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Castle Voice

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

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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. Gerrie Young #102. WomanKraft is located at 388 S. Stone Avenue, Tucson, AZ, 85701.

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Gallery Schedule

Gallery hours: Thursday -Saturday: 1:00-5:00pm

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 30, 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 25, 2024.

Gallery ONLY is closed in August, 2024

SEPTEMBER 7 - OCTOBER 26, 2024: OUR WILD WEST

RECEPTION : SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 7-9pm

Seeking art that represents our amazing western states from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Coast. As an artist how do you perceive our Wild West? All mediums accepted. Deadline for submissions: August 31, 2024.

NOVEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 21, 2024: HOLIDAY BAZAAR

RECEPTION: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 7-9pm

Our first Holiday Bazaar was 38 years ago at our rented location on Congress St. 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 26, 2024.

Gallery ONLY is closed in January, 2025

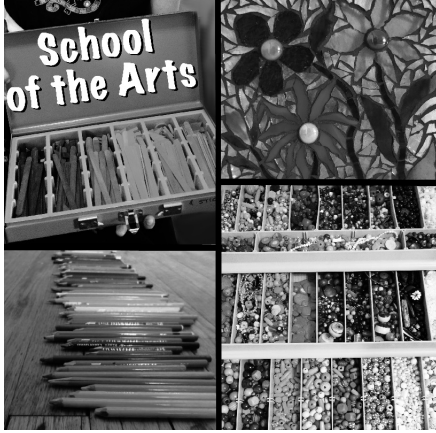
FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 29, 2025: COLORS IN THE SKY

RECEPTION: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 7:00-9:00pm

Let your artistic eye select your subject matter. Will it be outer space, the Northern Lights, blue skies, wild sunsets, birds in flight, full moons, flags billowing in the wind, hot-air balloons? Your imagination has many directions to explore. What direction will yours take? All mediums accepted. Deadline for submissions: January 25, 2025.

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

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.

MAY 2024

ARTFUL DENIM REVIVAL

Bring a piece of denim clothing you wish to revive and re-design into an original garment of wearable art!

Thursday, May 9, 1:30 - 4:00pm

Facilitator: Nicole Young

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

COLLAGING JEWELRY / HAIR PINS

Learn to make unique accessories with collage and embellishments. Then coat with resin for long lasting pieces.

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Facilitator: Gerrie Young

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

BEADSTRINGING JEWELRY

You can make your own beautiful jewelry in this workshop, while learning to use special tools and techniques to create long-lasting and unique pieces!

Thursday, May 16, 6:00-9:00pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20 plus a \$10 supply fee, paid to instructor.

GARDEN STEPPING STONES 2 PARTS

Learn 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 1: Friday, May 17, 1:30-4:30pm

Part 2: Friday, May 24, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K. Fee: \$25, supplies included.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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 1: Tuesday, May 21, 6:00-8:00pm

Part 2: Tuesday, May 28, 6:00-8:00pm

Facilitators: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

COLLAGING FRAMES WITH MULBERRY PAPER

As long as the frame is structurally sound, it can still be saved, customized and made better.

Primarily, using mulberry paper, we can cover all dings, scratches and flaws with a selection of colors and textures that create a beautiful frame for artwork.

Thursday May 23, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Jackie Dinnie

Fee: \$20, frame & supplies included, or bring your own frame, 10"x14" or smaller.

WISE WOMEN'S WRITING WORKSHOP

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

Friday, May 24, 10:00am-Noon

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 All four for \$40. Workshops on Fridays, same time: May 24, June 28, July 26, August 30.

MAKING HANDMADE PAPER

It's easy, it's fun. You'll use 100% recycled paper to create new art paper using simple tools and methods for quick, successful results.

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

Facilitator: Caroline Latron

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

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 loaner available.

Thursday, May 30, 1:30-3:00pm

Facilitator: Susan Danos

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

instructor.

