



## Welcome to the May 2024 Newsletter

We Did It Again and You Helped

### THANK YOU to Our 2024 Swing "FORE" the Arts Sponsors!

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| Bears & More  | Dede Robinaon            | EoS Fitness Center        | John Burr ridge               | Memory Lane Boutique        | Sher's Clothing              |                            |
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| Cerreta Candy Company   | Desert Botanical Gardens | Filbertos                 | Kimber Pet Wash & Suites      | Nancy Houck                 | Sun City West Golf Lab       |                            |
| Charley's Sports Grill  | Diana Pompa              | Gaylia Young              | Lake Pleasant Cruises         | Nancy Lenox                 | The Cheesecake Factory       |                            |
| City of Surprise  | Diane Freeman            | Glory Williamson          | Lisa Platt                    | Nick's Diner                | The Spicery in Our 1895 Home |                            |
| Fire-Medical Dept.  | Dillans BBQ              | Granite Falls Golf Course | Lorraine Zomok                | Papa Ed's Ice Cream         | Theater Works                |                            |
| Connie Whitlock   |                          |                           |                               |                             | Vicki Hunt                   |                            |



WHAM's **Sixth Annual Top Golf** Fundraiser Event; at Glendale's Top Golf Facilities was held April 21<sup>st</sup>. Everyone had a blast. The Mayor's Trophy competition was between Surprise Mayor Skip Hall, Buckeye Mayor Eric Orsborn, Avondale Mayor Ken Weise, and Goodyear Mayor Joe Pizzillo. Such fun was watching the competition with Buckeye Mayor Eric Orsborn taking back his trophy for bragging rights another year. The First Responders challenge this year between Surprise Fire and Medical and Surprise Police Departments got a lot of cheering. The Surprise Fire and Medical Team took the 1st place trophy and it will stay in Chief Espie's office for a year and be up for grabs again next year. The overall First Place winners were again the Buckeye Team; Second Place was Surprise Fire and Medical Team; and Third Place went to Goodyear Goodies. We thank all the teams and sponsors who participated in event. A huge thanks to all the WHAM people who helped make this tournament and fundraiser a success.

**When you have a chance and are in the location, make sure to thank the sponsors for splashing a little green on the canvas of WHAM. (or something like that!)**







Who are these people? They don't look like golfers! Surprise Police Team

## May in the Gallery:



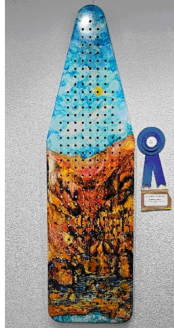
You Still Have Time to See for Yourself and Bring Someone You Love, or  
maybe just Like to see

The 11th Annual Recycle Art Exhibit in the WHAM Gallery  
Exhibit ends on May 18th.

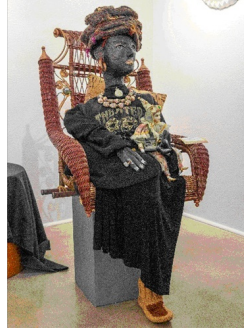
The reception was lively as the winners were judged by the Surprise Arts and  
Cultural Manager Julie Akerly

Award Winners are:





1<sup>st</sup> Place, Deb Dahlin



2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Sylvia Littlefield



3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Jocelyn Hanson



Honorable Mention Dede Robinson



Angel Wings with Deb Dahlin: Wings made By the Teens & Jenny Chambers

**Guess What? WHAM Gallery is now Recycling since the City Of Surprise is Recycling. Please put the trash in the right bins.**



**Springtime brings – “THE BIRDS AND THE BEES”**



Spring brings with it the promise of new life, new experiences and a riot of glorious colors to delight our eyes. In celebration of this special time of year, WHAM is holding an exhibit of fine art, dedicated to artists interpretation of nature and the miraculous events brought about when the birds and the bees get busy tending to nature's gifts to the earth.

**Deadline to enter: May 7th**

**Notifications of Acceptance: May 14th**

**Show dates: May 21st to June 29th**

**Artists Reception: May 25th 4 to 6pm**

If you need help with your entry contact Diane At [diane.freeman@wham-art.org](mailto:diane.freeman@wham-art.org)

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## **The Featured Artist for May and June is WHAM'S own Marje Newman**



Come to the gift shop it see her Acrylic on Canvas. Marje says, 'I love everything. I used to hate abstract and now I love it. The gift shop is a sampling of all different influences.' She's up on the technology much of her work is on Instagram. Her Instagram address is marjesartgallery.

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WVAC's Creative Aging Program in Partnership with

WHAM presents:

**CREATE & RELATE  
FREE ART CLASSES  
FOR SENIORS**



**Learn Techniques of the Masters**

**May 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, & 21**

**10 AM - 11:30 AM**

Limited Space for 12 Students

First Come, First Serve

Call 623-584-8311 to reserve a seat  
in this series of 6 classes.



