

# The Castle Voice

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# Castle Voice

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

**WomanKraft is a Non-Profit Arts Organization founded in 1974 to claim, validate, and empower women artists and other under-represented groups.**

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**Hours Wednesday-Saturday, 1-5pm**

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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 1991, 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 & Josh Smith, Gayle Swanbeck, the photography studio of Jerold Schnauss, and Plantney, a local plant shop in Studio 102. WomanKraft is located at 388 S. Stone Ave., Tucson, AZ, 85701.

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# Gallery Schedule

We are open from 1-5pm every Friday and Saturday! And always open by appointment, Please call today to schedule your very own private gallery tour! (520) 629-9976 or (520) 343-3726. No receptions scheduled. Check on website: [www.womankraft.org](http://www.womankraft.org) to see if receptions will take place.

## **SEPTEMBER 5 - OCTOBER 31, 2020: ART OF THE DIVINE**

Many Artists see Art as a way to connect with something greater than ourselves. Some of the oldest and most famous art we know of is based in spirituality. Let us explore this theme and use art as prayer. Seeking art featuring goddesses, gods, angels, altars, things mystic and legendary, saints, sinners, prayers and visions! All mediums accepted, deadline for submissions Saturday August 29th, 2020.

## **NOVEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 19, 2020: THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

Our Annual Holiday Bazaar is upon us! Seeking a diversity of fine arts and crafts to represent the diversity of the season. All work must retail from \$1-\$100. All mediums accepted, all subject matter considered, deadline for submissions October 31st, 2020.

## **FEBRUARY 6-MARCH 27, 2021: THE FACE OF ART**

We see faces all around us all everyday, some familiar and others not, but as humans we rely on our faces to express things when even words cannot. Let's explore this expressive side to all of us. Portraits, masks, mirrors, sculpture.... let's face it, the possibilities are endless! All mediums and subject matter considered. Deadline for Submissions January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **APRIL 3- MAY29, 2021: DRAWING DOWN THE MUSE**

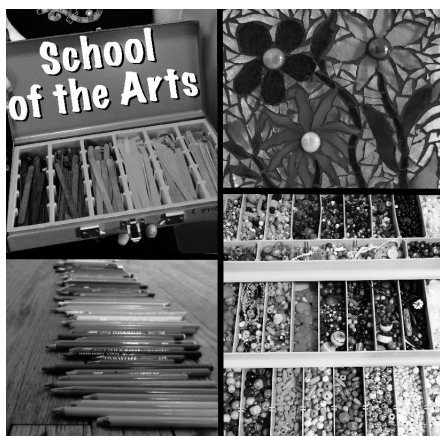
WomanKraft's 29th annual Women only exhibit by and for local women artists. Come and Join us in the celebration of our divine feminine power. All mediums and subject matter accepted. Deadline for submissions: March 27th

## **JUNE 5, 2021- JULY 31, 2021:VISIONS OF THE FUTURE**

The future, such a nebulous unknown concept.... what does our future hold? Skyscrapers, hover boards, aliens? A utopian society, like Star Trek? Or do we look at the more immediate future, goals for ourselves, milestones to be celebrated, where do you see yourself in ten years? Tomorrow? What does the future look like to you? Let's take a sneak peak into possibility! All mediums and subject matter considered. Deadline for submissions May 29, 2021

**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.

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#### YEAR-ROUND CLASSES: STUDIO PAINTING WITH GAYLE SWANBECK, ARTIST AND CO-DIRECTOR OF EXHIBITS AT WOMANKRAFT AND FOUNDER OF THE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS.

Studio classes are ongoing, join anytime, stop when you are ready. Learn oils, acrylic, or watercolors. Select your own subject matter and proceed at your own pace. Individual instruction is available as you need it. Class limit is 2 people. Classes Wednesday, 10am-Noon. FEE: \$60 per 8 weeks. Supplies not included.

#### WORKSHOPS AND COVID 19

We are offering, tentatively, the workshops listed below. I say tentatively because it is impossible to predict what may happen with Covid 19. We are trying to remain flexible and when a workshop runs, it will be as safe as possible. Workshops will be limited to 2 pre-registered students, masks are required and hand sanitizers will be provided. Should a workshop have a large response, we'll attempt to schedule additional times. Please note that a few of our workshops have gone up in cost. This is being done to reflect rising material costs. Thanks to a very generous private donation, scholarships for low income people over 50 are still available. We hope everyone is staying healthy, safe, and practicing creative projects and passions.