JUNE 2024

BEGINNING WATERCOLOR: 2 PARTS

In Part 1, you will learn some drawing and watercolor principles on sample illustration boards to explore your visual language. Experiment with a variety of papers and brushes, along with several mediums to make textures and patterns for amazing results.

In Part 2, assemble your collages into a cohesive unit with additional design elements. Venture into Zen doodling, stencils and stamps to liven up your watercolors. Also use colored pencils, pastels and other mediums over the dried watercolors for a dynamic finish.

Part 1: Thursday, June 6, 1:30-3:30pm

Part 2: Thursday, June 13, 1:30-3:30pm

Facilitator: Gerrie Young

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

COLLAGING LIGHT SWITCH PLATES & RESIN

Make two plates (you can bring your own to fit your light switches, but a variety will be offered.)

Decorate your electric plate or light switch covers with collage and embellishments. Then coat with resin for long lasting art.

Friday, June 7, 1:30-4:30pm

Facilitator: Traci Kelly

Fee: \$20, Supplies included.

USE SOCIAL MEDIA TO ATTRACT FANS AND SELL YOUR ART!

We artists are creative entrepreneurs, the visionaries of Imagination and now the publishers of our own stories. So, let's dive in together to explore tips and tricks to best showcase your artistic vision. Document your journey with the goal of attracting fans and selling more art.

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

Facilitator: Nicole Young

Fee: \$20 ***Bring your phone FULLY-CHARGED!***

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

TREAT YOURSELF: THE FACIAL

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 facials, skin care, aromatherapy and more.

Wednesday, June 12, 10:00am-Noon

Facilitator: Jordana Silvestri

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 1: Friday, June 14, 1:30-4:30pm

Part 2: Friday, June 21, 1:30-3:00pm

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$25, supplies included.

FLAT STAINED GLASS VOTIVES: 2 PARTS

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

Part 1: Saturday, June 15, 1:30-4:00pm

Part 2: Saturday, June 22, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K

Fee: \$25, supplies included.

DANGLERS AND WINDCHIMES

In this workshop, you will 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, June 20, 9:30am-12:30pm

Facilitator: Jacquie Dinnie

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

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, June 20, 6:00-9:00pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

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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 will walk away with a reverse glass painting as well.

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Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

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Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20 Workshops on Fridays, same time: July 26, August 30.

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Fee: \$20 supplies included.

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RESIN PLATES: 2 PARTS

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

Part 1: Friday, July 12, 1:30-4:00pm

Part 2: Friday, July 19, 1:30-2:30pm

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

LEARNING PERSPECTIVE

In this workshop, you'll learn how to draw with 2- and 3- point perspective for perfect architectural rendering and diminishing perspective in Nature.

Saturday, July 13, 1:30-3:30pm

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Thursday, July 18, 1:30-3:00pm

Facilitator: Susan Danos

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MINIATURE ALTARS

Using small tins and small recycled treasures, you'll create a miniature altar that speaks to your spirituality and creativity. Feel free to bring your own treasure and/or select from our wide variety.

Thursday, July 18, 6:00-8:00pm

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

This is a drawing class that shows you how to create a 3-D look on paper or canvas, through shadows and highlights. It's all in the light source and a few simple techniques.

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Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

COLLAGING VOTIVE CANDLES

You will be creating beautiful, tall votive candles using special paper, like mulberry, rice, tissue, etc. Two votives are included in your supplies. They make lovely gifts or enhance the artistic ambience of your home.

Thursday, July 25 10:00am-Noon

Facilitators: Gayle Swanbeck and Jacquie Dinnie

Fee: \$20, supplies for two votives included.

Additional supplies, \$5/each.

PROMOTING YOUR ART ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Learn the latest, helpful tips and trends to get exposure by utilizing social media to promote your art on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok. Class is taught by WomanKraft's own social media handler.

