a 5"X7" picture frame, 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 9, 9:30am -Noon
Part II: Friday, October 16, 11am -Noon
Facilitator: Linda K
Fee: \$20 supplies included.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

DAY OF THE DEAD ON VINYL :: ARTE PARA DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Using vintage vinyl records as your canvas, you'll paint your own colorful Day of the Dead scene. Let the fiesta begin!

Thursday, September 17 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 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: Saturday, October 10, 9:30-12:30pm

Part II: Saturday, October 17, 9:30-12:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free.

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 13, 10am-Noon

Facilitator: N. Skreko Martin

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, October 17, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

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, October 20, 6-8pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

FLAT STAINED GLASS MOSAIC 2 PARTS

Create an 8"x10" mosaic with an abstract or realistic design while learning to use the tools and tricks of the medium. It's great fun and stained glass is always beautiful.

Part I: Wednesday, October 21, 1:30-4:30 pm

Part II: Wednesday, October 28, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

*****NEW CLASS!*****

MOSAIC MIRRORS 2 PARTS

Using the never-fail medium of stained glass, we will mosaic the wide edges of a mirror (provided) creating a beautiful frame for every face!

Part I: Thursday, October 22, 9:30am-12:30pm

Part II: Thursday, October 29, 11am-Noon

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, October 27, 6:30-8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

NOVEMBER

WATERCOLOR COLLAGE 2 PARTS

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

Part I: Tuesday, November 3, 1:30–3:30 pm

Part II: Tuesday, November 10, 1:30-3:30pm

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: Thursday, November 5, 9:30am-12:30pm

Part II Thursday, November 12, 11am-Noon

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free

*****NEW CLASS!*****

DRAWING WITH WATER SOLUBLE PENCILS

This is an opportunity to explore techniques and to just plain play with watercolor, Inktenses, and Graphitints, without incurring the expense of purchasing sets of these surprisingly versatile products.

Monday, November 9, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

PRAYER BEADS

It's beadwork with a spiritual end in mind. You can learn to create your own rosary or a variation to suit your spirituality. You'll have a choice from a stunning array of natural, glass, and, metal beads to create a one of a kind work of art.

Tuesday, November 10, 6:00-9:00pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20 With A \$10 supply fee payable to the Instructor.

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, November 11, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Wednesday, November 18, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

LITTLE BOXES, LITTLE ALTARS :: CAJITAS Y SANTITAS

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 13, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

CUDDLY CACTUS :: CACTUS COMODAS



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.

Tuesday, November 17, 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace 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, November 17, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

WIND CHIMES AND SUNCATCHERS :: BRILLA DE VIENTO Y SOL

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.

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

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

BEGINNING TIE DYE



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

Friday, November 20, 10am - Noon

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$20 supplies included

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Friday, November 20, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

COLLAGE MAGNETS :: IMANES DECORADAS

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!

Tuesday, November 24, 1-4pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

DECEMBER

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: Tuesday, December 1, 1-4pm

PART II: Tuesday, December 8, 1-2pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 Supplies included.

BEADSTRINGING JEWELRY

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

Tuesday, December 1, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire,

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

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

CREATIVE NEEDLE CASES :: LIBRO DE AGUJAS

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, December 2, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez,

Fee: \$20 Supplies Included.

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

Part II Friday, December 11, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

BEGINNING WATERCOLOR

This is an opportunity to explore watercolor papers, brushes, paints, specialty products, and techniques. Bring an idea you'd like to work into a painting, from reality to abstract, we can make it happen.

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

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

SHADOW BOXES :: ARTE 3D

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.

Saturday, December 12, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

HANDMADE GLYCERIN SOAP :: JABÓN PERSONAL

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, December 15, 1-3pm

Facilitator: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

*****NEW CLASS!*****

COPPER EMBOSSED

You'll learn the tools and techniques to create beautiful copper embossed art works. You can create a wall piece or holiday ornaments depending upon your interests.

Wednesday, December 16, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

AFFIRMATION CHAINS :: CADENAS DE ESPERANZA

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.

Thursday, December 17, 10am - Noon

Facilitator: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included.



NEWS & COMMENTS

DIRECTOR THANKS BY ZOE RHYNE

Since the last Castle Voice, WomanKraft has had two beautiful shows up in our gallery. The 23rd (!) annual **Drawing Down the Muse** featured many talented local artists, and was an absolute stunner. Thank you to all the women who participated. You are all talented and I am thrilled and honored to continue this important and empowering tradition.

