

# 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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### Thank You!

WomanKraft thanks the Arizona Commission on the Arts, 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 Studio of Gayle Swanbeck in Studio #103. WomanKraft is located at 388 S. Stone Avenue, Tucson, AZ, 85701.

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# Gallery Schedule

**Gallery hours: Thursday -Saturday, 1-5pm.**

## **SEPTEMBER 3 - OCTOBER 29: COLOR!**

RECEPTION: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2022, 7:00-10:00pm

I just had to do it... Revisiting our Black and White and Shades of Gray exhibit made me want to do a complete 180° turn. So I am doing just that... You pick the medium, you pick the subject matter, but color must be central to the finished artwork: Glorious sunsets, brilliant fall foliage, bright exotic garb, wild abstract swirls, velvety rich fantasies. Do you get the idea? Now create the art! Deadline for submissions: August 27, 2022.

## **NOVEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 23: HOLIDAY BAZAAR 2022**

RECEPTION: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022, 7:00-10:00pm

Our first Holiday Bazaar was 36 years ago at our rented location on Congress Street. It is still one of my favorites because we provide a venue for many local artists, an incredibly wide choice of fine arts and crafts, and it all retails between \$1 and \$100. We seek art that reflects the diversity of this holiday season from Christmas to Kwanzaa. All mediums and subject matter considered. Deadline for submissions: October 22, 2022.

**Gallery ONLY is closed in January. Rummage Fair is - Fri/Sat, Jan. 13/14 and 20/21, 2023.**

## **FEBRUARY 4 - MARCH 25, 2023: HIDDEN**

RECEPTION: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023, 7:00-10:00pm

We're looking for artwork in all mediums that explore the hidden. It's when our imagination turns clouds into running horses, rocks that shape themselves into faces, tree trunks that become goddesses, yes, even Nature's camouflage for insects, birds, and animals. What secret image is hidden in the everyday? Deadline for submissions: Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

## **APRIL 1 - MAY 27, 2023: DRAWING DOWN THE MUSE**

RECEPTION: SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023, 7:00-10:00pm

This is WomanKraft's 32nd annual Women-only exhibit. All mediums and subject matter accepted. Deadline for submissions: Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

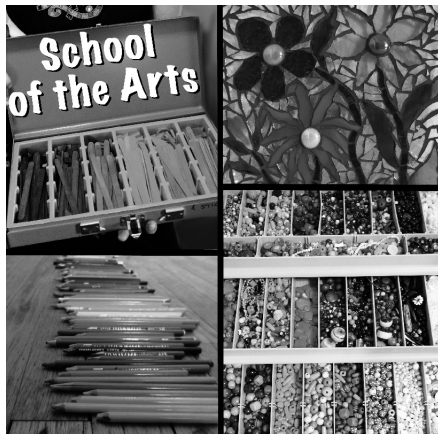
## **JUNE 3 - JULY 29, 2023: SUNRISE, SUNSET**

RECEPTION: SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023, 7:00-10:00pm

You guessed it... This exhibit is all about images of sunrises and sunsets. Realism to abstraction. All mediums accepted. Deadline for submissions: Wednesday, May 24, 2023.

**Are you an artist interested in exhibiting with WomanKraft? Call (520) 629-9976, Ext 2, for an appointment with Director of Exhibits and Gayle Swanbeck. Artists, please note: Shows are filled from first to respond. Deadlines indicate the last day works will be viewed, not the first. Hence, make contact ASAP. Call Thursday to Saturday from 1-5pm to speak to the docent on duty.**

# 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 individuals, board members, and those who pay workshop fees. 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 (520) 629-9976 Ext. 2 to sign up for classes and workshops.

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YEAR-ROUND CLASSES: STUDIO PAINTING WITH GAYLE SWANBECK, ARTIST AND 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, acrylics, 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. Fee: \$60 per 8 weeks. Supplies not included.

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### SEPTEMBER

#### SECOND CHANCE: HANDPAINTING USED CLOTHES

Bring a piece of your wardrobe (natural fiber only, but not silk), and learn how to turn a stained or damaged piece of clothing into a stunning one of a kind piece of wearable art.

Thursday, September 1, 1:30 - 4:30pm

Facilitator: Nicole Young

Fee: \$20, supplies included to transform your clothing.