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LET'S DRAW TREES

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NEWS & COMMENTS

UPDATES AND THANKS by Gayle Swanbeck

January's rummage fair was another successful event, raising \$1,705 during its four days, and an additional \$568 in pre-rummage sales for a total of \$2,273. Thanks go out to James and Ingrid Aspromatis, Jacquie Dinnie, Terri McGuire, Issik Johnson, Gayle Swanbeck, Barbara Kasper, Caroline Latron, Richard Earl and friends, Stephen Mark and Chelsea, Gerrie Young, Nikki Young,

Don Proffitt, Tony Russo, Jordana and David Silvestri. These folks hauled down box after box from our upstairs storage area, set up tables, racks, and pedestals, sorted, priced, and arranged all these treasures, staffed the sale days, restocked after each closing, re-boxed some items for next year's sale, and hauled them back upstairs. They also boxed and delivered items to Friends of the Library, St. Vincent de Paul, and Treasures for Teachers. The space was then cleared, trash dealt with, and left open in pristine beauty for our February opening reception. So many people, so much work, so much gratitude. That gratitude extends to all the people who donated items, for without you there is no fair. Please call for more specific details 520-256-7455, Thursday - Saturday, 1-5pm, to talk with a docent or leave a message and we'll get back to you ASAP. Thanks also go out to all you buyers who came to purchase those great deals. Everyone wins and that's always the best.

Thanks go out to all the art donations we've recently received. Thanks, Donna, for driving all those treasures from San Diego to Tucson in memory of your mother, Virginia Tennies, a long time friend and member of WomanKraft. She will be missed. Several other large donations have arrived and been sorted for the School of the Arts, WomanKraft, artists, students, art donations, and finally rummage fair. These donations are so helpful to us all.

We wish to give a special thanks to Mary Lou Griggs who is retiring from her docent hours. She has been a wonderful help to WomanKraft over the years and will be missed. Mary Lou continues to help with our exhibits, The Castle Voice, our membership, and some receptions. Tony Russo will be replacing her as docent on the 1st and 4th Saturdays, as well as that occasional 5th. Terri McGuire has been training him throughout February and March and he is proving to be very adept. Tony is a member artist with some of his work having showed in the Black and White and Shades of Gray exhibit. Tony Russo, has also stepped up to help with our receptions.

NEWS & COMMENTS

Don Proffitt did complete our upstairs storage and mini work room, the trash has made its way to the landfill, and he has begun the trimming back of the branches touching the roof. It's all looking good with more projects pending prioritization. Thanks to Don, Gerrie Young, David and Jordana Silvestri for keeping the grounds looking good. With our intermittent rains and dry spells, weeds have been a constant battle.

Extra thanks go out to Terri McGuire for all the amazing work she's putting in to learning the many hats we have to wear to keep WomanKraft going. You're our Wonder Woman, Terri, and there aren't enough words to express our gratitude.

Let me close the thank yous with hugs and kudos to all the people who have shown their financial support through memberships, donations (tax deductible 501c3), and the 50th Anniversary celebration. Recently I opened a fortune cookie and here's what it said, "Some people dream of worthy accomplishments while others stay awake and do them." Be happy knowing you are the people who stay awake. In Love and Gratitude - Gayle Swanbeck.

A WORD FROM TERRI McGUIRE

Hello Everyone, You might have noticed that I am a bit more visible around the Castle these days. I am working and training with Gayle Swanbeck to one day, when the time is needed, to step into her role. This is a daunting and heady task, and although I was not prepared to start things in earnest so soon, I am up for the challenge.

Things have been a whirlwind since June of 2023, but I am starting to feel like I'm getting my bearings and feeling more confident in what I'm doing. As Gayle mentioned in the previous CV 72, I've had several interviews with various print and television media, brought in art for three exhibits, helped facilitate the rummage fair, helped with the 1099's and 990's as well as a myriad other things. Honestly, I had no idea how many hats Gayle wears. What Everyone sees at WomanKraft is nothing

compared to what is done behind the scenes and for the most part, invisible. Gayle is been good at keeping things running smoothly and looking much easier than it is! Even in the midst of many upheavals and changes throughout the years.

