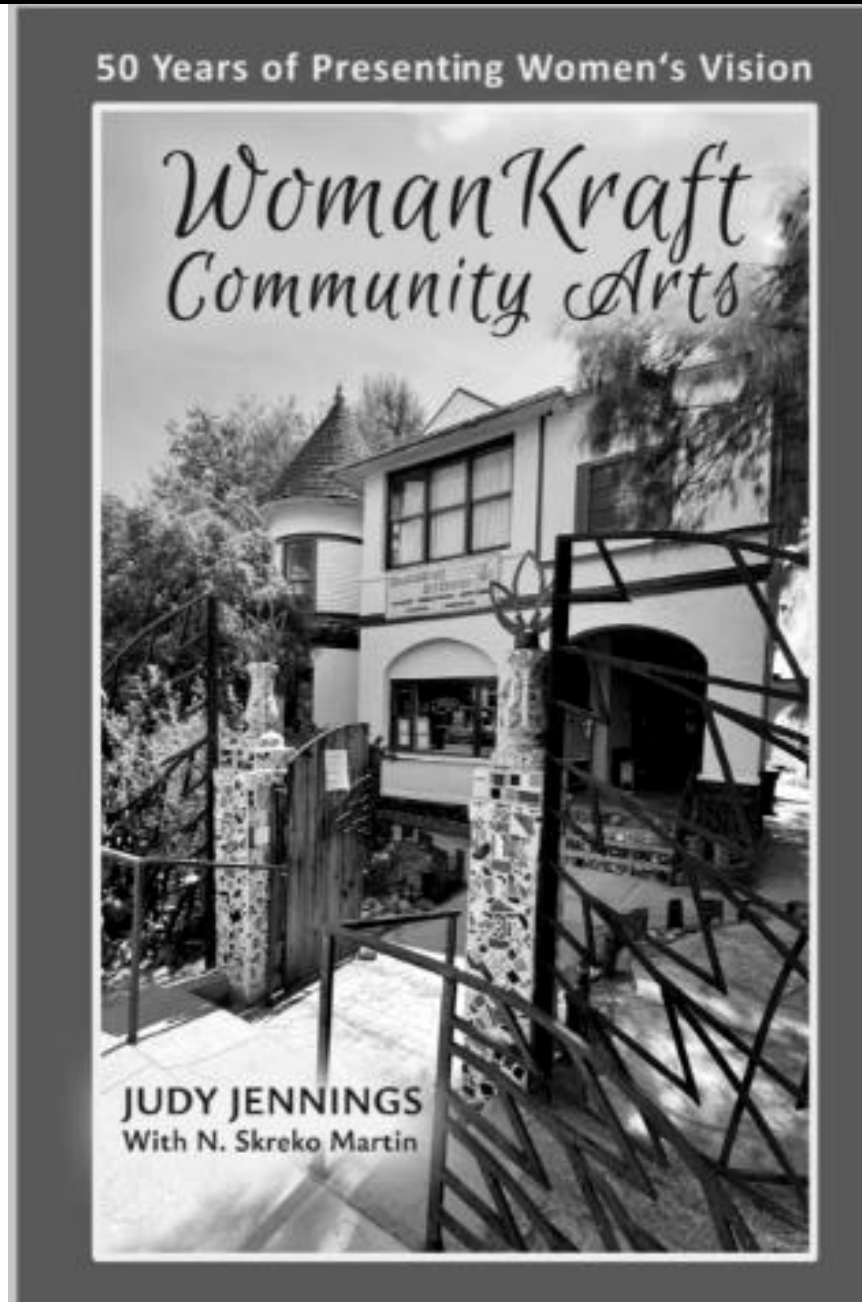


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Castle Voice

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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Castle Voice

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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. Lauralee Simon #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

Gallery ONLY is closed in January 2025

JANUARY 2025 RUMMAGE FAIR

This year's fair will be held January 10 and 11, January 17 and 18, Friday and Saturday, 10AM-4PM

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

RECEPTION: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 7-9PM

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 18, 2025.

