

The Castle Voice

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Castle Voice

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

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Hours Wednesday-Saturday, 1-5pm

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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, the photography studio of Jerold Schnauss, and Studio/Gallery space of Tony Di Angelis in Studio 102. WomanKraft is located at 388 S. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ, 85701.

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Gallery Schedule

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

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

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. Deadline for submissions: May 27, 2017.

GALLERY ONLY CLOSED IN AUGUST 2017

September 2 - October 28, 2017 SIZE MATTERS

Receptions: September 2 and October 7, 2017

This show is going to focus on, you guessed it, size! Subject and medium are up to the artist, bring me BIG art! or several teeny tiny pieces! Close-ups, perspective, miniatures, life-size, let's take a closer look at the bigger picture. Deadline for submissions: August 26, 2017

November 4 - December 23, 2017 THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Receptions: November 4 and December 2, 2017

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 28, 2017.

GALLERY ONLY CLOSED IN JANUARY 2018

February 3 - March 31, 2018 OUT OF THIS WORLD

Receptions: February 3 + March 3, 2018

Our glorious planet is ever inspiring in her diversity, let's look even further past our Earth, and into the vastness of space! Galaxies, nebulae, stars, planets, alien creatures or worlds, constellations, astrology! The possibilities are only limited by your imagination. All mediums accepted. Deadline for submissions: January 20, 2018.

April 7 - May 26, 2018 DRAWING DOWN THE MUSE

Receptions: April 7 + May 5, 2018

Our 26th 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 24th, 2018

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.

JANUARY

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.

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

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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.

Tuesday, January 10, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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, January 11, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

SHADOW BOXES

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

Friday, January 13, 1-5pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

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: Monday, January 23, 9:30am-12:30pm

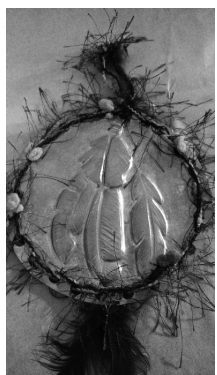
Part II: Monday, January 30, 10-11am

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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.

Wednesday, January 25,
1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

BEADED BOOKMARKS

Using a wide variety of beads you'll create a beautiful and distinctive bookmark while learning the tools and tricks of jewelry making.

Thursday, January 26, 6-8pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

WISE WOMEN'S WRITING WORKSHOP

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

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

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

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

Other Dates: February 24, March 24, April 28.

subject matter. In the third workshop you'll learn how to apply a mulberry paper overlay to create a distinctive and beautiful effect.

Part I: Tuesday, February 7, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, February 14, 1:30-4:30pm

Part III: Tuesday, February 21, 1:30-4:30

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$30.00 supplies included.

TREAT YOURSELF: THE MANI / PEDI

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, about skin care, aroma therapy and more.

Wednesday, February 8, 10am - Noon

Facilitator: Jordana Silvestri

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!

Thursday, February 9, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

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

FEBRUARY

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

MOSAIC RESIN PLATES 2 PARTS

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

Part I: Friday, February 10, 1:30-4:30pm

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

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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.

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

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

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, February 15, 1:30-3:30pm

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

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

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: Thursday, February 16, 9:30am-12:30pm

Part II: Thursday, February 23, 10-11am

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

WISE WOMEN'S WRITING WORKSHOP

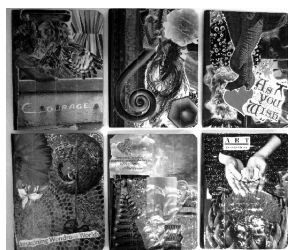
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Friday, February 24, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

PERSONAL JOURNALS



Decorate a provided journal with collage techniques for a finished project that is personal, functional and beautiful.

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

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

NEW CLASS!!!

GUADALUPE GALA

Guadalupe has been referred to as the Goddess of the Americas. We will explore and have some fun celebrating the feminine divine. A Guadalupe costume will be provided for a one-of-a-kind photo-op. Stories, art music and other sharings.

Tuesday, February 28, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included

MARCH

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.

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

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

LEARN TO CROCHET

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.

Thursday, March 2, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

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

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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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!

