



## April 2025 Newsletter



### Swing "Fore" The Arts! Top Golf Glendale.

Wham is swinging for the fencing again with the yearly fundraiser. If you haven't tried it, you can register and have a blast. You don't have to be a golfer to take a swing at some fun and fellowship.

WHAM is Inviting you to an innovative, fun fundraising event: **"Swing Fore The Arts,"** an afternoon of **Golf and Art at TOP GOLF, 6101 N. 99<sup>th</sup> Ave., Glendale, AZ.** Our **'Swing Fore The Arts'** will be held on **April 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.** For \$125 per ticket, your experience will include 2 hours of Unlimited Golf, Food & Drinks, a Silent Auction, games and a Chance to Compete for prizes and Trophies. Teams are invited to submit their names, with six (6) players (\$750) per team for the tournament to compete with other groups or as individuals in the West Valley. Don't play golf? A \$38 ticket will treat you to food, games and the silent auction. Also, you can cheer on your favorite golf team.

This is the only Fundraiser in the year that WHAM promotes to help us continue giving our communities an art experience and, therefore, a better quality of life. If you are interested, please get in touch with me at [connie.whitlock@wham-art.org](mailto:connie.whitlock@wham-art.org) or 623-640-5229.

WHAM Members are forming teams to have a day of fun with artist friends, if you are interested in joining a WHAM Golf Team for this event, contact Connie Whitlock.

You can also support WHAM by bidding at our Silent Auction that will be available online on the WHAM Website on April 16<sup>th</sup> so be sure to check it out for fabulous trips and prizes.

## Current Gallery Exhibit April 2nd - May 16th Collage & Assemblage



Many unique artworks were presented, where unrelated paper and found objects are combined to make a cohesive piece of art. Artists Reception and Awards will take place on Saturday, April 5th from 4 to 6pm.

The judge for this show is Dennis Kleidon who has left an indelible mark on the world of art and graphic design through decades of teaching students pursuing higher education. Dennis' career spanned multiple prestigious institutions to include the University of Illinois, the University of Akron and the Meyer School of Design. A fine artist himself, his paintings are in galleries throughout the U.S.

A Co-Exhibit of mannequins wearing recycled found objects, known as "Trashions" will enhance your gallery enjoyment. The recycled fashions are presented by Joni Dee, an artist who has long been known for her talent and expertise in creating and teaching recycle fashion.

Bring your friends to see what your friends are up to.

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## The Next Art Exchange is One Day Only May 5th

From 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. There will be a concert in the gallery on Sunday May 4th at 2 p.m. Café Flutes is back for another performance. The last performance was a full house so mark your calendars and make sure to stop by.

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## Are there some teens in your life?

We have a teen program in Peoria that is free to all who attend. Here's the scoop.





Presents:

Free Art Classes at Main Peoria Library  
Ages 12-17  
Every 4th Wednesday, Excluding December

## Classes

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**October 23rd** : Printmaking



**November 27th:** Native  
American History Month - Dream  
Catchers



**January 22nd:** Winter  
Wonderland Acrylic Painting



**February 26th:** Black History  
Month - Kimmy Kantrell Inspired  
Abstract Expressionist Face Paper  
Sculptures



**March 26th:** Paper Quilled  
Frames



**April 23rd:** Recycled CD Mosaics



**May 28th:** Monet Inspired Oil  
Pastel Resist Watercolor Lilies



**June 25th:** String Art

8463 W Monroe St Peoria, AZ  
85345

- 4:30pm - 6:30pm
- No Sign Up Necessary, Just Walk In
- Welcome to attend one or all of the classes
- Limit Class Size of 15





What's Happen'N Art Movement

## APRIL CLASSES AT A GLANCE

for information on our classes

visit [wham-art.org/classes](http://wham-art.org/classes)



### BEGINNING WHEEL THROWING

Cylinders (5 week program)

April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th  
6-8:30 pm



### TeenWHAM - Art Class

April 2nd  
4:30-6:30





**"Honey Bunny"  
Friday Night Paint Night**

**April 4th  
6:00-8:00 pm**



**"Can I Do Watercolors?" Part 2  
Beginning Watercolor Class**

**April 9th  
10:00 am-12:00 pm**



**Vets Program " A Path to Healing"**

**Peoria Vets  
April 14th  
10am - 2 pm**



**"Art of Fun Series"  
Face Painting Workshop**

**April 15th  
4:30-6:30 pm**



## **TeenWHAM - Art Class**

**April 16th  
4:30-6:30**

## **Stain Glass Workshop for Beginners - 3 week workshop**

**April 16th, 23rd & 30th  
5:30-7:30**



## **Finding the Artist Within**

**April 17th  
10:00-11:30 am**



## **Poetry Night at WHAM**

**April 18th  
6:30-8:00 pm**





## **WHAM Kids - Saturday Arts & Crafts "Easter Projects"**

**April 12th  
1:00-2:30 pm**



## **Acrylic Painting "Desert Oasis"**

**April 24th  
6:00-8:00 pm**

**Spicery is located in Historic Downtown  
Glendale  
7141 N 59th Ave  
Glendale, AZ 85301**



## **Fused Glass- Painting with sponge dabbers on Glass**

**April 26th 1:00-5:00 pm  
April 28th 6:00-8:00 pm**

## **There's Are Opportunities to Share Your Talents. Take a look and let us know what works for you.**

Hello to all members, we want to thank every one of you for being involved with WHAM. This organization is such a large part of the cities around us. Together, we help in keeping ART alive!