APRIL 5 - MAY 31 DRAWING DOWN THE MUSE

RECEPTION SAT, APRIL 5, 7-9PM

It's the 35th 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 22, 2025.

JUNE 7-JULY 26, 2025: BLACK AND WHITE AND SHADES OF GRAY

RECEPTION SAT, JUNE 7, 7-9PM

This exhibit is artwork on any topic. All mediums, any styles, but must be only in black, white and shades of gray (Silver included). This includes mats, frames and edges of wrap around canvas. No exceptions. Deadline for submissions: May 24, 2025.

Gallery ONLY is closed August 2025

SEPTEMBER 6- OCTOBER 25, 2025: AS TIME GOES BY

RECEPTION: SAT, SEPTEMBER 6, 7-9PM

Subject is as time passes; Spring to winter, aging, sunrise to sunset, new moon to full, seed to bloom, Incorporate these types of time passage into all styles and mediums. Deadline for submissions: August 23, 2025.

NOVEMBER 1- DECEMBER 20, 2025: HOLIDAY BAZAAR

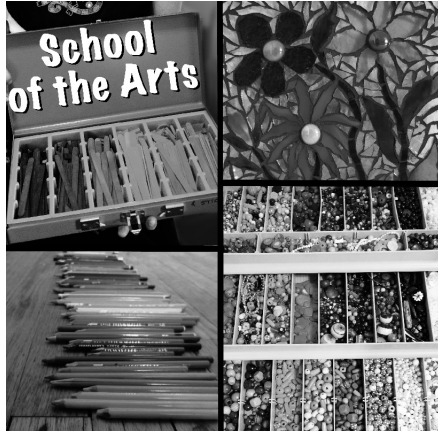
RECEPTION: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 7-9pm

This 39th annual Holiday Bazaar provides Avenue for local artists, a wide choice of fine arts and crafts all retailing between \$1 and \$100. We seek art that reflects all mediums, all styles considered. Deadline for submissions: October 18, 2025.

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

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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.

JANUARY

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, January 23, 1:30-3:00PM

Facilitator: Susan Danos

Fee: \$10. 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 will journal with writing exercises, topics, and creative surprises.

Friday, January 24, 10:00-Noon, additional classes on Feb 28, Mar. 28, April 25.

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20. All four for \$40.

DANGLERS AND WINDCHIMES

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

Saturday, January 25, 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Facilitator: Traci Kelly

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 to learn professional techniques and secrets for facials, skincare, aromatherapy, and more.

Wednesday, January 29, 10:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Facilitator: Jordana Silvestri

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

WRITING WITH RUMI

After listening to selected poems by Rumi, participants will imagine and write responses to them. They will discover that these poems are pulling them out of their habitual ways of thinking and discover their deeper concerns and joy.

Thursday January 30, 1:30-3:30 PM

Facilitator: Dr. Annik Safken

Fee: \$20. Supplies included

FEBRUARY

HANDMADE PAPERMAKING AND CARDS

In this workshop you'll learn to make paper from 100% recycled materials then create original cards and envelopes. Eco-friendly and fun!

Saturday, February 8, 1:30-4:30 PM

Facilitators: Caroline Latron and Traci Kelly

Fee: \$20 supplies included.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

OIL STICKS 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 will walk away with a reverse glass painting as well.

Tuesday, February 11, 6-8PM

Facilitator: Mary Theresa Dietz

Fee: \$20, supplies included

TREAT YOURSELF: THE MAIN-PEDI

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Wednesday, February 12, 10-NOON

Facilitator: Jordana Sylverstri

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

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: Saturday, February 15, 1:30-4:30 PM

Part 2: Saturday, February 22, 1:30-3:30 PM

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$25, supplies included.