#### STAINED GLASS MOSAIC VOTIVES: 2 PARTS

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

Part I: Friday, September 9, 1:30-4:00pm

Part II: Friday, September 16, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$25, supplies included.

#### MOSAIC ROOF TILE: 2 PARTS

Using clay roof tiles and glass half-rounds, glass squares, and stained glass, you'll mosaic your own design creation. We use the tiles to edge our walks and plant beds.

Part I: Saturday, September 10, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Saturday, September 17, 1:30-3:00pm

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: Donate your tile to Womankraft? Class is free. Take it home? Class is \$25.

#### TREAT YOURSELF: THE MANI-PEDI

In the all-natural hair and body salon housed in "The Castle," the Sanctuary is offering a workshop to learn professional techniques and secrets for manicures, pedicures, and more.

Wednesday, September 14, 10:00am-12:00pm

Facilitator: Jordana Silvestri

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

#### 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, and to gain personal comfort performing your work.

Part I: Wednesday, September 14, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Wednesday, September 28, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$5 for each session, supplies included.

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### DRUMMING FROM THE HEART

Always wanted to join a drum circle, but were afraid to ask? This class will unblock that fear. Journey into the sacred and moving experience of drumming. Instruction in basic hand patterns and rhythms will allow you to continue on your drum adventure. Drum rental available. Attend one or all of these sessions. Read on for details.

Thursday, September 15, 1:30-3:00pm

Facilitator: Susan Danos

Fee: \$10 for each class, \*or all four for \$30. Drum rental by donation, payable to instructor each class.\*Other DftH classes are on Thursdays - Oct 13, Nov 17, Dec 15, same time, same place.

### DRAWING AUTUMN FOLIAGE

This workshop will teach you valuable techniques for rendering autumn foliage. We'll use a variety of dry mediums: pastels, graphatints, and conté crayons.

Wednesday, September 21, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

### COLLAGING CHAIRS

Come help us beautify our classroom chairs! This workshop will teach the techniques of collaging with magazine imagery and special papers like mulberry, banana, tissue, etc. We've just bought new chairs and they really want to be collaged.

Thursday, September 22, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Jacquie Dinnie

Fee: FREE.

### OIL STICKS AND MONO PRINTS

You'll design, using oil sticks on a glass pane, (8"x10"), and pull up to three prints. A final application of paint will "clean up" your image, and you'll walk away with a reverse glass painting as well.

Tuesday, September 27, 6:30-8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

### GOURD ON A CORD

The gourd plant has been described as one of Nature's greatest gifts to humankind. In this class, you will learn to bead a small gourd, approximately 3" tall. Wear it around your neck, hang it on the rear-view mirror, or anywhere you desire. Join our drum teacher, Susan, as she welcomes you to experience her love of gourd beading. Limited to 4 students.

Thursday, September 29, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Susan Danos

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, September 29, 6:00-9:00pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20, plus \$10 supply fee, payable to the instructor (if you are a fee student).

### 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, September 30, 10:00am-12:00pm

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20. \*Or all four for \$40.

\*Other WWWs are on Fridays - Oct 28, Nov 18, and Dec 16 - same time, same place.

## OCTOBER

### MINI MOSAIC TRAYS: 2 PARTS

You'll be using stained glass to mosaic a wooden mini-tray in the first half of this workshop. In the second half, you'll have the option of grouting or resining your finished artwork.

Part I: Saturday, October 1, 9:30am-12:00pm

Part II: Saturday, October 8, 10:30am-11:30am

Facilitator: Traci Kelly

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

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### RESIN FRAMES: 2 PARTS

Using a 5"x7" picture frame, you'll design and execute your assemblage. In the second session, you'll seal it with a thin coat of resin. It is a way to turn the ordinary into the extraordinary.

Part I: Friday, October 7, 1:30-4:00pm

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

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$25, 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, October 12, 10:00am-12:00pm

Facilitator: Jordana Silvestri

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

### 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.

Part I: Wednesday, October 12, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Wednesday, October 26, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$5 for each session, supplies included.

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Thursday, October 13, 1:30-3:00pm

Facilitator: Susan Danos

Fee: \$10. Drum rental by donation, payable to instructor each class.