#### SEPTEMBER

##### POETRY, PROSE, AND STORYTELLING 2 PARTS

This workshop will meet twice a month and be open to both women and men writers of all levels will work on their skills through writing exercises, sharing, and gentle critiques. The goals will be to develop your own style of writing, to gain personal comfort performing your work, to ultimately be a part of a WomanKraft Press publication, and for those interested, a public performance.

Part I: Tuesday, Sep 8, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, Sep 22, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

##### HANDMADE GLYCERIN SOAP

You'll have an opportunity to make many bars of this natural vegetable based soap. Use specialty molds, natural oils, organic and non-organic products to customize each bar you make.

Thursday, Sep 10, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe Rhyne

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: Friday, Sep 11, 9:30am-12:30pm

Part II: Friday, Sep 18, 11am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$30 supplies included

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### **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, Sep 11, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Friday, Sep 18, 1:30-3:00pm

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$25 supplies included

### **STAINED GLASS MOSAIC VOTIVES 2 Parts**

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

Part I: Saturday, Sep 12, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Saturday, Sep 19, 1:30-3:00pm

Facilitator: Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$30 supplies included

### **NEEDLE FELTING**

A Fun and surprisingly easy class, we will learn classic needle felting (dry felting) techniques that can be used to create delightful fiber art figures.

Wednesday, Sep 16, 3-5pm

Facilitator: Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

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

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

Part I: Wednesday, Sep 23, 3-5pm

Part II: Wednesday, Sep 30, 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!

Thursday, Sep 24, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

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

### **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, Sep 25, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

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

### **YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRAW A STRAIGHT LINE PART 1 GEOMETRIC SHAPES**

Using geometric shapes you can draw anything. This group of workshops (parts 1-4) can be taken all together or one at a time depending on your interest. Part 1 will give you some very useful techniques that will make drawing easier, more successful and fun.

Saturday Sep 26, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 each or all four for \$60 supplies included.

## OCTOBER

### **PERSONAL JOURNALS**

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

Friday, Oct 9, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe 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: Saturday, Oct 10, 1:30-4:30pm

PART II: Saturday, Oct 17 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$25 Supplies included.



## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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Part I: Tuesday, Oct 13, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, Oct 27, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### HANDMADE PAPER MASKS 2 PARTS

This is a two-for-one workshop. First we will learn to make 100% post-recycled paper and then we will use those techniques to create personalized masks, then the second part of the workshop you will decorate this handmade masterpiece.

Part I: Thursday Oct 15, 1:30-2:30pm

Part II: Thursday, Oct 22, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

### LITTLE BOXES, LITTLE ALTARS

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, Oct 16, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe 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, Oct 21, 3-5pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

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, Oct 23, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### LAMINATE YOUR PAPER COLLAGE

Collage both sides of a 8 1/2 by 11 piece of paper utilizing color, contrast and composition techniques. we will finish by laminating and sharing our works of art.

Saturday, Oct 24, 1:30-4:00pm

Facilitator: Tony DiAngelis

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### UNDERSTANDING HOW TO BEGIN ABSTRACT WORKS OF ART

In this workshop you will learn some useful techniques that will aid you in creating abstract imagery, regardless of your chosen medium.

Wednesday, Oct 28, 3-5pm

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, Oct 29, 6-8pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

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, Oct 30, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 each

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### **YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRAW A STRAIGHT LINE PART TWO, LIGHT AND SHADOW**

This workshop teaches you all about lights and shadows and how important they are to successfully draw and paint objects, whether you're creating one tree or a forest, folds in cloth or wrinkles in skin.

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

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee; \$20 supplies included

## NOVEMBER

### **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, Nov 6, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Friday, Nov 13, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$25 supplies included

### **HOW TO RESIN FLAT ARTWORKS 2 PARTS**

In the first part you'll create a small simple painted assemblage art piece. Feel free to bring "special" assemblage pieces from home and/or use our huge selection. In part 2 you'll learn how to resin your artwork with valuable money saving tricks that include optimal climate conditions, methods for mixing, pouring, brushing the resin and more. Learn from one of the best!

