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Thank You!

WomanKraft thanks the Arizona Commission on the Arts, 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 Studios of Zoe & Grace Rhyne, Gayle Swanbeck and Studio/Gallery

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Gallery Schedule

Regular Gallery hours: Wednesday – Saturday 1-5pm. Come on down!

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.

GALLERY ONLY CLOSED IN AUGUST 2016

September 3 – October 29, 2016 WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

Receptions: September 3 and October 1, 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 27, 2016.

November 5 – December 17, 2016 HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Receptions: November 5 and December 3, 7-10pm

In the spirit of the Holidays and seasonal festivities, this exhibit is specifically curated to combine a unique mix of fine art and crafts all created by local artists. This is specific to the idea that gift giving for your holidays should be personal, unique and affordable. The work needs to retail from \$1.00- \$100.00. All mediums accepted. Deadline for Submissions: October 22, 2016

GALLERY ONLY CLOSED IN JANUARY 2017

February 4 – March 25, 2017 FLIGHTS OF FANTASY

Receptions: February 4 and March 4, 7-10pm

Dragons, faeries, unicorns, elves, sprites, spirits, gods and goddesses, stuff of myth and legend.. Through art we can bring fantasy to reality. All mediums accepted. Deadline for submissions: January 21, 2017

April 1 – May 27, 2017 DRAWING DOWN THE MUSE

Receptions: April 1 and May 6, 7-10pm

This is our 25th annual women's only exhibit by and for local women artists. Come and join us in the celebration of our divine feminine power. All mediums and subject matter accepted. Deadline for submissions: March 25, 2017.

June 3 – July 29, 2017 BLACK AND WHITE AND SHADES OF GREY

Receptions: June 3 and July 1, 7-10pm

Deadline for submissions: May 27, 2017.

As artists, we often find ourselves using color in everything we do. This show is an opportunity to explore the opposite side of the spectrum. We are seeking any and all mediums and subject matter, as long as it's in Black and White! Charcoal, Photography, scratch art, the possibilities are endless.

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



Please note: Pre-registration is required for all students. 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. 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.

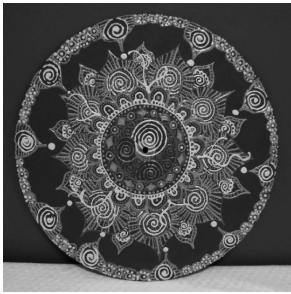
Studio classes are ongoing, join anytime, stop when you are ready. Learn oils, acrylic, or watercolors. Select your own subject matter and proceed at your own pace. Individual instruction is available as you need it. Class limit is 5 people. Classes Wednesday, 10am-Noon, Thursday from 1-3pm. FEE: \$60 per 8 weeks. Supplies not included.

MAY

NEW

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE***

MANDALAS ON VINYL // DISCOS DE VINILO PINTADOS



In this workshop we will be creating an "endless" artpiece, 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 5,

9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

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.

Tuesday, May 10, 9:30 am-12:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

DRAWING WITH WATER SOLUABLE MEDIUMS

This workshop will focus on using Inktense, Graphatints, and watercolor pencils. You'll learn techniques and play with these intriguing mediums.

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

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

MOSAIC RIVER ROCK 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: Friday, May 13, 1:30-4:30pm

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

Facilitator: Linda K.

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, May 17, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

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

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE***

PAPER FLOWERS // FLORES DE PAPEL

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

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

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20 supplies included

SCRATCH ART ON CLAYBOARD

Using pre-prepared black clayboard panels, you'll learn the tools and techniques for this intricate drawing form.