### 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 1: Saturday, October 15, 9:30am-12:30pm

Part 2: Saturday, October 22, 11:30am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$25, supplies included.

### MOSAIC GARDEN STEPPING STONES: 2 PARTS

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

Part I: Saturday, October 15, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Saturday, October 22, 1:30-3:00pm

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$25.

### 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, October 18, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

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, October 27, 6:00-8:00pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

### WISE WOMEN'S WRITING WORKSHOP

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Friday, October 28, 10:00am-12:00pm\*

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20.

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Part I: Wednesday, November 9, 1:30-3:30pm

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

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Thursday, November 10, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitators: Jacquie Dinnie

Fee: FREE.

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

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

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

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

#### **RESIN PLATES: 2 PARTS**

Using a 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, November 11, 1:30-4:00pm

Part II: Friday, November 18, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$25, supplies included.

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Part 2: Saturday, November 19, 11:00am-12:30pm

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Thursday, November 17, 1:30-3:00pm

Facilitator: Susan Danos

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### LET'S DRAW PEOPLE

Using charcoal and graphite, you'll learn some easy techniques that will let you skillfully draw the human form.

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## DECEMBER

### TURNING TRASH INTO ART: 2 PARTS

One person's trash, another person's art. We'll use donated broken jewelry, watches, recycled plastics and more to create figurative or abstract works. Then in the second half, we'll resin the piece for a rich finished artwork.

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

Part II: Thursday, December 8, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$25, supplies included.

### SHAKE, RATTLE, AND ROLL: 2 PARTS

A gourd can be used for many things. In this class you will learn to make a gourd rattle, full of colors and designs, and beaded down with strings. Join our drum teacher, Susan, and create your own musical instrument. Limited to four students.

Part I: Friday, December 2, 1:30-3:30pm

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In this workshop, you'll be making prints using sheets of polystyrene foam. The foam sheets can be easily drawn on and imprinted with any firm object, stamp, coin, etc. You'll also learn what a reduction print is and how to create one.

Tuesday, December 13, 6:30-8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

### THE ART OF COLLAGE

You'll be learning how to create intricate and creative collages that peek past the ordinary. We'll use magazine images and special papers made from banana, mango, rice, and mulberry.

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Yucca Sunset - Jonathan DuHamel



Her First Competition - Linda Mann

HER FIRST COMPETITION  
2014 Winner  
Linda Mann  
\$100

## NEWS & COMMENTS

### UPDATES AND THANKS by Gayle Swanbeck

Ingrid Aspromatis, Caroline Latron, and myself have been systematically moving through our storage areas cleaning, organizing, tossing out, and putting up donations for the next Rummage Fair in January 2023. These areas, have been desperately in need of such deep cleaning, and they look so good now. The purpose of each shelf and area has been specifically designated. No more looking for cleaning supplies in three different places. So many art-related items that we no longer use, or for which we have a huge stockpile, can now be useful again in the hands of other creative people. Continuing in this vein, Barbara (Jasper) Kasper has been doing some long overdue deep-cleaning. She has pumice-scoured all the toilets, oiled the wooden furniture, cleaned glass, and got the upstairs kitchen gleaming. Jasper also does docent duty on the fourth Saturday of each month, and fills in for other docents when they cannot be here. Caroline Latron has once again worked on our scrapbooks, bringing them up to date.

David Silvestri has worked on filling holes and gaps that have shown up as this old building continues to “settle” a little bit more. Jordana and David will be trimming our trees and refurbishing the gallery space in August while it is closed. This includes pulling nails, patching, painting, and treating the floors.

Don Proffitt installed two new air conditioners, one new electrical outlet, and replaced our aging smoke detectors with new ones. We also needed to replace our fire extinguishers; even when not used over the years, their effectiveness gradually diminishes until they are no longer viable. Please remember to check the gauges, expiration dates, and replace batteries as needed on such lifesaving alarms and equipment. They exist for the sole purpose of protecting your loved ones and your property. Consider setting up and adding memorable dates to your calendar, such as first day of spring and fall, or January 1st and July 1st. Simple steps like these will help keep everyone safe.