Part I: Saturday, Oct 7, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Saturday, Oct 14, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Tony DiAngelis

Fee: \$30 supplies included

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Part I: Tuesday, Nov 10, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, Nov 24, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 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, Nov 11, 10am - Noon

Facilitator: Jordana Silvestri

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!

Thursday, Nov 12, 1:30pm-4:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **PRISMACOLOR PENCILS AND ABSTRACT ART**

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

Thursday, Nov 12, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20 supplies included

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### **PAINTING WITH OIL STICKS 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

PartII: Tuesday, November 24, 6:30-8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

### **STAMPING AND EMBOSSEING CARDS**

In this workshop we will use our excellent collection of stamps, inks and embossing powders to create a variety of beautiful, personalized cards to send to anyone for any occasion!

Thursday, Nov 19, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.

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

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

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

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

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

Saturday, Nov 21, 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### **COLLAGING CHAIRS**

Come and help us beautify our new classroom chairs! This workshop will teach the techniques of collaging with magazines and mulberry paper, and it's a nice big space to cover with lots of room for pretty pictures!

Friday, Nov 27, 1-5pm

Facilitator: Zoe Rhyne Fee: Free!

### **YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRAW A STRAIGHT LINE PART 3 BLACK AND WHITE WITH INK AND PENCIL**

In this workshop you will learn a myriad of techniques for creating rich and interesting black and white imagery.

Saturday, Nov 28, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

## DECEMBER

### **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, Dec 2, 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, Dec 3, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

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

### **HOT GLUE GUN ART**

Learn exciting techniques creating your own work of art from that old friend, hot glue guns! Using paint and glue we will create a stunning work of art that appears almost three dimensional when it's done.

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

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$20 supplies included.



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Part I: Tuesday, Dec 8, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, Dec 22, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

\*\*\*BILINGUAL CLASS\*\*\*CLASE 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, Dec 10, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Tuesday, Dec 17, 1:30-3:00pm

Facilitator: Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$30 supplies included

### COPPER EMBOSSEING

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

Friday, Dec 11, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20.00 supplies included.

### YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRAW A STRAIGHT LINE PART 4 DRAWING THE HUMAN FORM

This workshop will take a lot of the mystery and frustration out of drawing people. You might find yourself surprised with how easy it can be.

Saturday, Dec 12, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### AFFIRMATION CHAINS

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

Thursday, Dec 17, 9:30-11:30pm

Facilitator: 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, Dec 18, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 supplies included

### HANDMADE PAPER AND SEEDS

Learn to make 100% post-consumer recycled paper, with various wildflower seeds imbedded. Plant in your yard, or someone else's!

100% fun...100% Successful!

Saturday, Dec 19, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Zoe Rhyne

Fee: \$20 Supplies included.



Winter Solstice - Lonni Lees

## NEWS & COMMENTS

### RUMMAGE SALE

WomanKraft has hosted an indoor yard sale in both January and August for years now, and it has consistently been our most successful fundraiser. This fall will obviously be different. Due to the Corona Virus, safety protocols would just be impossible to adhere to for something as big as the rummage sale, where we usually see hundreds of people in two days. This is a huge blow for us, for so many reasons. Not only will it mean a loss in income, this event is always a great place to meet new people and attract new members and audiences, making connections and friends, as well as a great reason for our “regulars” to come by and see us and get a good bargain at the same time. This is also usually a great opportunity for our members to volunteer with us, (we miss you volunteers!!) It’s a tragedy, add it to the list. We thank you all for your generous donations of such wonderful goodies, and we are ever grateful that our glorious building provides us the space to store our rummage sale goodies until we can once again open our doors to the greatest indoor yard sale in Tucson! We sincerely hope to be able to have our sale in January, as usual, but its too soon to tell. In the mean time, cross your fingers and hope for a light at the end of this tunnel. Thank you all for thinking of us and we hope you stay cool! We miss you rummagers!!!