We are asking for some help from members please. We are reaching out to you, to assist us by teaching classes for our young and older students. We are looking for ideas, teachers and teachers' assistants, to lead classes.

When teaching class, the hours you teach will go towards your volunteer hours. When teaching for WHAM we pay for all the supplies, all we need is YOU to have some fun teaching these bright youngsters.

Here are some ideas we have for classes. If you can teach any of these, please contact me to work on the details of the class.

- 1. Alcohol Ink**
- 2. Book Binding**

3. Polymer Clay
4. Collage
5. Wearable Art
6. Acrylic Painting
7. Pencils
8. Beginning Drawing
9. Watercolors

Any assistance with something in the above suggestions or any other suggestions. If you are interested in teaching classes, please contact Dede Robinson at [Dede.Robinson@wham-art.org](mailto:Dede.Robinson@wham-art.org)

## SPEAKING OF CONCERTS:

Thank you, thank you, thank you coming to the Spring concert, One Voice – Two Minds on Friday March 28. Brad Robin, an award-winning composer created music for some of the lyrics/poems in Maggie's Gautier's (that's me) book, and the show ended with a standing ovation. The gallery is an incredible setting for events that marry music, words and images. My heart is full. Sincerely, Maggie Gautier, Literary Arts Manager at WHAM.



## WHAM Gift Shop!

Wow! What a wonderful selection of gifts at the WHAM Gift shop. Come on by and see what one-of-a-kind gifts you can find.





## **Can you help spread the news? Do you know or have teenagers in your life who write poems?**

This is our third year in honoring youth poetry in the West Valley', said Maggie Gautier, WHAM's Literary Arts Manager. 'This year we are very excited to be teaming with Danielle Edgerton, the Curriculum Specialist for the Dysart School District. Her involvement will help spread the word to students in the Dysart School District as well as her acceptance to be one of the judges.

To qualify, youth must be between the ages of 14-17 and reside on one of the following West Valley cities: Avondale, Buckeye, El Mirage, Gila Bend, Glendale, Goodyear, Litchfield Park, Peoria, Sun City, Surprise, Tolleson, Wickenburg and Youngtown. Applicants must submit contact information, a short essay response, and a creative writing sample of 3-5 poems as part of their application. Every applicant will have the opportunity for their work to be published in a chapbook and an anthology with other poems submitted by the poets who attend the monthly Open Mic at WHAM on the third Friday of every month at 6:30-8p.m.

The 2025-2026 West Valley Youth Poet Laureate application can be accessed by visiting [www.wham-art.org/wvypl](http://www.wham-art.org/wvypl). The deadline for submissions is Sunday April 13th at midnight. and the performance and ceremony will be held at the WHAM Gallery, 16560 N Dysart Rd, Surprise, AZ 85378 on Friday May 2nd from 6:30 to 8:30. For any questions or concerns regarding the WVYPL application, please contact WHAM Literary Arts Manager Maggie Gautier ([Maggie.gautier@wham-art.org](mailto:Maggie.gautier@wham-art.org))

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### **Another Spring Concert is coming your way on Sunday, May 4th @ 2pm in the WHAM Art Gallery.**

# CAFÉ FLUTES IN CONCERT



**AT WHAM!**

**SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2 PM**

## **CENTRAL ARIZONA FLUTE ENSEMBLE**

JOHN JERRY, CONDUCTOR. THIS IMPRESSIVE 7 MEMBER FLUTE CHOIR PLAYS POP, CLASSICAL, SHOWTUNES, PATRIOTIC, AND OTHER ON THE INSTRUMENTS RANGING FROM THE PICCOLO TO THE E-FLUTE (AND CONTRABASS FLUTE).

**16560 N Dysart Rd, Surprise, AZ 85378**



[www.cafe.flutes.com](http://www.cafe.flutes.com)



**FREE Admission**

made possible by an Arts and Culture grant from the City of Surprise

The popular ensemble, CAFÉ Flutes, is coming back for another great performance. Their last visit brought in a full house of music and art lovers to enjoy their inspired music. This event is brought to you by the City of Surprise who awarded a grant to enhance art and music experiences in Surprise.

## **WHAM is having a Members Only Art Competition**

This will be a juried art exhibit with award ribbons and cash prizes for the best artwork. The theme for this exhibit is the 5 C's of Arizona. If you have never heard of this, the five C's, Copper, Cattle, Cotton, Citrus, and Climate were the historical economic pillars of the State. What inspirations for creating art!



## RULES:

- New artwork only – anything previously exhibited in the hallways or the gallery will not be accepted.
- Your WHAM dues must be current
- All mediums are acceptable – mixed media, clay, paintings, drawing, fiber art, etc.
- AI (Artificial Intelligence) artwork WILL NOT be accepted. We want to see your own individual creativity.
- Deadline for entries Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Exhibit dates May 19 to June 28 in the WHAM main gallery.
- Entry Fee: \$40 for up to 3 pieces of art.
- All artwork must be for sale.
- Enter on the WHAM website under GALLERY/Call to Artists.
- We can help you with your entry process, contact either Nicolas Flowers at [nicolas.flowersw@wham-art.org](mailto:nicolas.flowersw@wham-art.org) or Diane Freeman at [diane.freeman@wham-art.org](mailto:diane.freeman@wham-art.org) for information and help.
- Please read the Prospectus on the call for art page for complete information.
- This is a juried show, not all artwork will make it into the final exhibit.
- Entry Fees are non-refundable.



## 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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