



What's Happen'N Art Movement

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## Welcome to the September 2024 Newsletter

**Current Gallery Exhibit**  
**September 7 - September 30**

*September Exhibit at the WHAM Art Gallery will feature*

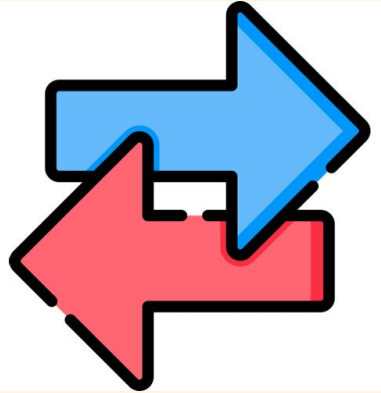
**ArtTHENA!**



**Open to the Public • Free Admission • Tues - Sat • Hours 10am - 4pm**

ArtTHENA! is a group of local female artist from all over the valley. These talented ladies have, as a group and individually, shown extensively on the West Side. This September, ArtTHENA will be returning to WHAM with a show of all new work created in the past year. A reception will be held on Saturday, September 7th from 2-4PM. You are invited to come meet the artists and talk to them about their new work. Wine and light refreshments will be served.

The exhibit opens on September 3rd through September 30th.



## Art Exchange

(get it, 'hang as in hanging art?)  
Member Art Exchange will take place on Sunday, September 8th and Monday, September 9th from 11am to 2pm. It's time to get your best new work up for our patrons to enjoy and maybe even take home with them. There will be some refreshments and you can bring some too if you'd like.



## Members Meeting - Join the dialog - Meet Team Members & See Some Great Art

We would love to see your smiling face - The membership meeting is the place - Sept. 17th, 5:30-8:30 - Meet the new members and feel free to bring a friend. Refreshments will be available so you won't be hungry. Oh, and as always, 'chocolate will be involved.'

## SEPTEMBER CLASSES AT A GLANCE

Upcoming Classes You Want to Make Sure You Let Your Family and Friends Know are Available. There's even more information on [www.WHAM-art-org](http://www.WHAM-art-org)

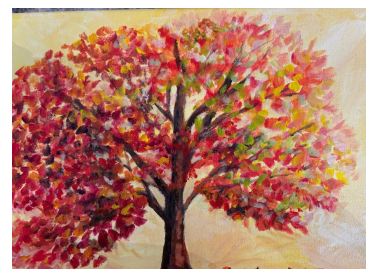


## TeenWHAM Paint Pouring

Sept 4th  
4:30pm - 6:30pm

## Friday Night Paint Night "Happy Tree"

Sept 6th  
6:00pm-8:00pm







## Decoupage on Basket

Sept 11th

10:30pm-1:00pm

## TeenWHAM - Junk Jewelry Mosaic

Sept 18th

4:30pm-6:30pm



## Acrylic Painting - @ Spicery

"Chris P. Bacon"

Location: Downtown Glendale

Sept 19th

6:00pm-8:00pm

## Finding the Artist Within

Sept 19th

10:00am-11:30am



## Open Mic at WHAM

Poetry, Stories, Songs & Community

August 20th

6:30-8:00pm

## WHAM Kids Saturday Arts & Crafts "Coral Reef Watercolor"

Sept 21st  
1:30-2:30pm



### Junk Journal Party!

Sept 28th  
1:00pm-4:00pm

### Beginners Fused Glass Mosaic

Sept 28th  
1:00pm-4:00pm



### Vets Program "A Path to Healing"

Surprise Vets - Sept 9th  
Peoria Vets - Sept 26th  
10:00am-2:00pm

Art Paint Party for WHAM members only on Friday, September 13th from 6 to 8pm. Space limited to the first 12 members to register and pay at the WHAM Front Desk. We are calling this WHAM Monthly Madness and this month we will be painting on canvas with acrylic paint! But WAIT! This party will have a twist - you paint for 5 minutes on the canvas in front of you, then each person passes the canvas to the left. We will continue painting on each canvas for 5 minutes and passing them around. Should be lots of fun. Remember, we only have a maximum of 12 spots available at a nominal charge of \$5 per person, WHAM provides all supplies. Be sure to reserve your spot before it fills up - First come First Served. Register and pay at the WHAM front desk.

**The Featured Artist in the WHAM Gift**



# Shop for the September & October Exchange is a Real Gem- Take a Look



## Meet WHAM member Carol Ferring Riffle

Carol has been dabbling in the fine arts since her childhood. A natural born artist, she gravitated towards colorful mediums at a very early age. Throughout her early years, her talented eye led her to experimentation in painting, photography and artistic crafts. She went on to college in New York and received a BFA in Fine Arts and Graphics, and then spent her early years as a graphic designer and first-generation computer graphics artist. As she ventured out in life, she found herself drawn back into the interests she loved, photography and mixed media fields including the fine artistry crafts of jewelry.

Since pursuing her photographic interests on the artistic side, Carol has shown regionally, as well as nationally, and has received multiple awards throughout her tenure. Her photographic work reflects the colorful wonders of landscapes and the outdoors which present an almost dream-like experience in nature's bucolic realms.