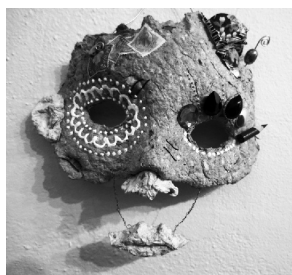
Thursday, April 19, 9:30am- 12:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE***

HANDMADE PAPER MASKS 2 PARTS // MASCARAS HECHO DE PAPEL, PAPEL RECICLADO HECHO DE MANO



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: Tuesday, May 24, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, May 31, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

EXTENDED WEAR – A NEW LIFE FOR OLD CLOTHES

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, May 25, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

ADDRESS LABELS COLLAGE



Yes there is an artistic answer to all those address labels we keep getting in the mail.....collage! Learn how to transform all those self-sticking labels into images from the abstract to as realistic as you'd like to push it.

Thursday, May 26, 9:30am-12:30pm.

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 Supplies included. Bring your own Labels and feel free to use ours.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE***

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.

Friday, May 27, 10am - Noon

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 27, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

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

June 24, July 29, and August 26th.

JUNE

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 7th, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Maria Garcia

Fee: \$20 supplies included

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*****NEW*****

*****BILINGUAL CLASS***CLASE BILINGÜE*****

DECORATIVE CONTAINERS 2 PARTS / / BOTES DECORADAS

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

Part II: Wednesday, June 15, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

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: Thursday, June 9, 10am -Noon

Part II: Thursday, June 16, 10am -Noon

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

*****NEW*****

SCRATCH ART WITH PAPER

This workshop teaches the techniques used in working on Clayboard with this distinct difference: Scratch art papers require less hand strength and are far less expensive than Clayboard.

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

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

GROUTLESS MOSAIC ART PIECE 2 PARTS (RESIN FRAMES)



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

Part II: Saturday, June 18, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

MULBERRY VOTIVE CANDLES

Using mulberry, banana, and tissue papers you'll collage lovely abstract images on 2 glass votive candles. When lit they glow with fabulous colors.

Tuesday, June 14, 2-4pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included. (Additional candles can be purchased for \$2 each)

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, June 14, 6-8pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

*****BILINGUAL CLASS***CLASE 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.

Friday, June 17, 1-5pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

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.

Wednesday, June 22, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Jordana Silvestri

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE***

STAINED GLASS MOSAIC VOTIVES 2 PARTS

// VASOS DECORADO CON VIDRIO

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

Part I: Thursday, June 23, 9:30am-12:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, June 30, 11am-Noon

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

WISE WOMEN'S WRITING WORKSHOP

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

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE***

REFURBISHING MATS AND FRAMES // RENOVANDO QUADROS

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, June 25, 10am - Noon

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

OIL STICKS AND MONOPRINTS

You'll design, using oil sticks 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 28, 6:30-8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

JULY

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, July 5, 6:30-8:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, July 12, 6:30-8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

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, July 6, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Wednesday, July 13, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20 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!

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

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

NEW

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE***

FRIDGE ALTARS // DECORACION POR LA REFRI

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!

Thursday, July 14, 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

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MOSAIC GARDEN STEPPING STONE 2 PARTS



Learn the techniques to make your very own garden stones. Add color and whimsy to your yard or garden. Learn to use glass and tile while having creative fun.

Part I: Friday, July 15, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Friday, July 22, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K.

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

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

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free

INDOOR MOSAIC 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, July 16, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Saturday, July 23, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: Free.

NEW

RESTORE THE FUNCTIONAL WITH MULBERRY COLLAGE

Time can leave our functional ware faded or marred, but using a variety of papers (mulberry, tissue, banana, etc) and collaging techniques they can "live" again. Turned into a piece of art you can select from our wooden boxes, shelves, or bring small pieces of your own.

Tuesday, July 19, 3-5pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

BEADSTRINGING JEWELRY

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

Tuesday, July 19, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

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

NEW

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE***

FIBER FLOWERS // FLORES DE TELA

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 that can end up as a brooch, pendant, pin, magnet, you get the idea!

Thursday, July 21, 10am-Noon

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

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

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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AUGUST

NEW

PLAYING WITH CONTE CRAYONS

They have come a long way since I was first exposed to them via college. Today they come in a full color range, richly saturated with pigment, and create much less "dust" than pastels. Here's a chance to experiment and learn techniques with this marvelous medium.