I want to thank Gayle Swanbeck for being such a good trainer and for all of the work that she continues to do at home on the phone, which is very time consuming, as well as working on the taxes, fund raising, organizing staffing for events, keeping up with repair work, and, and, and....Gayle has been patient and encouraging with me and I appreciate that in a big way. There are a lot of moments when I question what I'm doing, asking myself, "who do I think I am stepping into a role such as this?". The proof is in the pudding so to speak: beautiful art graces our walls, new artists are coming in to show their art with us and we have folks who are excited to see that we are still open and doing well.

Last but certainly not least, I also want to thank all of you for your support and kind words. You really have no idea how much that means to me!....Many Thanks Again, Terri McGuire

BINGO IS BACK!

Yes, Caroline Latron and Barbara (Jasper) Kasper are going to get Bingo up and playing at WomanKraft beginning Friday, May 10th, 6:30 - 8:30pm. Should it prove popular, we'll offer it once a month starting in September. Winners will have their choice of gift certificates to the School of the Arts, the Gallery, and a selection of donated fine arts and crafts. Thank you, Jasper and Caroline.

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

On January 6th our board members came together for our annual meeting. Nancy Martin proposed a fundraiser for our 50th year anniversary. It's full content is printed directly below. Gayle Swanbeck gave the financial report and suggested that with interest rates back up it would make sense to transfer some money market funds into one six month CD. Darlene Kirk was voted in as our new

NEWS & COMMENTS

Vice President. All proposals passed unanimously.

FUNDRAISER LETTER

Dear Friend of WomanKraft,

In 2024 WomanKraft celebrates her 50th Anniversary as a non-profit presenting WOMEN'S VISION! We are hoping you can join us for our major celebratory event on Saturday, April 6th 2024 from 7:00-9:00pm in conjunction with the opening of our 34th annual all woman exhibit DRAWING DOWN THE MUSE.

Please also consider a tax deductible donation of \$50 to support our work (\$1 for every year we have presented women's vision.). If you can only afford \$25 that would be 50 cents for every year. Or write us a note with your memories of WomanKraft or your vision of our future or the importance of the arts to the woman's movement.

Sincerely,
All of us at WomanKraft

UPDATE ON OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER

Our 50th Anniversary fundraiser has already been receiving responses with kudos going out to board members Darlene Kirk and Gayle Swanbeck for their writing campaign. Donations have been coming in from Payson, AZ, Charlotte, MI, Phoenix, AZ, Ironwood, MI, Glendale, AZ, Greenfield, WI, Luxenburg, WI, El Segunda, CA, Rosville, CA, Bayfield, CO, and of course Tucson, AZ. Thank you for your generosity and lovely messages. We hope that even as you read this, you too will contribute financially and/or with your words - All of Us at WomanKraft

DRAWING DOWN THE MUSE EXHIBIT

This year's 34th Annual Drawing Down the Muse Exhibit, April 6th-May 25th, 2024 will be offering three major highlights. Firstly, a memorial retrospective of the works of Linda Wallace (1951-2023), exhibiting a sampling of her fine arts. Works will be offered for sale with proceeds going to the Humane Society of S. Arizona and WomanKraft.

We wish to thank Eirc Hew, Linda's husband of 35 years, for working with us to bring this opportunity to see her work again and honor her many talents.

Next, Allison Hugher has donated a beautiful silk screened lotus pattern wall piece by Susan V. Chambers, one of WomanKraft's (1974) founding mothers.

Finally, I'll let Nancy Skreko-Martin, the creator of the next piece offered, give you the details in her own words.

ART DONATION FOR DRAWING DOWN THE MUSE

As a founding mother of WomanKraft, I am delighted to be able to donate NINE BLOCK EMERGENCE SPIRAL PLUS 6 for inclusion in the 2024 Muse show. It is an excellent opportunity for lovers of women's art to obtain the last available piece of my FACES series and to support probably the last surviving Women's gallery in the USA. For further information about me, my work, and the FACES series, please visit my website:

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