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Thursday February 20, 1:30-3:30 PM

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MAKING WIRE WRAP PENDANTS

Using a small glass stone, you'll learn the techniques and tools to help you to create your very own wire wrapped pendant.

Friday, February 21, 1:30-3:30PM

Facilitator: Rene Stone

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, February 27, 1:30-3:00 PM

Facilitator: Susan Danos

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

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, February 27, 6:00-8:00 PM

Facilitator: Terri McGuire

Fee: \$20, supplies included

WISE WOMAN 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, February 28, 10:00 AM-12:00 NOON

Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20.

MARCH

MOSAIC ROOF TILES 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 1: Saturday, March 7, 1:30-4:30 PM

Part 2: Saturday, March 14, 1:30-3:30 PM

Facilitator: Linda K.

Fee: \$25, supplies included

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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, March 8, 1:30-4:30 PM

Part 2: Saturday, March 15, 1:30-3:00 PM

Facilitator: Traci Kelly

Fee: \$25, supplies included

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, March 11, 6:00-8:00 PM

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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.

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APRIL

POTION BOTTLES

Do you have an interesting bottle that you've been saving for something? Bring it or use one of mine to create a decorative "potion" bottle. We'll adorn our bottles with paper, yarn, labels, and whatever strikes our raven hearts. Work on your cackle as we have fun with art.

Friday, April 11, 1:30-3:30 PM

Facilitator: Patricia Bowne

Fee: \$20, supplies included

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Saturday, April 19, 1:30-4:30 PM

Facilitator: Traci Kelly

Fee: \$20, supplies included.

PRINTMAKING WITH POLYSTYRENE FOAM

Using firm objects pressed into foam sheets you'll create images that you then pull as prints.

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BEADSTRINGING JEWELRY

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

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Facilitator: Ingrid Aspromatis

Fee: \$20.

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, April 26, 1:30-3:30 PM

Facilitator: Caroline Latron

Fee: \$20, supplies included

NEWS & COMMENTS

UPDATES AND THANKS

I seem to start each of these with, where the heck did all that time go, but when I look at my day runner I wonder how did we get all that done in such a short time. We did have an extra August board meeting preceded by a meeting of four officers: Lydia Phillips, Darlene Kirk, Terry Maguire, and Gayle Swanbeck. We went through the old bylaws pointing out problem areas and suggesting solutions. These were copied and along with the old bylaws sent to the board members so they would have time to familiarize themselves with the issues and be able to ask questions and make suggestions. The August gathering was attended by all but two members. One arrived too late to be counted on but did agree with the changes and one declined to participate. The changes passed 10-1. Our January annual meeting will happen on Saturday January 4th at 10:00 to noon. Thank you members of the board for your careful work going through the bylaw articles line by line. They now reflect WomanKraft as we are in our new building and the 21st century.

We are lucky to have found Traci and Albert Kelly to help type and edit the newest edition of The Castle Voice. Thanks to Jonathan DuHamel for doing his wonderful magic designing it and Tony Russo for his help on this edition as well. I also want to mention a special thank you to Tony Russo, Terry Maguire, and Ingrid Aspromatis for getting volume 74 to the press.

Thanks also to Mary Lou Griggs for your computer help and getting the labels done for the Holiday Bazaar. Your skills and time are so very much appreciated

Thank you to James and Ingrid Aspromatis along with Tony Russo for hanging yet another beautiful Holiday Bazaar. Thanks go out to Jordana and David Silvestri for keeping the gallery floors looking beautiful, the trash and recycling bins getting to the curb each week, and helping to keep the grounds looking good. Additional groundwork has been done by Tony Russo Jerry Young and our new studio 102 renter as of October, Lauralee Simon. Welcome Lauralee! Tony

Russo has continued to work on gallery maintenance including some groundwork and has made repairs to the cabaret tables we use for bingo and other events.