The following was **Spines N' Things**, a tribute to our glorious Sonoran desert, and what a tribute it was. Cactus everywhere! I loved the variety and creativity that was produced. An enormous thank you to everyone who helped make these shows possible. Whether you're an artist or an art appreciator, your participation is the reason WomanKraft is here. Please continue your support and keep making art, purchasing art, investing in art, and most importantly, enjoying art.

Please look to page 3 for the upcoming exhibits and call to artists. We are always looking to engage with talented local artists.

THANK YOU AND UPDATES BY GAYLE SWANBECK

I have been involved with WomanKraft for over 37 years and one of the very few regrets I have is that no one has come up with new words to say thank you. My gratitude to all the people through all the 40 plus years of WomanKraft's existence is so enormous, so profoundly, deeply felt by me. I do not trust in my ability to get that across to others. There simply are not enough words to express the feelings. So whether your contributions to WomanKraft have been small or large, your stay a few minutes or decades, I give thanks to all of you and your beautiful generous hearts.

In Love and Gratitude,
Gayle Swanbeck

Thanks also go out to all the people who have helped to install our June/July exhibit, worked our receptions and events, and did the shopping and clean ups: Zoe and Grace Rhyne, Josh Smith, Patty Lyons, Linda Hill, Diane Jackson, Kat Cronn, Nancy Martin, Laura Leighton, Gerrie Young, Paul Brunelle, Barbara

Achord, and Terrie McGuire.

Thanks also go out to all the special people who gift their time and/or money, but quietly wish no public thanks – you all hold special places in our hearts, you know who you are, we do.

In Love and Gratitude,
WomanKraft

KARAOKE NIGHT at WomanKraft – Classier than all the bars in all the towns...

This event just keeps getting better and better. For just \$5 for the public and \$3 for WomanKraft Members, you can join us for a fun-derful evening of good tunes, good times, and an excellent answer to the question, "What did you do this weekend?" Your ticket is good for one free drink and a chance to win the raffle at the end of the evening with a prize of two free tickets to our next Karaoke night. Our first Karaoke raffle winner was miss Paula Rhyne, who returned with two friends from middle school to rock the house and a good time was had by all. To top it all off, unbelievably, Paula won the raffle a second time! This all-ages rock and roll showdown is fun for everyone, whether you brave the stage or sit back and enjoy the entertainment. Don't miss your chance to win at **our next Karaoke, Friday, November 27, 7-10pm.**

FST! COLLABORATION WITH WOMANKRAFT:

STORY TELLING UNDER THE STARS and OPEN MIC NIGHT AT WOMANKRAFT!

Once again, WomanKraft is pleased to announce a collaboration with FST! Female Story Tellers, pronounced Fist! This lively group of women share their stories with strength and humor, and encourage others to do the same. Every woman has a story to tell, let's hear yours!

Friday October 23, 7-9pm.

Join us for an evening of entertainment and expression. Come to share your short five minute story or just enjoy from our lovely outdoor grounds! 30 Chairs available, feel free to bring a blanket or some canvas chairs to stay comfy. Suggested Donation: \$5.00.

NEWS & COMMENTS

SPEAKING OF RAFFLES...

As a non-profit organization, WomanKraft is depended on fundraising to help pay for, well, everything. Our recent fundraising endeavor is the raffle for an art piece that has been donated to WomanKraft by the artist for each two-month exhibit we show in the gallery. Congratulations to Evelyn Knust, winner of a signed copy of "Songlines...Dreaming the World" and Lydia Phillips, winner of the lighted cholla cross. Don't miss your chance to support WomanKraft and win a beautiful piece of art.

The September/October Raffle will be a recycled metal piece by Josh Smith. And the November/December Raffle will be a hand woven pine needle platter by Theresa Frederick donated from the collection of Gayle Swanbeck

Tickets are: 1 for \$2.00, 2 for \$3.00, 3 for \$4.00.

Stop by and check it out! **Gallery Hours: Wednesday – Saturday 1-5pm.**

CLEAN THE CASTLE DAY

On July 13th, valiant volunteers tackled the cleaning of our upstairs office-to-be, and did a wonderful job. The second floor turret room is once again ready to be used, after much sweeping, dusting, vacuuming, moving, sorting, tossing and reminiscing. A special thank you to Linda Hill and Diane Jackson, thank you so much ladies, it is because of volunteers like you, who dedicate their time and effort that WomanKraft is a reality. **WomanKraft is always looking for volunteers to help with these projects and more. For more information on more volunteer opportunities, please call us at (520) 629-9976, we would love to hear from you.**

IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE HERE AT THE CASTLE

Studio #102 went through some major repairs: a new ceiling, repairs to doors, floor tiles, light fixtures, A.C. Unit, patching, painting, toilet repairs, and cleaning. It looks great and is now ready for rental as an art studio. See the next column.