Tuesday, March 7, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace 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, March 7, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

TREAT YOURSELF :: THE FACIAL

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 facials, skin care, aroma therapy and more.

Wednesday, March 8 10am-Noon

Facilitator: Jordana Silvestri

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

NEW CLASS!!

CIGAR BOX PURSES

It's a fun and awesome new way to look at cigar boxes! Take your box, decorate it, using a belt as your strap, and now it's a purse. Ta da!

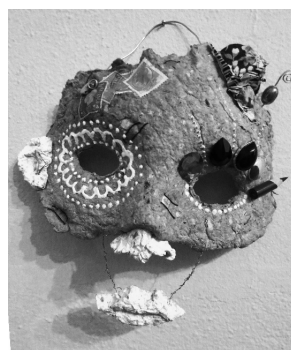
Thursday, March 9, 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

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: Saturday, March 11, 1:30-2:30pm

Part II: Saturday, March 18, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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, March 14, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, March 21, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

EMBROIDERY

Learn several basic stitches that can be used in many ways. Bring a garment, hanky, napkin, or other fabric and your design ideas. Learn to render them in thread as gifts, household decor, or clothing embellishments.

Wednesday, March 15, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Barbara Schnauss

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

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

Part II: Thursday, March 23, 10-11am

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: Free

CREATING WATER / DIFFERENT MEDIUMS

It's nearing World Water Day, to do our part, this workshop will show techniques to paint and draw water using a variety of mediums: watercolor, acrylic, inktenses, etc. It will be tailored to participants needs and curiosities.

Wednesday, March 22, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

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

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

NEW CLASS

FRIDA KAHLO

We will be using writing, art, diaries, letters and music by and about Frida Kahlo as a spring board for inspiration. Dress the part if you're inspired!

Tuesday, March 28, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included

APRIL

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, April 4, 6:30-8:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, April 11, 6:30-8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

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, April 5, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Thursday, April 12, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

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: April 6, 9:30am-12:30pm

Part II: April 13, 10-11am

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

BEAD STRINGING 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!

Thursday, April 6, 6 - 9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

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

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

Part II: Friday, April 14, 1:30 - 2:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

NEWS & COMMENTS

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, April 11, 10am- Noon

Facilitator: N. Skreko Martin

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

NEW CLASS!!

DRAWING TREES AND PLANTS

Both Earth Day and Arbor Day are celebrated in April. In this workshop we'll use drawing mediums to learn easy techniques for making trees and plants selected by class participants.

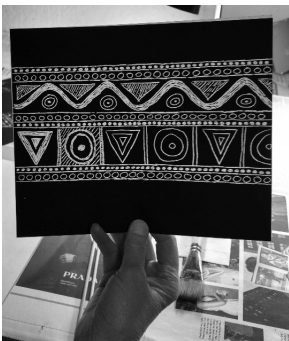
Tuesday, April 18, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

NEW CLASS

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.

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

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE***

MANDALAS ON VINYL :: DISCOS DE VINILO PINTADOS

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.

Friday, April 21, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Zoe and Grace Rhyne

Fee: \$20 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, April 25, 10am-Noon

Facilitator: Maria Garcia

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

BILINGUAL CLASSCLASE BILINGÜE****

CASCARONES



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

Wednesday, April 26, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ana Yanez

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

NEWS & COMMENTS

BILINGUAL CLASS**CLASE 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!

Thursday, April 27, 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitators: Grace and Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

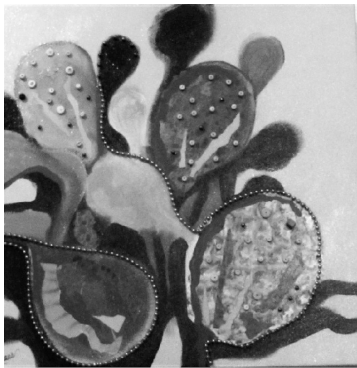
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Prickly2 by Lanni Lees

