

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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Thursday-Saturday, 1-5pm

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Thank You!

WomanKraft thanks Long Realty, our generous members, our gallery docents, 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.

Note: Gallery will be closed Saturday, November 18 and Thursday, November 23.

SEPTEMBER 2 - OCTOBER 28, 2023: FALL FEVER

RECEPTION: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023, 7:00-9:00pm

Some folks get spring fever, but some of us get Fall Fever. This exhibit is all about colors and mysteries of autumn. All mediums accepted. Deadline for submissions: August 23, 2023.

NOVEMBER 4-DECEMBER 16, 2023: THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR 2023

RECEPTION: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023, 7:00-9:00pm

Our first Holiday Bazaar was 37 years ago at our rented location on Congress Street. It is still one of our 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 25, 2023.

Gallery ONLY is closed in January, 2024

FEBRUARY 3-MARCH 30, 2024: BLACK AND WHITE AND SHADES OF GRAY

RECEPTION: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024, 7:00-9:00pm

Back by popular demand, this exhibit is in all mediums, but only in black, white and shades of gray. No color in the art or presentation. We invite viewers, especially at the reception to attire in black and white and shades of gray. Deadline for submissions: January 24, 2024.

APRIL 6-MAY 25, 2024: DRAWING DOWN THE MUSE

RECEPTION: SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024, 7:00-9:00pm

It's the 33rd annual women's exhibit. No theme, all mediums. Show strong and proud in this decades long tradition celebrating women in the arts. Deadline for submissions: March 20, 2024.

JUNE 1-JULY 27, 2024: WINGS

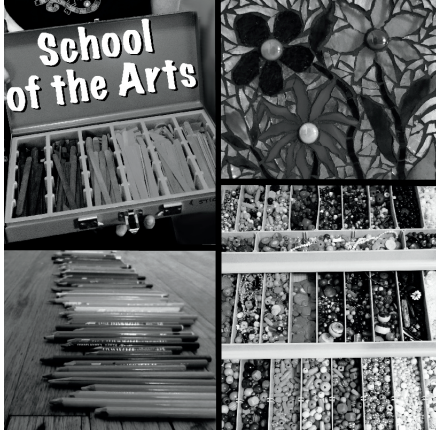
RECEPTION: SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024, 7:00-9:00pm

Butterflies, bees, bats, birds, real creatures with wings, but there is also the fantasy world of dragons, flying horses, fairies, cupids, griffins and more. This show accepts all mediums and all flights of creative imagery. Deadline for submissions: May 22, 2024.

Are you an artist interested in exhibiting with WomanKraft? Call 520-256-7455 for an appointment with Gayle Swanbeck or Terri McGuire, Directors of Exhibits . 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.

PLEASE NOTE NEW WOMANKRAFT PHONE NUMBER: 520-256-7455

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 520-256-7455 to sign up for classes and workshops.

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.

SEPTEMBER

DRUMMING FROM THE HEART

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.

Thursday, Sept 7, 1:30-3pm

Facilitator: Susan Danos

Fee: \$10 each class. Drum loaner by donation/tip, payable to instructor.

MOSAIC GARDEN STEPPING STONES: 2 PARTS

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

Part I: Friday, Sept 8, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Friday, Sept 15, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee:\$25

MOSAIC MURALING: 2 PARTS

We're continuing the muraling on the School of the Arts bathroom walls. You'll have the chance to learn design, layout, cutting stained glass, affixing pieces and grouting. Class size is limited to 3 and each will rotate skills so all have a chance to experience muraling fully.

Part I: Saturday, Sept 9, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Saturday, Sept 16, 1:30-4pm

Facilitator: Traci Kelly

Fee: \$10, supplies included

TREAT YOURSELF: THE MANI-PEDI

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

Wednesday, Sept 13, 10am-Noon

Facilitator: Jordana Silvestri

Fee: \$20, supplies included

POETRY, PROSE AND STORYTELLING

The work produced in this workshop will be determined by its participants needs...poetry, prose or storytelling. Writing exercises will be done in class, previous works can be brought for input, all in a safe and nurturing environment. Everyone welcomed.