Her silver work and jewelry craft touch upon a natural quality with a nod towards "Mother Nature" in one respect or another, whether by stone choice, materials or aesthetic and occasionally there is an edgy component lending an insight to her years of honed graphic design. You can often find Carol experimenting with her photography, post production, and her art exploration techniques on any given day. She is always interested in learning and progressing her art form. Even with her continued ever evolving change, her works remain distinctive and strongly identifiable. Her genuine love for nature runs deeply through all her works, and like cream, rises often to the top in her artwork.

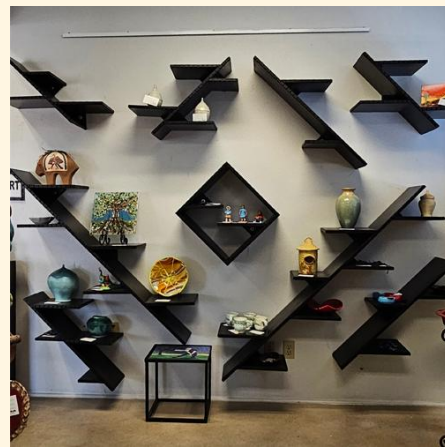
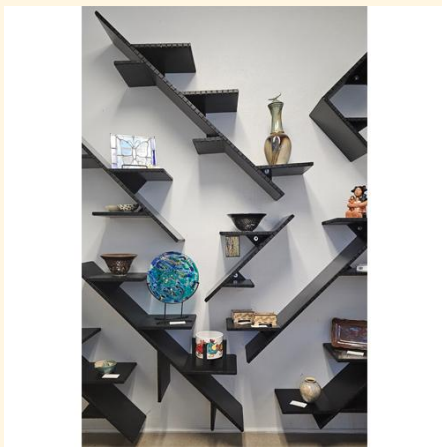
Be sure to stop by the WHAM Gift Shop and check out Carol's beautiful artwork.

(Jewelry and photography pictures are the work of Carol Ferring Riffle)



## Who Knew that Shelving Could be Sexy - Thanks to your support, the Gallery has Improved the 3D Display

The WHAM 3-D room has been undergoing a facelift over the summer and now has beautiful custom-built shelving. Our own WHAM handyman, Dennis Gordon, designed, built and installed this attractive, decorative shelving. You will be proud to display your fine three- dimensional pieces in this special place.



## From the Earth to Art

This is an opportunity to see Master Artists work their magic.  
Save The Date; You Won't Want to Miss This Special Presentation on Nov. 9-10, 2024

Mata Ortiz Show and Sale is coming to WHAM.

Please join us at the WHAM Art center this November 9th & 10th from 10:00am – 4:00pm for an amazing clay event. There is no admission to watch talented potters making and decorating pots. Stay and observe the process of open ground “saggar” firing of pots, as well. A fascinating history and process will unfold in front of you.

Lucy and Lorenzo Mora from Mata Ortiz, Mexico will be demonstrating for both days and available to answer questions. They will have many of their beautiful pots available and their neighbors and friends work for sale in our front gallery. This is a great opportunity to buy at below retail prices. A portion of each sale goes to help support WHAM.





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## We Love WHAM Teens!

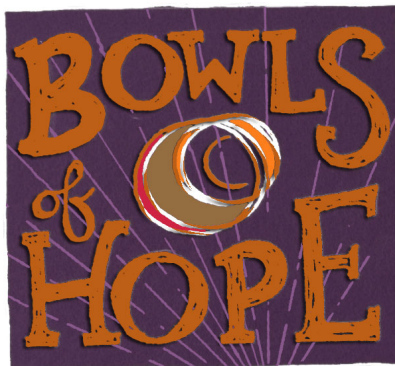
We Love the Teens and from twelve years old to 18 they are welcomed to Create at WHAM. Make sure you let your friends and family know there's a great place for young people to meet, make art and get off their screens for a few hours.



On August 21<sup>st</sup> four teens attended the TeenWHAM Leaf Impressions class. They used masking tape to block out tree trunks and branches. Then, they used acrylic paint to create a background. The tape was peeled off leaving white tree trunks. We then used old gift cards to add texture to the trees with paint. As a finishing touch, we used real leaves as a stamp to create the leaves for the trees. Take a look.

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## Don't Get Bowled Over - The Bowls of Hope is Around the Corner



It's never too early to remind everyone that the annual **Bowls of Hope** will be held at WHAM on Saturday, December 7th from 9am to 3pm. As most of you know, this is the way that WHAM gives back to local charities by donating the proceeds from the sale of the handmade bowls to several needy groups. So mark your calendar and plan to help us support this worthy endeavor.

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**YOUTH POET LAUREATE  
RUNNER UP, OLIVIA HANSON**



## IS FEATURED POET ON SEPT. 20, OPEN MIC

On Sept 20. The featured Poet is Oliva Hanson, the Runner Up of the West Valley Youth Poet Laureate.

Olivia, a student at Paradise Honors Highschool

will be sharing three of her original poems with the audience and fellow participants in the Open Mic. Please join us as we celebrate the wide range of participants at the monthly Open Mic. The performance will take place in the main gallery.

The Open Mic Night (Poetry Night) is EVERY Month and it's not just, Poems. It's Stories, Jokes, music, Community, and All Ages. (maybe not toddlers) \$5 and as always, 'chocolate will be involved.'

Thank you Maggie Gautier,

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

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