THANKS AND UPDATES BY GAYLE SWANBECK

More storage space has been created both upstairs and downstairs. The front hallway entry to the classroom, now has shelves to hold our magazines for collage and references, as well as craft supplies. These shelves, replacing a large bookcase, also open up access to the storage area beneath the stairs. This rather large space will be used to store fans and heaters when not in use. Upstairs, Josh also removed

and capped the sink, toilet, and claw-foot bathtub that has not been needed since the days that WomanKraft also had a one room B & B for artists, guests and travelers. This space will now be a spacious storage area for a variety of display units we use in the gallery. Josh also solved an old plumbing problem, by installing a vent for the gallery's bathroom toilet. This, along with fashioning a custom goose-neck for the sink, has solved the sewer gas odor we've sometimes had to endure, especially during our rainy season. It's fixed and the smell will not be missed. One leak was discovered after two days of rain from Mexico's hurricane Newton. Josh got right on it, and all repairs were completed.

Grace has been meticulously sorting through old files of hard copy, much of which is no longer necessary to keep. Files from the late 70's to 2006, are being culled. A side to all this tedious work is finding bits and pieces of the 42 year long life of our non-profit art's organization. Go girl!

All through these last four months, we have continued to see strong arts sales, new and renewed memberships, strong classroom attendance, (please check out the new workshops and sign up early) a beautiful and current website, strong publicity, great attendance, both old and new artists displayed, strong exhibits, gifts from our wishlist arriving, and donations of financial support growing. So many blessings and still every day finds us working to maintain this positive growth. Taxes go up, insurance was just raised another 10%, utility rates go up, food for receptions and events, supplies, all rising. So please keep us in your thoughts, donate as you can, small or large, attend events and continue spreading the word. Costly ads can never do what personal contact can; create a grassroots organization that is moving into its 43rd year. Thanks also goes out to all you folks who brought in food donations for the Community Food Bank. We know we are blessed by all the people who have nourished WomanKraft through the decades, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You know who you are, you very special people.

In Love and Gratitude, Gayle Swanbeck

NEWS & COMMENTS

DIRECTOR'S THANKS BY ZOE RHYNE

September/October's 'Water, Water Everywhere' show quenched our thirst for beautiful, moisturizing art! As usual, the talent leaked out from all over, and the gallery walls were drenched with so many amazing perspectives of this powerful element. An enormous river of thank you to everyone who helped make this lovely show such a success! Artists, volunteers, attendees, buyers, thank you all!

Our water show flowed into the 2016 'Holiday Bazaar' in what seemed like the blink of an eye. Suddenly the gallery is filled with every color, shape and size you can think of! Our tradition of providing the community with a place to buy beautiful, one of a kind gifts at affordable prices continues. Not only is our selection incredible and varied, all sales are supporting local business, non-profits, and artists. What could be better? The 'Holiday Bazaar' is so much fun, every wall and corner is filled with all manner of unique gift ideas many putting to use items in ways you may never have considered. We are so lucky to be surrounded by such talent. Thank you, thank you, to everyone who helped make these shows possible: Gayle Swanbeck, Grace Rhyne, Josh Smith, Tony Di Angelis, Nancy Martin, Barbara Achord, Linda Hill, and so many more.

The gallery will be closed for the month of January for some love, paint, and some downtime. And of course, to host our bi-annual RUMMAGE SALE! Yet another unique opportunity to support WomanKraft, and score some awesome affordable stuff! Don't miss it, January 20 + 21, 8am - 4pm. (For more information on the rummage sale, see page 12.)

After January we'll spring right back into the swing of things with the all new exhibit, 'Flights of Fantasy'. This show should highlight the magic and mystery that surrounds us everyday. Images and themes from our past and from our imaginations.. Artists! Come fly with me into the land of unicorns, dragons, goddesses, myths and legends! Day dreams! Whims and wishes! I cannot wait to see what we come up with. There is no restriction in media or pricing for this one, and please feel free to call me with questions

or to make an appointment, (520) 629-9976 EXT. 3. Remember, deadline to call is January 21. So don't wait!

SUITE NEWS

A great big thank you goes out to Ellen Parrish, of Salt Lake City, Utah, for her very generous donation of the Adobe Creative Cloud Suite. This program astronomically helps us to use our new computer to its maximum capacity, and helps Grace to maintain our ever more lovely graphic design and online presence, as well as archive important photo documentation of the goings on at WomanKraft. As a non-profit, WomanKraft relies on the generosity of our community for so much. Thank you for making this possible for us. May your generosity come back to you ten-fold.