16560 N Dysart Rd, Surprise, AZ 85378

**A special series of art classes available in May  
This class is not listed on the WHAM Website – if  
interested, phone WHAM at 623-584-8311 Tuesday thru  
Saturday 10am to 4pm to sign up.**

## **M CLASSES AT A GLANCE**

For information on our classes visit [wham-art.org/classes](http://wham-art.org/classes)

**TeenWHAM Art Club**

**Suncatchers**

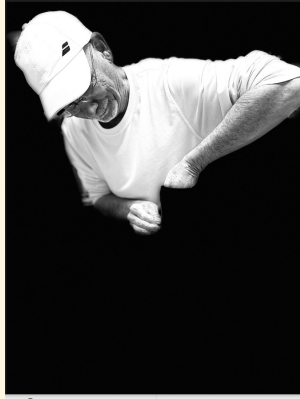


**May 1st  
4:30m-6:30pm**



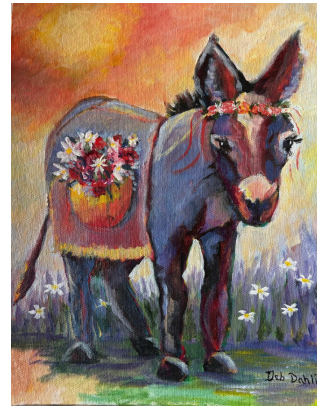
## **Intermediate Wheel Throwing**

**May 1st  
1:00pm - 4:00pm**



## **Friday Night Paint Night**

**May 3rd  
6:00-8:00pm**



## **Finding the Artist Within**

**May 9th  
10:00-11:30am**



**TeenWHAM Art Club  
Fused Glass Plant Stakes**

**May 16th  
4:30pm-6:30pm**



**Acrylic Painting "Caroline"  
At the Spicery, Downtown Glendale**

**May 16th  
6:00-8:00pm**

**Poetry Night at WHAM**

**May 17th  
6:30pm-8:00pm**



**WHAM Kids Saturday  
Arts & Crafts  
Home Sweet Home**

**May 18th  
1:00pm-2:30m**

**Acrylic Painting  
"Red Wagon" with Cindy Howitt**

**May 21st  
6:00pm-8:00pm**







## Vets Program "A Path to Healing"

Surprise Vets  
May 13th  
Peoria Vets  
May 23th

Acrylic Painting  
"Spring Pearl Blossoms" with April  
Heller

May 24th  
10:30am - 2:30pm



## It was a full house when WHAM Celebrated 2024-2025 West Valley Youth Poet Laureate Selection and Performance

WHAM Art Center held its second annual competition for the 2024-2025 West Valley Youth Poet Laureate on April 19, 2024, and announced the new Poet Laureate as Bran'nu Brown, a sophomore from Brophy College Preparatory. Last year's winner, Nathaniel George was also from Brophy. The second-place winner is Olivia Hanson from Paradise Honors High School followed by third place winner is Emma Martinez from Trivium Preparatory Academy. Honorable mention went to Maisey Donick, Paradise Honors High School and Zoe Hyman, Trivium Preparatory Academy.





The Literary Arts Program at WHAM holds a monthly Open Mic on the third Friday of every month. Join us for the community event. \$5 and chocolate is always involved.

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## Summer Program for Children

**Tell Your Neighbors, Your Grandchildren, Your Parents and Teachers the Good News Is WHAM has a summer program for Children ages 6 - 12**

Kids can stay for both sessions by attending both the morning and afternoon class, and stay through the lunch period, PLEASE BRING A SACK LUNCH IF YOUR CHILD IS STAYING FOR BOTH AM & PM CLASSES. Students are supervised during lunch break between classes and attend both am & pm arts & crafts classes.

Kids Summer Classes are coming. Watch our website for the projects:

All classes are 10-11:30 & 12:1:30

June 11, 12, 13,18 ,20, 24, 25 26.

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## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO MEMBERS ART EXCHANGE

• WHAM Members, Please note -- we are making changes to the Member Art Exchange Schedule for the remainder of 2024. The next exchange will be held on May 5th and 6th from 11am to 2pm . There will not be an exchange during the summer months. Exchanges will begin again on Sept 8th and 9th from 11am to 2pm.

## Want to become a WHAM member? Here are the amazing benefits!

- Discount on Art Classes
- Classroom Rental Discount (art instruction/class use)
- Art Clubs & Special Events (art collaboration)
- Member Meetings Quarterly
- Ability to hang your artwork at no cost to you unless it sells then you pay 25% fee
- Usage of WHAM building during open hours with approval
- Access to an Artist community to share ideas
- Ability to sell artwork in the Gift Shop at no cost to you unless it sells, then you donate 25% back to WHAM
- Ability to Enter into WHAM Exhibits, Events and Art Fairs
- Opportunities to give back to the community with your volunteer hours for classes and events!
- More fun than a barrel of monkeys!

IT'S TIME TO GET INVOLVED IN THE ARTS WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY



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