Tuesday, August 2, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

COPPER EMBOSSING

In this workshop you'll learn all the techniques needed to create beautiful copper embossed art and choose between making wall adornments, ornaments, a matchbox, or a fine art piece.

Saturday, August 6, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

CROCHETING

Never held a crochet hook? Haven't crocheted in a long time? Want to learn something beyond the chain & single crochet stitches? This class is for YOU! We will supply the hook & yarn, you supply the determination & patience.

Tuesday, August 8th, 6-8pm

Facilitator: 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: Thursday, August 18, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Thursday, August 25, 1-2pm

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

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: Friday, August 19, 9:30am – 12:30pm

Part II: Friday, August 26, 11am-Noon

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE***

PSYCHEDELIC JELLYFISH // ARTE POR LA YARDA



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.

Saturday, August 20, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

PERSONAL HAT BANDS

Commit yourself to wearing a hat to protect your skin and eyes. Add a decorative layer of protection to your 'crown.' Bring your own charms, beads, coins and amulets, or use ours.

Tuesday, August 23, 10am - Noon

Facilitator: Nancy Martin

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

CREATIVE NEEDLE CASES



It's function wedded to creative beauty. You'll make your own unique case from cloth and felt, sew and glue your pieces together, and then embellish with our wide selection of treasures.

Wednesday, August 24, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

BEGINNING TIE DYE



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

Saturday, August 27, 10am-Noon

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$20 supplies included

NEW

CHOLLA DANGLERS

We'll use a small piece of native cholla cactus wood, decorate them by glass and metal beads inset in the natural holes. You'll also learn to burnish the wood using a polishing stone, and create your own copper wire chain to dangle it in your window, patio, car, Christmas tree, etc.

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

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.



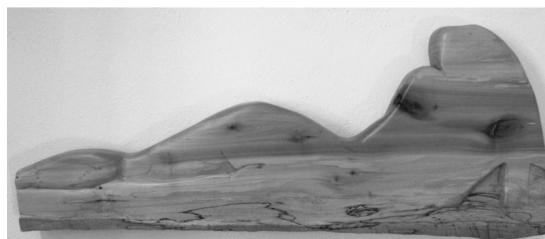
Mary Ellen Palmeri - Tranquility



Lonni Lees - Morning Breeze



Secret Path by Laura Leighton



Clint Acosta - Woman in Wood

NEWS & COMMENTS

THANKS AND UPDATES BY GAYLE SWANBECK

While the gallery was closed in January more interior repairs were done. Our downstairs walls were patched and painted where needed. The wooden floors were cleaned, buffed and oiled. The big project was our long neglected gallery restroom. Damaged plaster, tiles, and lath were removed, internal wall supports were replaced, and wall re-plastered, sanded and sealed, the ceiling trim and door were repainted. The walls were then covered with cedar boards, the exposed plumbing pipes were covered and new shelves built in.

Another long-standing annoyance was corrected, years ago under a grant, we were required to hire electricians from a list provided by The City of Tucson. These "professionals" places the light switch, not beside the door as you enter the bathroom but on the far wall. Attempts to get them to correct this failed. This light switch is now where it belongs. Thank you, Josh!

We've also planted 3 new bushes in the front area and put in small cacti in another.

Tony Di Angelis has taken on the maintenance of our grounds, pruning, raking, sweeping, and pulling out all of the crab grass by hand, by the roots! It's amazing how many compliments we're receiving from people who have noticed how good our yard is looking. Thank you Tony!

Inside the building our storage areas were taken on. In the classroom alone there are four areas for storage, holding supports for over sixty workshops. These, as well as the gallery's downstairs storage closet were all emptied, cleaned, sorted and reorganized. These Herculean efforts were accomplished by Zoe and myself over many days. Grace Rhyne tackled sorting, tossing and reorganizing of the hallway shelves where our magazines are stored. Hundreds of publications are used for our collaging workshops and need to be culled on a regular basis. These aren't the most exciting jobs in the world but without them we'd be

buried beneath the clutter.