### DIRECTOR THANKS BY ZOE RHYNE

Well, it seems like so much has happened since the last Castle Voice, but at the same time it feels as though nothing has changed..... But I have a feeling I am not the only one who feels that way. These are absolutely unprecedented times, and lets face it, none of us ever thought we would be living through a global pandemic, especially not here, in a prosperous country, in 2020, aka THE FUTURE. But here we are! And there’s no sense in complaining about it, even though it honestly feels like one of the only things we can do, since we certainly can’t change anything ourselves! So I guess it leaves us only one choice, carry on! So that is what I am trying to do here, carry on! Despite not being able to have receptions, (oh how I miss receptions!!) and only

being open limited hours, I feel like if we did not hang a show in September it would be like admitting defeat, and here at WomanKraft we will never give up, never surrender! So I am determined to hang my “Art of the Divine” show at the end of August. Artists, call me if you have stuff, call me to chat, call me to come down and see the show! If you cannot make it on a Friday from 1-5, please call me, and we can schedule a time that works for you! This art needs to be made, and it needs to be seen most of all! I know we are all going a little stir-crazy, and if you feel like its safe enough, please come down and see us! We are limiting the number of visitors, requiring masks, and providing hand sanitizers. We are doing all we can to keep you safe and keep our dreams alive! Tell your friends, Like us on Facebook, share us with your people so they too can get a chance to have a private showing of your favorite local gallery! If you are anything like me, Ive been spending too much time at home looking at my walls.... I’m itching for some new art to look at!

We all need each other more than ever now, and it’s an enormous challenge we face. But we face it together! This transition of the world to an “online version” has been difficult for WomanKraft, we are so much more than just a gallery or just a shop. WomanKraft is about community, its about getting together, experiencing things, making art, all of this, together. So when we are thinking of how to transfer this to the website, we are falling short. How can we recreate this space, the feeling that you get walking into the show and seeing the building and each wall representing a unique artist? I just don’t know. But we are not giving up! We are diligently working on our online presence, if only to stay on people’s radar. We will be posting a lot more pictures of the work, hopefully doing some virtual tours, etc. We will be doing all we can to maintain what we do here, and we need you to help us! Please, Check out what we do have available online, both our website, Facebook, and Instagram. Like, read and share! Better yet, come and see us! But most importantly, keep making art. Keep thinking of us, don’t let “the Man” get you down! We will all emerge on the other side of this catastrophe, bent, but not broken! Thank you all in

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advance for your continued awesomeness in the field of being a fantastic human being.

I cannot wait to be able to have our receptions again, I love and miss you all!

-Zoe

### PLANTNEY

WomanKraft is proud to welcome a new member of our family, Plantney! Plantney is a brainchild of our very own Nick Curtis, who combined his two greatest loves; plants and Britney Spears. His love of plants is matched in his business partner, Josh! You know, the one who makes beautiful metal art, and does all the repairs and maintenance on our building? The very same! The two have bonded over the greenery and together make the perfect team for this fabulous plant shop! Located in studio 102, this is one place you do not want to miss! The space has been re-vamped, painted, and filled with all manner of glorious greenery! They specialize in indoor tropical houseplants, and have spent months growing and loving each little plant, getting them ready for you to take home and adore! Don't have a green thumb? No problem! They have plants for all skill levels and wallet sizes, from almost impossible to kill snake plants to super rare and gloriously huge giant monstera! Now that we are all spending so much more time at home, it is recommended by experts everywhere that house plants help us! They not only provide beauty and oxygen, they are a welcome distraction from the stress of this quarantine lifestyle, giving us something else to focus our energy on, caring for these fascinating life forms! So listen to the experts (mostly me) and get your house plant on! Come on down and visit this fabulous little shop, get yourself some much needed plants, and check out this awesome space! Always filled with good vibes and lots of fresh, home grown oxygen, and of course, the soundtrack is always excellent!

Regular Hours:

Wednesday- Saturday 1-5pm

Sunday 12-2pm

Check them out on Instagram and their website:  
@plantneyspears      www.Plantney.com

Online ordering and even curbside pick up available!  
Wow!

### THE STATE OF THE WORLD

The state of the world, as you know, is shall we say, tumultuous. Where does that leave WomanKraft? Well my friends, the world is changing and we are doing our best to evolve along with it.