COFFEE NEWS

A huge enormous shout out and thank you to one of our most excellent supporters and event promoters, Coffee News! This weekly publication can be found, for free, at more than 100 locations throughout Tucson and surrounding areas. Coffee News has been accepting and printing our public service announcements and our events in their "What's Happening?" section for some time now, and thanks to them, we have connected and met many fine people and artists! We hope to continue this community partnership for a long time coming. Thank you Coffee News! Check out their website at www.coffeenewstucson.com for a list of places you can find this useful paper filled with all kinds of good stuff, interesting facts, updates on events in the community, and much more!

Not everything that can be counted, counts.
And not everything that counts can be counted.
-Albert Einstein

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CASTLE BIRTHDAY

Our 2nd reception in December 2016 for the Holiday Bazaar doubled as a birthday party for our beautiful building! Our 1918 Queen Ann Victorian “castle” celebrated her 99th year of existence! Doesn’t she look fabulous? With over 75 attendees, delicious homemade desserts provided by Zoe Rhyne and Ann Pattison, food and drink, all in a surrounding of beautiful art, it was a great night. Thank you everybody!

December in fact, marks many exciting anniversaries for WomanKraft. Not only is our building turning 99, but we celebrate the ownership of said property for 26 years. That’s right, in 1991 with little money and big dreams, WomanKraft purchased the building still being used today when it was subject to be condemned. To say it was a labor of love would be the understatement of the year, (and what a year). Now, on a lovey side, 26 years later, we are just under 6 months of owning the building outright - We think there’ll be a party.. woo! paying off the mortgage is a huge goal WomanKraft has been working towards for a long time. Another anniversary in December is the birth of WomanKraft herself, founded in 1974, successfully fulfilling the mission of claiming, validating, and empowering women artists and under-represented groups, now for 42 years!!

99 is an impressive feat, and 100 is going to be huge! For her 100th year, we would love to be able to give our building a fresh, much needed paint job! We would like to use the same colors we’ve always had, Buttercup Yellow and Victorian Plum. It’s easy to say, and very hard to do. The castle will need various repairs and some maintenance before the painting, patching, sanding and prepping... a lot of work will be needed. And, to accomplish this work, we will be needing scaffolding for our towering two-story beauty! All of this is going to take a lot of time, and a lot of money... If you would like to donate anything, time or money or supplies, please let us know. Research and inquiry will be needed to see if we can get any corporate donations for materials. If this sounds like something you could help us with, please do not hesitate to contact us! We would love to

have any sort of help, Remember, WomanKraft is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, and any donations you make are tax deductible. This particular non-profit is run 100% by volunteers - that means that for the 42nd year in existence, WomanKraft will rely on passionate individuals who want to make an impact on our community by donating their time and effort so WomanKraft can continue to provide exceptional programming free and open to the public all year round.

Our building provides us with so much, the space and the means to accomplish everything we do, the Gallery, the School of the Arts, the Sanctuary All Natural Hair and Body Salon, 6 rented artist studios, storage, performance space, everything! Let’s show our appreciation, and work on restoring ‘The Castle’ at 388 S. Stone to her most glorious! To get in touch about working on this project, please call (520)629-9976.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

January 6th will be our annual board meeting from 10am to 12pm. Board members and interested individuals will gather to discuss reports, proposals, new business, and vote on new board members Paula Rhyne and Tony Di Angelis. Minutes will be available upon request. (520)629-9976 Ext 1. Votes can be mailed in if you are unable to attend. Must be at WomanKraft prior to the scheduled meeting time. Join us for coffee, juice and bagels. See you there, board members!

THE RUMMAGE SALE!!

This very January 20 + 21st we will be hosting our ever more popular Rummage Sale! 8am to 4pm both days. This is an excellent opportunity for everyone to help WomanKraft. Whether you can donate your clean, working items, your time, or you come by and buy something, you are helping! We always need volunteers to help set up our sale, and really could use help packing it all up when we’re done on Saturday the 21st at 4pm. If you can’t make it to help set up, then come down and buy something useful; or something you didn’t know you needed!