Josh also helped us accomplish an organizational goal by building metal shelves to hold some of our newly acquired boxes. These boxes hold many supplies, and are very handy but work much better when they are so easily accessible, rather than stacked on top of each other.

A final group of organization went on and involved sorting through our supplies: frames, beads, jewelry finding, assemblage supplies, address labels, art paper, etc. What a relief! Working because of space, not in spite of it.

We especially want to thank all our financial supporters big and small. You hold a special place in our hearts, and our prayers are that your generosity comes back to you many fold. You know who you are.

-In Love and Gratitude Gayle

DIRECTOR THANKS BY ZOE RHYNE

Well folks, we've done it again! February and March had everyone falling in love with our 'Art From the Heart' Exhibit. Thanks to all of my artists, who showed us just how vast and varied the concept of love can be. Artists and visitors alike enjoyed our unique blend of local artists, and the variety of media and art on display made sure we had something for everyone. As one gallery visitor mentioned, "You can feel the love, and it wasn't just the art! We couldn't have asked for anything better."

In what seemed like a blink of an eye, 'Art From the Heart' came down and our 'Drawing Down the Muse' Exhibit is now gracing the walls of our gallery. This WomanKraft tradition is one I am honored to be a part of. For more than forty years, WomanKraft has been a catalyst of empowerment for women, and for 24 years we dedicate ourselves to providing an opportunity for female artists to showcase, promote and sell their work. We have also provided a view of the art world from a woman's perspective to the public. I look forward to continuing this important

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and beautiful tradition for many more years to come. The creativity showcased in the last couple of months has left me eager and excited to see what the artists have in store for the upcoming themed exhibits. See page 3 for upcoming shows and deadlines!

And last but not least, a very special thanks to everyone who helps make these fantastic shows possible: Paul Brunelle, Tony Di Angelis, Jon Maranda, Josh Smith, Gayle Swanbeck, Grace Rhyne, Laura Leighton, Nancy Martin, Patty Lyons, Linda Hill, Kat Cronn and Barbara Achord.

- Zoe

A WORD FROM TONY DI ANGELIS

Tony Di Angelis would like to say a resounding thank you to WomanKraft and all the arts goddess' involved for renting him the fabulous studio 102, AKA the Box of Sunshine, Studio Brew 102, etc. It is a wonderful venue to show original award winning, colorful, fine art work. I've enjoyed meeting the fantastic artists of WomanKraft and I hope all feel free to drop by anytime!

WHAT IS THE RUMMAGE FAIR?

WomanKraft holds a Rummage Fair twice a year, in January and August. This fantastic indoor, two-day event is not to be missed! If you need anything, we might have it. And if you have things you'd like to pass on, if it's clean and it works, we'll take it! Anything from clothes, shoes, kitchenware, knick-knacks, books, movies, vintage items, holiday decorations, toys, tools and more can be found at the sale. Proceeds from this fundraiser go towards paying property taxes, utility bills and insurance. As an all-volunteer run non-profit organization, come support this local arts organization, get a great bargain, or send along that box of stuff you've been meaning to donate. The rummage fair is also a great opportunity to volunteer some time here at WomanKraft. We always need help setting up and tearing down this FUNdraiser!!

THE RUMMAGE FAIR

The August Rummage Fair will be held Friday, August 12 and Saturday, August 13, 2016, both from 8am to 4pm. We are looking for helpers for set up, Thursday, August 11th, 10am until done, and then could really use some fresh help to re-pack and disassemble Saturday, August 13th, 4 to 6pm. Please call 629-9976 ext. 1 to schedule your participation! 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 the next Rummage Fair. January's Rummage fair had a grand total of \$1,503.50! this hard earned money will go towards paying our property taxes, hooray!