I also wish to send out thanks for all of the people who continue to support WomanKraft financially, with time and labor, spreading the word about us and events, and attending these events. We're all hoping that with cooler weather we'll be seeing more people, but we have been competing with loads of events downtown. It seems every weekend there's another, so extra thanks for you, the determined for showing up. I'm hoping there will still be some of December left when you get this Castle Voice so think of us for your donations we are tax deductible as a 501c3 organization.

Many of you have noticed that our dear Terry McGuire has not been seen much lately. She has had some serious surgery and long-term physical therapy on one of her knees and will be having some eye surgery soon. From our talks she is doing well, but there's no pushing the river. So please send her your loving healing energy no matter how you pray. Terry, we miss you and love you deeply!

Our 50th year fundraiser has slowed down but still our Tucson friends and gallery visitors have contributed. I want to thank all of you once again for your donation from the smallest to the grand. You are each and every one of you a lifeline, and we hold you in our hearts.

In love and Gratitude,
Gayle Swanbeck

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January annual board meeting: this year's meeting will be held at WomenKraft on Saturday January 4th 2025 10:00 AM to noon

January 2025 Rummage Fair

This year's Fair will be held January 10th and 11th and January 17th and 18th both Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On these consecutive dates. As usual, the selection will be expansive, with new items brought down as the others sell. These clean, working and very affordable goods have been donated over the year including books, DVDs, CDs, LPs, art supplies, kitchenware, housewares, furniture, clothes, tools etc. Spread the word and pencil it in your calendars! We need help setting up the fair but especially with setup, bringing goods downstairs and on Saturday the 18th at 4:00 p.m. on cleanup and distributing unsold boxes of goodies to the other community organizations like Friends of the Library, St Vincent de paul, Treasures for Teachers and others. Do you have such an organization dear to you? Contact us and we'll be delighted to work something out with you if you can pick up the boxes or arrange for it. Call and leave your message at womancraft 520-256-7455 or talk with the docent Thursday through Saturday 1 through 5:00 p.m. Thanks, everyone, because these events can only happen when folks set up and help.

Bingo

February's date for bingo will happen on Friday February 7th 6:00 to 8:00 PM. not on the second Friday as usual. It's Valentine's Day and no point in competing with that date. The second bingo night will be April 11th 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Thank you Caroline Latron, Barbara (Jasper) Kasper and Tony Russo for your time and work. Everyone please spread the word. Folks enjoy the evening, fun games nice, company, great prizes, and free munchies.

Womancraft Community Arts

This book has been launched with our December birthday party. It commemorates 50 years of herstory and retails for \$20. Copies are available at WomenKraft. Thank you Judith Jennings and Nancy Martin for your work producing this lovely informative volume, and thanks for all the folks who took their time for these interviews and stories you are all congratulated many times over.

Remembering Meredith Little

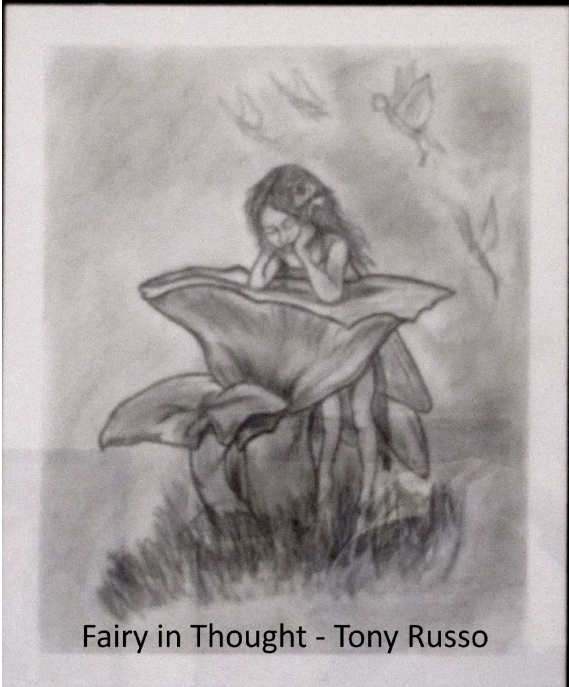
Meredith passed away this November 2024. She was a long time supporter, member and exhibiting artist. You're wrapped in white light and held dear in the memories of those of us who knew you.