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Our generous community provides us with so many donations of clean and working items, I can promise you'll find something you just can't live without! From toys, decorations, collection of art books, novels, and kitchen utensils, a huge variety of art supplies, technology and clothing.. there is something for everyone.

Our Rummage Sale is our most successful fundraiser, and provides WomanKraft with the money we need to pay things like property taxes, utility bills, and other general operating expenses. Please take this opportunity to support WomanKraft, anyway you come. Come more than once! And tell your friends!

THE SALE RUNS Friday and Saturday, January 20 + 21, 8am - 4pm both days.

Please call (520)629-9976 X 1 to schedule your participation.

KARAOKE

WomanKraft's Karaoke Night is a hit and growing! This particular Karaoke adventure let's you enjoy all the fun of karaoke without any fear of embarrassment. Our intimate 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. The next Karaoke Night is Friday, March 10th from 7- 10pm. It's the best answer to the question "What did you do this weekend?!"

LUSIA SLOMKOWSKA PUBLICATION PARTY

WomanKraft is pleased to host a gathering Saturday Night, April 22nd from 7-9pm. (CHECK DATES)

Readings from Lusía's recently published memoir and poetry collection will be featured, and the books from Tucson's own Kore Press will be available.

Lusia was a poet, fiction writer, essayist and translator. She traveled, lived and taught in Eastern Europe as well as the U.S. She worked as an actuary,

bread packer, dental assistant, produce farmer and ran Inn Complete: A Women's Bed and Breakfast, in Barrio Viejo in Tucson. Grants and fellowships include the Barbara Deming Money for Women Memorial Foundation, the Polish National Library Foundation and the Vermont Studio Center. Her writing has been awarded the Poetry Atlanta Award, Writers at Work Poetry Fellowship, Bennington Writers Workshop poetry prize and the Lucille Sandberg Haiku Award. She was a facilitator for Glob-all, Young Polish Women Photographers at WomanKraft Art Center, Tucson, 2004.

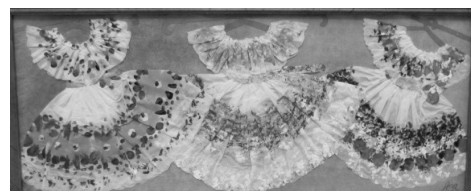
Lusia's favorites, brownies + oatmeal cookies, as well as other refreshments will be served.

Lusia's close friend Sat Bir Kaur Khalsa will be a featured reader. Sat Bir holds an honors degree in English from UA and a masters in Women's Studies. She is co-founder of the Culture of Peace Alliance (COPA). The YWCA recently praised Sat Bir for taking a leadership role in combating prejudice and injustice in the Tucson community.

Saturday, April 22, 7-9pm, WomanKraft Art Center

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Mexican Fiesta Dresses by Ana Yanez

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A BIG, SPARKLY THANK YOU FROM THE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Our School of the arts has recently been donated a whole bunch extra awesome goodies. Boxes and boxes of beads, baubles, jewels, feathers, ribbons, stamps, papers! It was splendid. A special thank you to Susan Danos, Shellie Montgomery, and Robin Sweet. You ladies have added to our collection of art supplies and made so many students happy for a long time to come. Thank you to everyone who donates to WomanKraft, your generosity creates this bounty and opportunity for so many people. Thank you!

SAYING SO LONG

Paul Brunelle and Dan Reichel have tendered their resignations from our board and Paul will no longer be able to docent the gallery on Wednesdays. We thank you Paul, for all your hours and energy donated to WomanKraft and our community. Like many folks, the overwhelming time it takes to help run a non-profit organization (in this case Speak the Speech Theatre Company) often eliminates the ability to work at another. We wish you continued success with the theater company, may it grow and be successful. Taking over the Wednesday docent position will be Josh Smith, already a contributing artist member, board member, and WomanKraft handyman extraordinaire. Thank you Josh, for stepping up to help create a seamless transition.