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Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$10

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

SECOND CHANCE: HANDPAINTING USED CLOTHES

Bring a piece of your wardrobe (denim or natural fiber) and learn how to turn a stained or damaged piece of clothing into a stunning original piece of wearable art.

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

Facilitator: Nicole Young

Fee:\$20, supplies included

PAINTING WITH OILSTICKS: 2 PARTS

You'll learn to create beautiful artworks with this unique oil painting medium. It will free up your style!

Part I: Tuesday, Sept 19, 6-8pm

Part II: Tuesday, Sept 26, 6-8pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20, supplies included

THE ART OF ASSEMBLAGE WITH RESIN: 2 PARTS

You'll first design your own assemblage using our huge and varied supply of treasures, though you are welcomed to bring your own as well. The support is an 8x10" glass with frame. In the second part of this workshop you'll learn to mix and pour resin to create a rich, beautiful finished artwork.

Part I: Friday, Sept 22, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Friday, Sept 29, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee:\$25, 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!

Thursday, Sep 28, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20 plus supply fee, pay to instructor

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Thursday, Sept 28, 1:30-3pm

Facilitator: Susan Danos

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

WISE WOMAN'S WRITING WORKSHOP

Learn to tap your infinite wisdom and playfully connect with your inner writer. We'll journal with writing exercises, topics and creative surprises.

Friday, Sept 29, 10am-Noon

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20

OCTOBER

GOURD ART-MAKE A RATTLE: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 Danos and create your own musical instrument. Limited to 4 students.

Part I: Thursday, Oct 5, 1:30-4pm

Part II: Thursday, Oct 12, 1:30-4pm

Facilitator: Susan Danos

Fee: \$20, supplies included

DRAWING CATS

You'll learn techniques for drawing cats with ease and success. Charcoal and graphite will be the mediums, drawing paper the support.

Saturday, Oct 7, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$20, supplies included

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OILSTICKS AND MONOPRINTS

You'll design using oil sticks on a glass pane (8x10") 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 Oct 10, 6:30-8:30pm

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

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 to learn professional techniques and secrets for manicures, pedicures and more.

Wednesday, Oct 11, 10am-Noon

Facilitator: Jordana Silvestri

Fee: \$20, supplies included

FLAT STAINED GLASS MOSAIC:2 PARTS

Create a 8x10" 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, Oct 13, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Friday, Oct 20, 1:30-3pm

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$25, supplies included

STAINED GLASS MOSAIC VOTIVES: 2 PARTS

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

Part I: Saturday, Oct 14, 1:30-4pm

Part II: Saturday, Oct 21, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Traci Kelly

Fee: \$25, supplies included

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

Facilitator: Gayle Swanbeck

Fee: \$10

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Thursday, Oct 19, 1:30-3pm

Facilitator: Susan Danos

Fee: \$10 each class. Drum loaner by donation, pay instructor

ABSTRACT DRAWING WITH PRISMACOLOR PENCILS

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, Oct 26, 6-9pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20, supplies included

DANGLERS AND WINDCHIMES

In this workshop, you'll use an abundant selection of repurposed treasures, learn to use copper wire to create durable suspension for all weather displays and have a lot of fun while acquiring new skills.

Thursday, Oct 26, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Jacquie Dinnie

Fee: \$20, supplies included

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Friday, Oct 27, 10am-Noon

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20

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RESIN FRAMES: 2 PARTS

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

Part I: Friday, Nov 17, 1:30-4pm

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

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$25, supplies included

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Friday, Nov 24, 10am-Noon

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20

BEADED BOOKMARKS

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

Thursday, Nov 30, 6-8pm

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Fee: \$20, supplies included

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DECEMBER

FOAM PRINTMAKING

In this workshop you will 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 will also learn what a reduction print is and how to create one.