The upstairs studio has also seen some much needed repairs with a few major wall repairs, minor patching,

a fresh paint job, and cleaning. It too is ready for a new tenant. Look to page 15 for more details.

The back door to the gallery underwent a stripping, re-staining, and varnishing. Oh, how Arizona sun is both a blessing and a challenge, isn't it?

Our front fence has been completed and it looks wonderful. Josh also did some serious tree trimming to complete the new look. Our fence is truly a work of art, providing security without obstructing the full view of our lovely Queen Ann building. A little back-story; the winged motif of the fence, gate, and handrails came out of an illness I was home recovering from. I was watching an entire list of Victorian period movies: Great Expectations, The Fingersmith, Tipping the Velvet, Nicolas Nichelby, etc. when I noticed that Victorian people really seemed to like art with winged creatures (griffins, fairies, angels...) and they like to stuff and display birds, their nests, and eggs. So the exterior designs hatched from these experiences; a cold, a bunch of DVD's, and a couple of Victorian proclivities. As always Josh took my ideas, re-worked them for structural integrity, threw in a couple of his own design ideas, and ta-da. We have been experiencing a marked increase in visitors based upon the fence enhancing, not blocking the Castle view seen from Stone Avenue.

Josh also completed the new handrail for the Stone entry to The Sanctuary (Arizona's only all natural hair and body salon that rents our Southern wing) It ties the whole front views of the Castle together as well as providing additional safety to the entrance.

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 its 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.

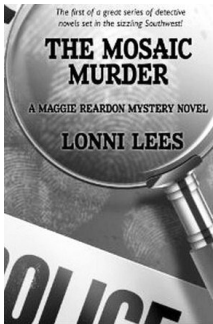
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A BOOK SIGNING!

Join us Saturday, December 5th during our 2nd Reception for the Holiday Bazaar for a chance to meet the talented Lonni Lees.

Local award winning author Lonni Lees will be signing her books 7-9pm December 5th, 2015 at WomanKraft. Bring along your copies or purchase there that evening. The book signing is being done in conjunction with our 2nd Reception for **The Holiday Bazaar** and our **23rd year anniversary** of acquiring the Castle. Ms Lees is a long time WomanKraft member, and her published books include:

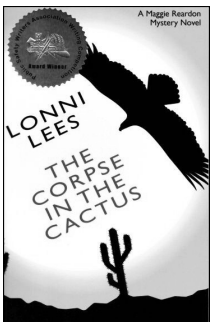
The Mosaic Murder



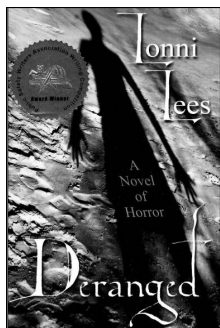
Synopsis: Police Detective Maggie Reardon investigates a murder at an art Gallery in Tucson and meets many interesting characters along the way.

The Corpse in the Cactus

This is a sequel to “Mosaic Murder.”



Synopsis: Detective Maggie Reardon is back. A dead man had been found at The Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum lying under a bed of cactus. What at first appeared to be a tragic accident was quickly starting to smell like murder.

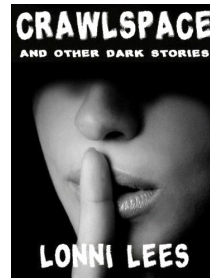


Deranged, a novel of horror

Synopsis: Just an ordinary-looking man, Charlie Blackhawk is really a monster inside, a cold-blooded killer who likes to use a knife. When he kidnaps 12-year-old Sabrina Stinson, Charlie becomes engaged in a psychological duel.

This is a psycho thriller you won't soon forget.

Crawlspace and other dark stories is an anthology of noir-style short stories.



Synopsis: Crawlspace is an exquisite collection of stories in the noir style. Each shows a slice of life and each ends with an unexpected twist. The stories get you into the head of each protagonist whether sympathetic or contemptible. Each story is very entertaining and you will want to read them again.

Meet, mingle, pick up a copy of her book and have it signed. Who knows, you might just find the perfect gift for everyone on your list!

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO...WOMANKRAFT

Friday December 11, 3-5pm

Bring along your camera, your children, or the child within because Santa will be here to listen to your Holiday wishes and spread his Holiday cheer. Treats and drinks provided.

THE ARIZONA COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

This project is supported in part by the Arizona Commission on the Arts which receives support from the State of Arizona and the National Endowment for the Arts.

WomanKraft is more than pleased to announce that we are one of the recipients of The Arizona Commission on the Arts Community Investment Grant, Level II.