#### **HERE ARE SOME CHANGES YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT:**

##### **When are we open?**

We are open from 1-5pm every Friday and Saturday! And always open by appointment, Please call today to schedule your very own private gallery tour!  
(520) 629-9976 or (520) 343-3726

We are limiting the number of people to 2-3 visitors at a time, requiring masks, and providing sanitizers! Please folks, come down and see us! The show deserves an audience and we all deserve a safe outing. And let's face it, we could all use some new art to enjoy now that we are spending so much time at home with our walls. Listen, you can hear them beckoning for more art....

##### **What about classes?**

The School Of The Arts will continue to teach some workshops and classes, with class size limited to two students. Masks will be required, all surfaces and supplies sanitized and sanitizers will be available. This economic crisis has hit us as well, and we are doing our best to limit the changes we will have to make. Some of our classes that require more expensive supplies will be increasing in price. We are striving to keep all of our workshops affordable, and many will remain at the usual \$20 fee.

Please call to sign up and reserve your seat today! Making things always feels good, and we all need more feel good! We miss you students!

See page 4 for class schedule.

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### How can you help?

Come down and see us, or call just to say Hello! Schedule your tour of the show, make art for the show! Sign up for classes! Make art at home! Make us a card and drop it in the mail! Keep us in your thoughts and in your heart, as you are all in ours! Stay Safe, and be well! We will all be re-united some day soon!

### THINGS TO DO FOR HOPE

There is a lot going on all around us and it seems as though most of it is far from being in our control. Or anyone's control, really, and that is very stressful. Here are some ideas that I have done at home that make me feel a little better, maybe it can help you feel a little better too!

Find yourself a nice big jar, (like a mason jar!) and every time you think of some activity you want to go and do but can't because of this pandemic, write it on a scrap of paper or a sticky note, and put it in the jar. We are saving these outings for when we get to go out and enjoy them! This way it doesn't feel as though you can't have any fun, it's merely postponed. Its something to look forward to! Personally I enjoyed decorating my jar as much as I love filling it. Every time we put another goal into our vessel, we are manifesting and telling the universe what we want. Even something as simple as going for a picnic, or seeing a new movie, hugging an old friend, everything is valid. Then we must all fulfill these promises we are making to ourselves, and when all of this is over we are going to have SO. MUCH. FUN!!

Taking my dog for a walk around the neighborhood I was inspired by so many lovely handmade signs and notes to neighbors and friends, hanging in windows and in yards everywhere! So many messages of love and hope, I wanted to be a part of it. So I figured out a way to make a sweet little sign with what I had at home! Take a cereal box (or pizza box or what have you, the light cardboard is what we are looking for) and flatten it out, flip it over to the plain brown side. This is the perfect canvas for anything and everything! I have since used it to cut out letters and

just to paint on. Using acrylic craft paint I made myself a little sign to pin to our front fence. the cardboard is light and easy to hang, and is holding up to this Tucson sun impressively! I love seeing it every day and I love the idea of someone else seeing it and smiling as well. Write anything that inspires you. Draw a picture, just one word, a whole poem, there is no wrong answer!

### HOMEBOUND

By Ellen Parrish

Home was never meant to be a prison. Home means haven, sanctuary, a slice of heaven on earth. The pandemic has forced a reckoning with the notion of freedom to be oneself and forced isolation. When choice is taken out of the equation, there is a shift in the meaning of home.

Those of us who are lucky enough to shelter in the comfort of home, waiting for a vaccine or a miracle should be grateful. It was sort of fun at first, but as the clock ticks slowly toward summer's end, it feels like everything has changed.

What have we learned? Personally, I've learned that community matters, that my circle of friends and family is the most important thing to me, and that I desperately miss contact. I've found that phone conversations must take the place of hugs, and recipe exchanges are more delicious than dining out. I am desperately grateful for the conversation with the cashier at Lowes, thrilled when my dog approaches me with tail wagging, and deeply interested in the progress my potted plants are making as I tend them on my patio.

Sniffing the air as I slice into a ripe melon I am reassured that I haven't lost my sense of smell. Taking a juicy bite is confirmation that I still have active taste buds. Wait, a sneeze? Better find the thermometer and check my body temperature. Ah, normal. Now to wash my hands again, after fetching the mail. But what is normal?