Tuesday, Dec 5, 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, aromatherapy and more.

Wednesday, Dec 6, 10am-Noon

Facilitator: Jordana Silvestri

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: Wednesday, Dec 6, 1:30-3:30pm

Part II: Wednesday, Dec 13, 1:30-4:30pm

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MOSAIC ROOF TILES:2 PARTS

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

Part I: Friday, Dec 8, 1:30-4:30pm

Part II: Friday, Dec 15, 1:30-4pm

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: Donate your tile to Womankraft? Class is free.

Take it home? Class is \$25

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Fee: \$10

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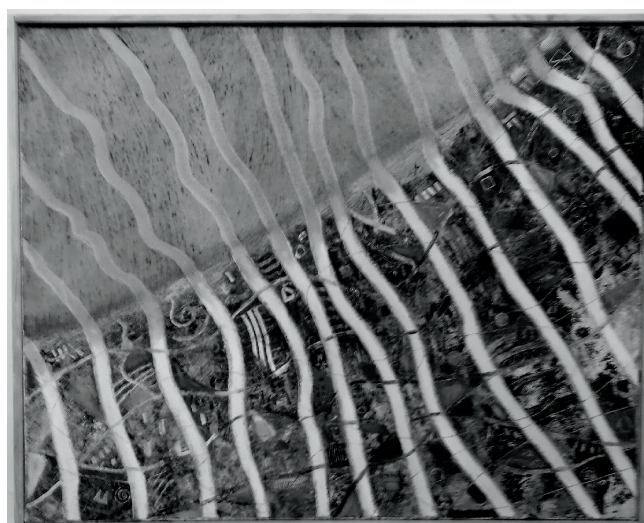
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Heatwave - Mary Theresa Dietz

NEWS & COMMENTS

UPDATES AND THANKS

More improvements and repairs have been happening at Womankraft. The fencing on the north side of the property has now been completed using attractive cedar boards. It looks great. Good job, Donald Proffitt. Don and Paul Kemnitz also completed our long time planned outdoor patio (northwest corner of the front yard). It was quite the project. One of the large salt cedar limbs was finally cut, opening up the space and removing the constant maintenance to keep branches from drooping down, blocking the public sidewalk. Next, the ground needed to be cleared of the broken sections of the old ripped sidewalks. Leveling the ground required digging up large surface roots and bringing in fill. Fieldstone slabs were laid, mortared and edged with firebrick and mosaic roof tiles. It's worth a stop by just to check it out. We're hoping to be able to purchase eight chairs and three or four tables, wrought iron preferred. Plastic and wood just have too short a life span for our desert sun. We would love to have them in place for September's opening reception (Saturday, Sept 2, 7-9pm) for the Fall Fever exhibit.

David Silvestri took on more wall and ceiling repairs in the Sanctuary (Jordana's all natural hair and body salon, 520-882-6280). Barbara Kasper has continued to keep both floors of the Castle clean and tidy.

Wisler Electric 520-891-7713 came in and repaired an electrical problem in Nikki's upstairs studio. AC and overhead light fixtures are both working again. We're waiting on an estimate to see about proceeding with an electrical upgrade and a new box to handle the Sanctuary's needs. We've had electrical upgrades done on two past occasions bringing us up to all safety codes, but the ability to draw "juice" when needed would be nice.

Jordana spruced up our downstairs floors to glowing beauty and our docents Nikki Young, Barbara (Jasper) Kasper, Terri McGuire, Mary Lou Griggs, Ingrid Aspromatis and Jacquie Dinnie have been doing wonderfully at receptions and open gallery hours as well as maintaining those deep cleanings. We've never looked better. While writing about our docents, let me put out some deep thank yous for all the extra work

the Century Link debacle caused.