With David and Don’s hard work, our parking lot area is now completely free of wood, boards, metal, and

other such junk that had been allowed to accumulate. We all love driving back there and being met with a clean space.

Jacquie Dinnie installed a new front doorbell for the Gallery, and David installed one for the Sanctuary’s front door. Useful little devices.

The School of the Arts welcomes the return of Ingrid Aspromatis and her Wise Women’s Writing Workshop. It is back on track, but now meets 10am - 12pm on Friday mornings, instead of the former afternoon time. We are also welcoming the return of Traci Kelly as a teacher. She has started working on the School of the Arts bathroom mural. Parts had not been grouted, and now that has been done. She’s also planning on expanding this mural. When we replaced the old sink with a smaller one, it left a bare wall which needs to be worked on. Also, since our recent cleaning, a large section of wall has opened up, just begging to be muraled. Our cleaning also turned up boxes of handmade art tiles to tempt our creativity. We’re looking forward to the adventure.

We’ve also added Jacquie Dinnie, Nicole Young, and Susan Danos as teachers. Check out the new schedule for a wide variety of affordable workshops. Please remember that we offer scholarships for low-income people age 50 and older, and we also offer a 50% discount for teachers.

Thanks go out to those who have donated their art, rummage items, and/or cash, including Darlene Kirk, Nancy Martin, Jackie Weiss, David Greg, Jonathan DuHamel, Lonni Lees, Sue Pennington, Nicole Young, Susan J. Wischmann, and to all you other folks who’ve made their gifts anonymously to WomanKraft; your names ring out in our hearts, too.

We want to thank Gayle Swanbeck and Darlene Kirk for their generous donation in loving memory of their brother, Wayne Beckman of Ironwood, Michigan. He passed away July 1, 2022. Gayle had this to say: “Wayne was a good son, a good husband, and a good father. He lived a full and happy life. We were lucky to have him touch ours. It is the memory of this good

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man that will ease the sadness of missing him.” Our donation is specifically designated for free workshops and supplies at the School of the Arts for low-income people 50 and older.

In Love and Gratitude,  
Gayle Swanbeck and Darlene Kirk

**OUR WEBSITE:** [www.womankraft.org](http://www.womankraft.org)

Geno Davis has been getting our website up and running, step by step. He’s still working on parts, but there’s finally light at the end of the tunnel.

He has done our virtual tours which include our exterior, the Gallery, the School of the Arts, The Sanctuary, and current and previous exhibits are available online for your information and enjoyment.

Please feel free to give us feedback by calling 520-629-9976, ext. 2. Our aim is to provide a user-friendly experience. Geno has five years of virtual tour experience in various markets, his skills are quite remarkable. And his virtual tours are modifiable in order to present the best foot(age) forward, depending on what you need. Geno’s portfolio is at: <https://genodavisphotography.com>, and phone: 520-661-8587.

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### **THE SANCTUARY**

The Sanctuary is an all-natural, full-service salon located here at 388 S. Stone avenue. You’ll receive personal care in a beautiful, safe, tranquil setting at fair prices. and you’ll be supporting a local business. Contact: Jordana Silvestri for appointments at 520-882-6280.

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

Don Proffitt has proven himself as an excellent handyman through his work at WomanKraft and at the homes of several people who called upon him. He is accomplished in many types of handiwork and, if he believes he cannot do your job, he’ll tell you upfront. If you’re interested in seeing about work you need done, call him at 520-257-7995, and leave your name, number, and a brief message.

### **CALL TO ARTISTS**

Our upcoming season of exhibits is listed in The Castle Voice and also at our website: <https://www.womankraft.org>. You can call WomanKraft at 520-629-9976 ext 2, Thursday-Saturday, from 1:00-5:00pm to set up an appointment with Gayle Swanbeck to view your work.

### **IT’S OUR PARTY**

Save the date! Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 7:00 - 9:00pm. We’ll be celebrating 48 years as an Arizona non-profit arts organization, and 30 years at the Castle. No, I can’t believe it, but here we are, and we are so happy. Come and share a libation (alcoholic or non), some cake, and some lovely company.

### **COVID-19**

We do not require masks, but please wear yours and/or ask us to wear ours if there is potential for exposure or if you are immuno-compromised.

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