School of the Arts

We're welcoming two new instructors to our workshop schedule! Rene Stone will be offering how to make your own wire wrapped pendants. A great chance to learn techniques and the use of tools. Dr. Annick Safkin will be presenting writing workshops based on the poems of Rumi. Four workshops will be offered. They compliment each other but each stands on its own. Welcome women!



Winter - Tracy Kelly



Fairy in Thought - Tony Russo



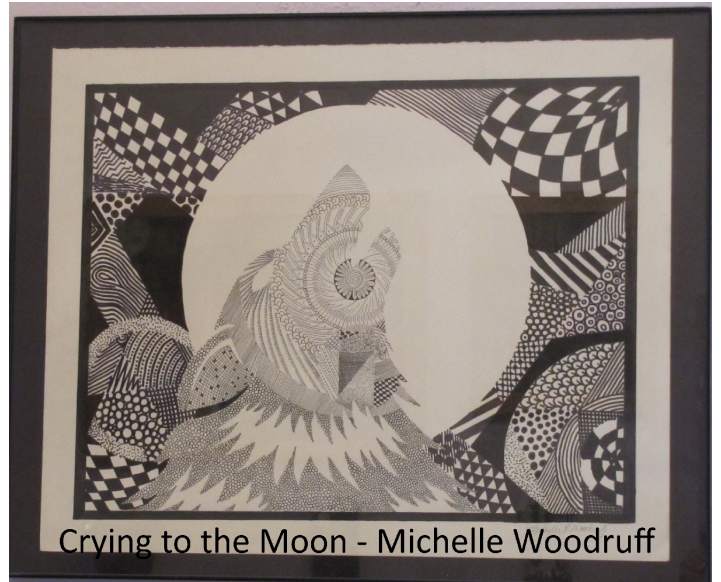
Winter Solstice - Lonni Lees



Purple Twilight - Lonni Lees & Jonathan DuHamel



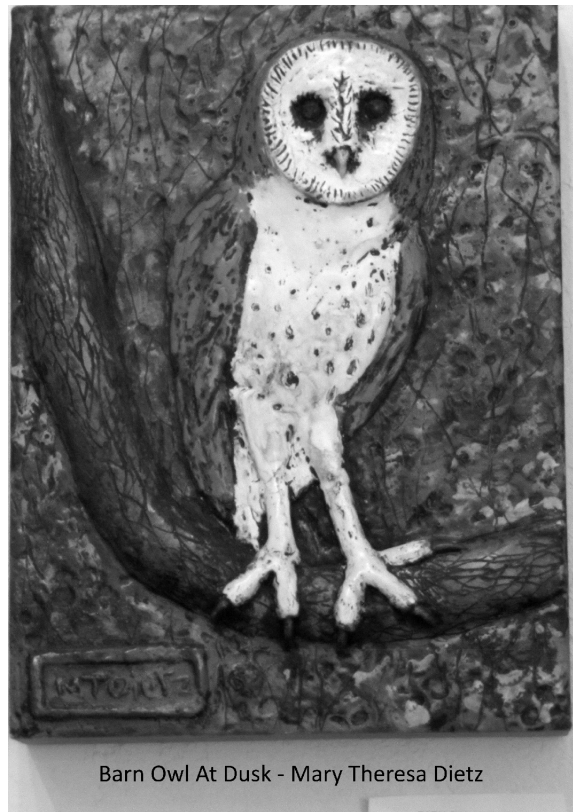
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Crying to the Moon - Michelle Woodruff



Point of View - Nicole Young



Barn Owl At Dusk - Mary Theresa Dietz

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