REPORT ON JANUARY'S BOARD MEETING

The Board Meeting was well attended. All enjoyed coffee and bagels and the business proceeded with focus and results. Current members were all re-confirmed and officers remain the same. Details can be requested by anyone interested. One point of interest, it was decided to hold one annual meeting every January and to schedule an August Meeting if business arises. Thank you Board Members for your support, energy, time and financial contributions.

CLEAN UP THE CASTLE DAY

Ok all you potential volunteers, here's your chance! We have scheduled another official "clean the castle" day on August 29th. We would love any and all the help we can get cleaning! Our main goal is the upstairs kitchen, and hopefully we'll have enough energetic volunteers to clean up some other rooms as well! Please call in advance to schedule your participation, so we know who to expect. Our building provides us with so many wonderful opportunities, let's show our lovely, (almost paid off!) Castle our love and appreciation.

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HERE'S WOMANKRAFT'S WISHLIST, good year round!

- ! Scaffolding – for 2 and ½ stories, turret
- ! 8 ½ X 11 Copy Paper
- ! Black Brother Brand Toner Cartridges TN-630 or TN-660
- ! Trewax Vinyl Floor Cleaner
- ! Trewax Vinyl Floor Sealer
- ! Art Supplies – jewelry, tiny broken assemblage, frames with glass
- ! Double sided tape
- ! Business size envelopes
- ! Paper Towels!
- ! Vacuum Bags – Kenmore C, Q & 5055 (50557-50558)
- ! Forever Stamps
- ! 2-Pocket Office Folders
- ! Magic Erasers
- ! Pumie Pumice Sticks
- ! Aileen's Tacky Glue
- ! 2 Part Epoxy Resin
- ! Water (for drinking)
- ! Stained Glass
- ! Coolcoat for rooftops
- ! Solar Panels, Installation and everything
- ! Rain Water Harvesting Installation and everything

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

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF WOMANKRAFT?



Anyone who thinks they can give and receive value from being a member is welcome to join for only \$30.00 a year, join WomanKraft and claim, validate, and empower women artists and other under represented groups. 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.

KARAOKE

Well we've done it again! November's Karaoke Night was a blast! Song choices had everyone singing along, rocking out, and even playing some air guitar. The casual atmosphere at WomanKraft's Karaoke Night let's you enjoy all the fun of karaoke without any fear of embarrassment. Our stage transforms our gallery space into an acoustic dream, and the professional equipment and beautiful vocal stylings of our talented KJ Miss Terri McGuire really makes this event something not to be missed. This month's raffle winner of two free tickets to the next Karaoke night, was Zoe! Don't miss the next Karaoke Night Friday, May 13th from 7- 10pm. It's the best answer to the question "What did you do this weekend?"

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ENTERTAINMENT UNDER THE STARS

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 7–10pm.

\$5.00 Non-Members

\$3.00 Members



It's a night of storytelling, songs and poetry in our lovely outdoor venue. Should weather become an issue, monsoons or heat, it will be held indoors. Are you

interested in performing? There will be drinks, baked goods, and munchies offered for sale. Seating is limited, reservations accepted.

At the door tickets available only if seating is still available. Call (629-9976 extension 2 or 3) for talent appointments and all questions/info.

ART RAFFLES AT THE GALLERY...

As a non-profit organization, WomanKraft is dependant on fundraising to help pay for, well, everything. Our recent fundraising endeavor is an art raffle for an art piece that has been donated to WomanKraft by the artist for each two-month exhibit we show in the gallery.

The November/December winner was Sue Uelmen from Wheeling, Illinois!

The February/March Raffle of 3 Original Susan Chambers Silk Screen Pillows, was Lydia Philips! And the April/May Raffle, a Watercolor by Lauri Giangregorio, will be posted in the next Castle Voice. (Come buy some tickets, folks!)

The June/ July Raffle will be 'Pachederma Elephante Pussy' a brand new piece of work by Tony Di Angelis, never before seen- and exclusive donation to WomanKraft!