The new normal requires that I must search the eyes of fellow shoppers to detect whether they are smiling

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behind their masks. Why bother with the curling iron when they only person who will be looking at my hair today is my own reflection, a stolen glance as I diligently wash my hands? I am unimpressed. Indifferent. Week after week the laundry contains the same sets of summer clothes, practical and utterly unremarkable. One washer load will take care of everything I've dirtied this week.

Daytime television. Novels consumed in two days. Listening intently to the radio. Scanning the news in hopes that there is something good to look forward to. Watching the birds in the yard, somehow fascinated with their indifference to COVID19. Early bedtime in order to go for a walk before the stifling heat sets in—walking outside in the park being the highlight of my day. Repeat. Repeat. Repeat. Small victories such as vacuuming, watering, doing the dishes; this is what life has been reduced to in quarantine.

Reviewing the list of things I plan to do when the world gets back to normal gives me pleasure. Getting on an airplane and flying somewhere near the ocean. Going to a big live concert and hollering enthusiastically at the encore while dancing sweatily. Hugging my kids and friends. Attending a reception at WomanKraft and milling around looking at beauty and truth hanging on the gallery walls, then grabbing some snacks and a beverage shoulder to shoulder with other art lovers. Courage. We'll get there.

### THANKS AND UPDATES BY GAYLE SWANBECK

Thanks go out to Nancy Martin, a WomanKraft Founding Mother, artist, and our board secretary. Nancy donated \$1,000 to fund the updating of our WomanKraft scrapbook. We started archiving in this manner in 1986 when we still rented space on Congress street. The scrapbooks chronicle our exhibits, workshops, events, publicity, support letters and cards. Besides being informative fun for our visitors and regulars to browse through, they are an invaluable tool when we need to pull support information as we write our grants. A few years ago the Arizona Historical Society gave us an educational

presentation on the value of preserving our history, our stories. We were surprised to learn that even hard drives, as well as CDs and especially tapes, have a surprisingly short shelf life. Apparently nothing lasts like hard copy. With additional funds donated anonymously by a board member, Zoe went shopping and bought 14 binders of glorious rainbow hues and plastic display sheets by the hundreds. There are boxes and folders and files filled with our "stuff" and Caroline Latron has taken the job of sorting, cutting, and pasting all this into chronological order, artfully arranged. This has been a long over due project. Thank you Nancy from all of us now and all who will enjoy them in the future.

We've had many acts of kindness and generosity to be grateful for. Thanks go to Terri McGuire, board member, artists singer, teacher, for donating back her workshop paychecks to WomanKraft. You are such an open hearted generous woman, and we are blessed and inspired knowing you.

Thanks also go out to those of you have purchased art, finding time to look on our website ([womankraft.org](http://womankraft.org)) view photos of our hanging works, or visit us in person. Every sale of artist's work, at this time, is truly helpful. With art venues closed or severely limiting viewing hours, our incomes have been damaged. So I encourage everyone to consider buying art when looking for a meaningful gift for birthdays, anniversaries, just because, and with the holiday season rapidly approaching. Tucson is filled with a deep well of creative people providing fine arts, crafts, literature, C.D.s, and more. No you don't have to spend a fortune. Many venues, like WomanKraft, take pride in providing affordable high quality art. Make a difference and support local galleries, shops and individuals.

More thanks heading out to Marcia Grand, Vicky McGregor, Angie Garcia, Kathy J., Darlene Kirk, Tony DiAngelis, Shari Murphy, Nick Curtis, Zoe Rhyne, Ellen Parrish, Jordana Silvestri, Nancy Martin, and many more. These folks have donated money, rummage items, art supplies for the school, yard work, in house cleaning, bookkeeping, office

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work, publicity, website work, social media development, and more. Every time I sit to write about these gifts I am so overwhelmed by your kindness, your caring, your generosity. I've been with WomanKraft for forty two years and these feelings do not grow old, as a matter of fact, they are why I've volunteered here for forty two years. No amount of pay can touch the beauty of gratitude and the love I hold for this organization, it's people, the community services we provide, and this lovely building. Thanks to all of us, our future blossoms with our deeds, and our deeds are beautiful.