Funding for the arts in Arizona is at an all time low and WomanKraft is eternally grateful for the opportunity ACA provides through their programming. The future of our rich culture depends on investment in the arts and our community. As art directed resources become more and more sparse, necessary changes and reductions have been made throughout the art sector. Again, we send the most

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heartfelt thank you to The Arizona Commission on the Arts for their funding and their leadership in these difficult financial times. Together we will overcome and continue to create cutting edge art for the empowerment and embitterment of our cherished community. Please remember, artwork IS work.

HELLO, MY NAME IS...

Recently we have been encouraging artists to create individualized name tags to wear at Receptions. The Artists are getting creative (imagine that!), let's keep up the good work. Artists, keep making name tags, and don't forget them on our reception Saturdays!

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

An upstairs studio has finally come available at WomanKraft. It has hardwood 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.

INTIMATE PERFORMANCE SPACE AVAILABLE

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.



CAROL S. KESTLER

Carol S. Kestler passed away 7/17/15. A talented artist, she was certified in Judaica and provided metalwork, stained glass, and Torah covers to synagogues nationally, including Temple Emanu-El in Tucson. A founder of WomanKraft in 1974 and Arts Genesis in 1988 she received both the Tucson Mayor's and the Arizona Governor's Arts Awards in 2002. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Richard, sons Aharon (Greta) and Edward (Evie), brother Joel Shapiro (Judith), 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Arts Genesis to further arts education for Native children.



“People who are indifferent to art are only half human” -Confucius

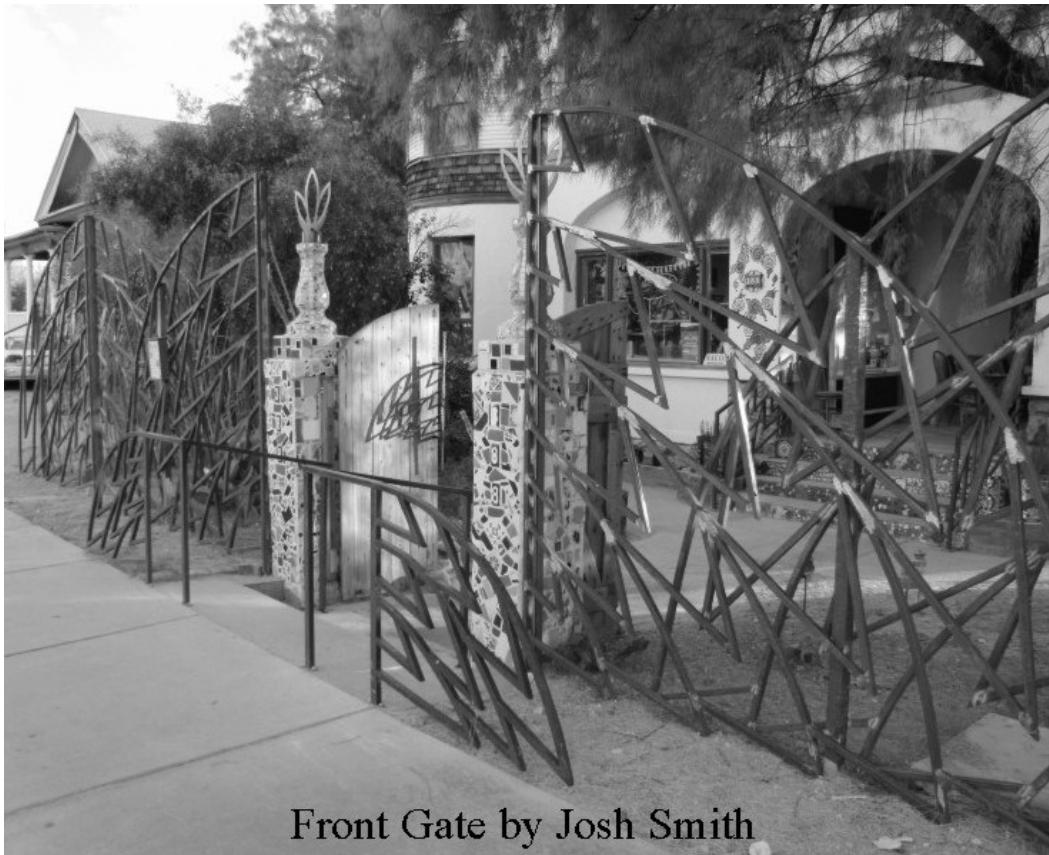
WomanKraft is artist based, grass roots, service oriented and provides an environment where Women & Men of Consciousness can present art, see exhibits/events, share skills,

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