September / October's Raffle of art will be by Zoe and Grace Rhyne.

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.

TONY - STUDIO 102

If you've visited the WomanKraft Art Center recently, you've probably noticed how beautiful our landscape, yard and garden have been looking! Thanks to Tony Di Angelis, our newest studio renter, our grounds have been looking particularly inviting. In September of 2015, Tony moved into Studio 102, located North of WomanKraft's main building and entrance, and has been an absolute delight to date. Tony can often be found painting in his studio or helping around WomanKraft, and we highly recommend visiting his beautiful studio space. His colorful work and welcoming personality are a wonderful asset to the WomanKraft family. Thanks again Tony for all you do!

COFFEE NEWS

Coffee News, a free, Tucson based publication, has been a supporter of WomanKraft for years. Publicizing WomanKraft events in a personal way, along with other great organizations and their events. As a non-profit relying on public service announcements for publicity, we are always grateful to find a reliable outlet to share our events with the community. Coffee News, owned by Bob and Marilyn Klepinger, has been an excellent partner in delivering quality information and event to the public at large. Recently they have passed on their business to new hands, and we hope to continue our relationship with Coffee News. Learn more about this excellent publication at their website: www.coffeenewstucson.com

IMPACT OF NON-PROFITS IN ARIZONA

WomanKraft recently participated in a survey conducted by Arizona State University about the impact of Non-Profit organizations in Arizona, and the published findings were astonishing! Here are a few highlights:

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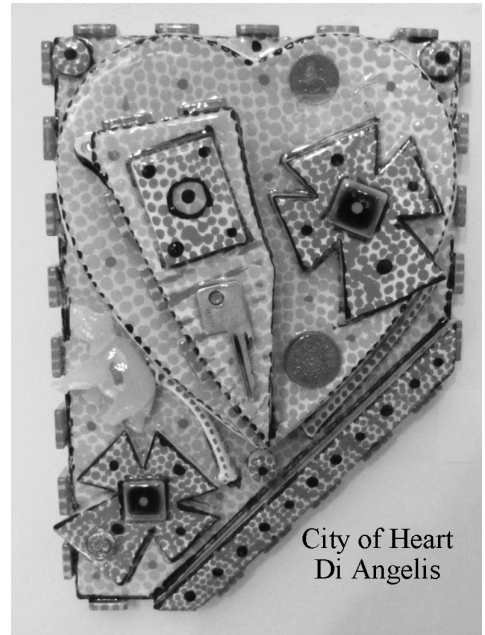
· In 2014, the Non-Profit sector contributed more than \$22.4 BILLION to Arizona's gross state product. Putting it's contribution on par with the state's ENTIRE RETAIL TRADE!

· Arizona non-profits are responsible for 325,000 jobs.

· Arts, Culture, and Humanities organizations had 300 MILLION DOLLARS in total revenue in 2014.

Please take these impressive findings on the impact of non-profits into consideration when you think about life here in Arizona. As full time volunteers here at WomanKraft, we get to see the impact we have on people's lives everyday. Whether it's a student taking their first art class with us and producing something beautiful, or someone walking by coming inside to see our beautiful gallery for the first time. It's truly amazing to be part of something that can change people's lives in such a positive way. These big numbers really bring home the idea of just how important non-profits like WomanKraft are to our community and our state.

If you would like to support WomanKraft, local artists and local non-profits, there are many ways to do so! Become a member of WomanKraft for only \$30 a year, come take a workshop or art class you've always wanted to try. Or come on down to the gallery and purchase a piece of original art! Any donations, both financial or items donated to our twice yearly rummage sale, are 100% tax deductible thanks to our 501-c3 non-profit status. Non-profit organizations, especially those in the arts, are an important part of not only our community and our state, but also of our culture. Thank you, ASU for conducting this fascinating and revealing study, and for recognizing the importance of non-profits and sharing this information. For a complete overview of this study, please visit aznonprofitimpact.org



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