Between the heat and Covid 19, work has been slowed down a bit. Studio #103 has had its AC unit replaced and repairs and adjustments to the window where it's been installed have been done. Studio #102, where Plantney has moved in, has seen a lot of renovations. The cracking, loose old tile floor has been torn up and the underlying cement was cleaned, stripped and re-sealed with a garage floor resin sealer. Walls and ceilings have been repaired and painted throughout the space. Inside the Castle the usual August repairs are being done as I write this. Cracks are repaired, fresh paint applied where it is needed, and the floors brought back up to gorgeous luster. The new exhibit will go up and open on the first Saturday of September 1-5 pm. No receptions can be held for the safety of us all. Once installed, the downstairs will go through a deep cleaning. I'm looking forward to the Sept-Oct show; Art of the Divine and hope many of you will take advantage of a safe, private tour of the show.

In Love and Gratitude,  
Gayle Swanbeck

### **YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE!**

The most important election in our history is taking place this year! Do not miss this chance to let your voice be heard, and do not be fooled, one vote CAN make a difference! It could be you! This election season it is harder than ever to get to the polls safely and on time, here is a list of secure, nearby ballot drop off areas for early voters, please, vote! The full list and resource for finding your closest polling place

and for other questions, visit: [recorder.pima.gov](http://recorder.pima.gov)

Here is an abbreviated list of some drop offs near us, they will be open October 7th- 30th, Monday Through Friday, 8am to 5pm.

240 n. Stone Ave  
6920 Broadway Blvd Suite D (Broadway and Kolb)  
6550 S. Countryclub (One block south of Valencia, West side of street)  
3455 N. 1st (Woods library)? This location will not be open until Oct 26-30, with hours being 9am-5pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday and 10am -7pm Tuesday and Thursday

Apathy is the death of democracy! VOTE!

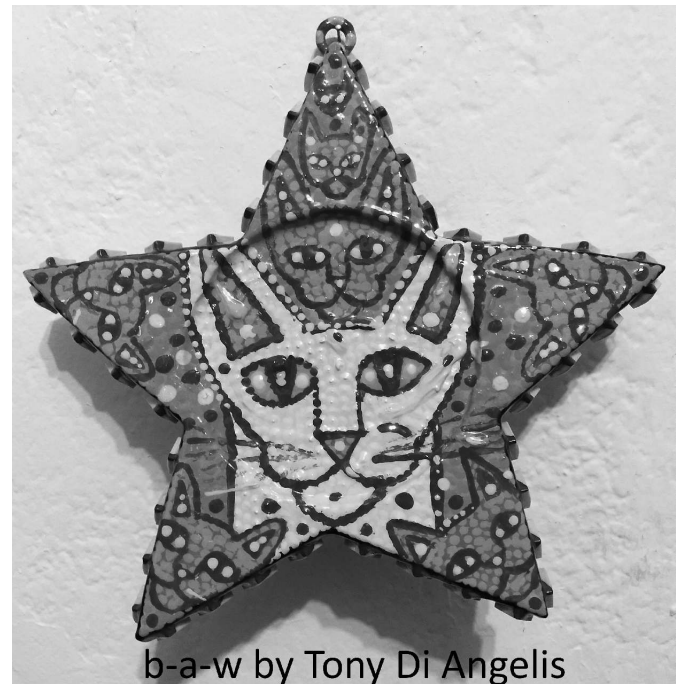
### **ARE YOU A MEMBER OF WOMANKRAFT?**

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, exchange ideas, and be a part of building community. For only \$30 a year, join WomanKraft in efforts to claim, validate, and empower women artists and other under-represented groups. By becoming a member you will receive a discount on events such as Karaoke Night and Bingo Night and, as an artist, a higher percentage of sales. In these times it is more important than ever to be sure that your checkbook and bank account reflect your beliefs. By supporting a local organization, founded by women and powered 100% by volunteers, BE an individual directly contributing to our Tucson community in focusing on creating a more cohesive future where all people can be involved in the arts. Please consider making this small yearly donation of \$30, and 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! Wednesday through Saturday, 1:00 - 5:00 PM at 388 S. Stone Ave. Tucson, AZ 85701. Call us at (520)629-9976 with any questions.



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