THE GLOO FACTORY

The Gloo Factory, a community-minded local print shop, located at 238 E 26th St, has recently done some exemplary work with WomanKraft. (Have you seen our 'eARTh' bumperstickers in two sizes recently?) Available for all your printing needs from screen printing, bumper stickers, copies, signs and banners, stickers and more. The Gloo Factory is a local business WomanKraft would like to encourage all friends to consider for future printing needs. We are hoping to get a class started in screen printing with the Gloo Factory, so keep a look out for exciting new class opportunities through our School of the Arts, and remember to SUPPORT LOCAL! Learn

more about the Gloo Factory, at www.thegloofactory.com

RAFFLE WINNERS

September / October raffled art by Zoe and Grace Rhyne was won by Ray Hislop of Green Valley, Arizona The winner of November / December's Raffle, "Beat Tin Heart" by Shellie Montgomery, was won by Mary Lou Griggs.

Karaoke Night's raffle was won by Terri McGuire. Winners receive 2 free tickets to the next Karaoke Night, including 2 complimentary drinks.

To find out more about the current art raffle, please call or visit the gallery!

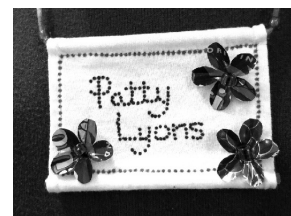
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INTERESTING ARIZONA FACTS

1. You could pile four 1,300 foot skyscrapers on top of each other and still not reach the rim of the Grand Canyon.
2. The amount of copper used to make the dome atop the Arizona capital building is the equivalent of 4.8 million pennies.
3. The Navajo Nation spans 27,000 square miles across Utah, Arizona and New Mexico, but it's capital is seated at Window Rock, Arizona.
4. Sandra Day O'Connor the first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, grew up on a family ranch near Duncan, Arizona.
5. Arizona's disparate climate can yield the highest and lowest temperatures in the nation in the same day.

GET CRAFTY WITH PERSONALIZED NAME TAGS



Reception nights at WomanKraft are a great place to meet new friends, and meet local artists that are showing work in the gallery. Director of Exhibits Zoe

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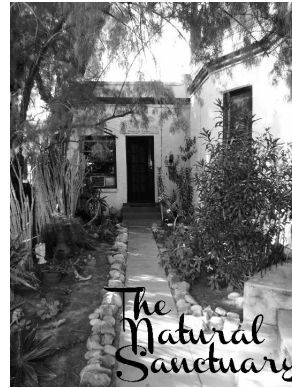
Rhyne has been encouraging artists to create individualized name tags to wear at Receptions. The Artists are getting creative (imagine that!), let's keep up the good work. Artists, keep making name tags, and don't forget them on our reception Saturdays! If you are interested in taking a workshop specifically for making these name tags in a supportive creative environment, check out our class opportunity on page 7.

HERE'S WOMANKRAFT'S WISH LIST, good year round!

- Scaffolding – for 2 and 1/2 stories, turret
- 8 1/2 X 11 Copy Paper
- Black Brother Brand Toner Cartridges TN-630 or TN-660
- Brother Brand Replacement DRUM for printer MFC L2700DW
- 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!
- 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, research, installation and everything!
- Rain Water Harvesting research, installation and everything!
- your TIME.

Please don't hesitate to call Grace 629-9976 Ext 1 to schedule some time to volunteer at WomanKraft. It would be greatly greatly appreciated.

THE SANCTUARY - AN ALL NATURAL HAIR AND BODY SALON



The Sanctuary is an all natural, full service hair and body salon located within WomanKraft.

Using safe and effective vibrational healing remedies, natural & organic flower essences, gem elixirs, and essential oils, The Sanctuary specializes in unique beauty, bath and custom blended personal care formulations.

At The Natural Sanctuary all of our essences and elixirs are meticulously made by hand with a spiritual quality and respect for our mission. All creations are designed to enhance the deeper spiritual aspect and meaning of life or being, focusing on: awareness, love, intuition, self-empowerment, grace, creative expression, divine power and inner healing.

For more information and appointments, please call (520) 882-6280. www.thenaturalsanctuary.com
Peace to all.



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