Secondly, I took a hard fall the first week of June, thankfully no broken bones, but I have been house bound since the 6th. These women have stepped up to deal with all the challenges and extra work these situations have created. You are all just amazing. Wonder Women and Womankraft is blessed and our community enriched by your selflessness and dedication. Additional thanks go to Nancy Martin, Don Proffitt, Jordana Silvestri, Gerri Young and Caroline Latron.

Thanks also go out to Traci Kelly, Penelope Kelly, Barbara (Jasper) Kasper and Caroline Latron for finishing seven mosaic roof tiles. So the new patio edging could be completed. I'd also like to show appreciation to Barbara Achord and Mary Lou Griggs for the work they have been doing keeping up with our membership rolls, sending out reminders and updating new and renewing people. Which leads me to thanking all of you members for that support. Thanks to all the folks who have continued to donate to our January rummage fair. We've got some very nice items waiting to find new homes.

Finally, all of us at Womankraft want to thank the people who have financially donated to Womankraft: board members Nancy Martin, Terri McGuire, Gayle Swanbeck, Darlene Kirk, Joanne Pritzen and Nikki Young. Corporate donors Amazon and Long Realty and all you wonderful people who have donated money individually. A great, big thank you to Jonathan DuHamel for his work all these years designing the Castle Voice and getting it ready for you and his photography contributions as well. You are all the grass roots core of Womankraft and one of the big reasons 2024 is our 50th year anniversary. We hold you in our hearts.

In Love and Gratitude

Gayle Swanbeck

and all of us at Womankraft

We will be OPEN Friday, Nov 24 and Saturday Nov 25, 1-5pm for our Thanks and Giving pARTy. All purchases including workshops will be 10% off.

NEWS & COMMENTS

Support your local artists
Drinks and light snacks!

WOMANKRAFT pARTy

Saturday, December 2, 6-8pm

Come join us in celebrating our 49th year as a non-profit organization and 31 years in our beautiful Castle! Drinks, cake and light snacks provided.

REMEMBERING

Linda Wallace (1951-2023)

11/27/1951-6/28/2023

It is with sad hearts we acknowledge the passing of long time artist/member Linda Wallace. For decades we proudly showed her beautiful photos and other fine art works and many know the joy that her art has brought to us, gracing our homes and businesses. Her art is a lasting reminder of this lovely, generous, talented woman. She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Eric Hew.

In love and gratitude,

All of Us at Womankraft

LONG REALTY CARES FOUNDATION GRANT

Womankraft is happy to announce the receipt of a grant from the Long Realty Cares Foundation to fund free classes in the School of the Arts for low income seniors. Their panel heard our plea regarding the importance of creative experiences for seniors. The grant will also compensate School of the Arts instructors who provide transportation, deliver supplies, or otherwise accommodate those seniors who must still be cautious in this time of covid.

Our sponsor for this grant was Gene Thiel, whom many of you know through his newsy newsletter. Feel free to contact him if you have questions about real estate or want to be added to the mailing list for REAL NOTES: gene@tucsonishome.com or 520-906-0168

ANNUAL RUMMAGE FAIR

January 12, 13, 19 and 20, 2024

are the dates for our next rummage fair. Two consecutive Fridays and Saturdays, 10am-4pm. We're accepting donations of all clean and working items.

Deliveries to Womankraft can be made year round Thursday-Saturday 1-5pm. Please use cardboard boxes that can close so we can stack your donations and use our space to its best advantage. Call 520-256-7455 for any questions. Thank you in advance for helping us create this very popular event and making it a success. We also need workers for set up, working the fair itself, and delivery of unsold goods to other Tucson organizations that can also benefit from your generosity. See you there.

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Saturday, January 6th, 10am-Noon, 2024

is the time for our annual board meeting. This year we will be voting on Darlene Kirk replacing Ingrid Aspromatis as our Vice President. If you cannot attend, a mailed in vote (yes or no) will be counted at the meeting. Thank you Ingrid for your years of service. Ingrid will continue as our Friday docent, help with the installations of our exhibits, the Castle Voice and the rummage fair.

Poppies - Jasper Kasper

