

# Canyon Sounds

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## *From the President*



I hope you were able to attend the Hutchins Concert concert or the Arts Festival. Due to a death I was unable to attend the Hutchins performance but have heard rave reviews of both the performance and the warmth of the performers at the after party. Special thanks to Carole Lindemann for hosting the well attended after party. Thanks always goes to Lluccienne Arnold and her hospitality team for our after parties.

What a beautiful day we had Saturday, January 27 for the Arts Festival. Special thanks to Carole Lindemann and her many workers for the Arts Festival. I had many positive comments from attendees and vendors. Again, it is the volunteers whether setting up, welcoming, or tearing down who make this a successful event. Thank you. Both Methodist church and the GCAC phone had many calls regarding the musical performances. Thank you David Thomas for coordinating these new musicians. They were fabulous and well received.

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## Upcoming Arts Council Events

Feb 9, 2024 Mariachi Garibaldi De Jaime Cuellar Dancers

Mar 8, 2024 Quarteto Nuevo

**Mar 3, 2024 GCAC Annual Meeting**

Mar 22, 2024 Barbara Padilla

**NOTE: Concerts start at 7:00 pm**

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## *GCAC Board Candidates 2024-2025*

*(Submitted by Jean Buckborough)*

Three candidates have been nominated to serve on the GCAC Board of Directors for 2024-2025. Elections will be held at the Annual Business Meeting March 3, 2024. The candidates are:



**Ray Cunningham**

Ray and Carol retired to Gold Canyon at year-end 2014, became members of the Gold Canyon Arts Council & active as volunteers. They worked in the Philippine electric power industry for 17 years prior to retirement as private developers of renewable & fossil power plants. Ray served as Chairman of the American Association of the Philippines for nine years while located there, a nonprofit formed after WWII to help American resident & visitors in need that remains active. Before his Philippine assignment, Ray served as board member & president of the Fairfield Orchestra, a

symphony orchestra composed of professional musicians from NYC serving residents of Fairfield County, Connecticut.

Ray played the trumpet from elementary school through high school. He was president of the marching & concert bands as well as a member of the Fort Dodge (Iowa) Symphony Orchestra. He switched to guitar as a freshman at the US Coast Guard Academy, forming a rock band with three classmates that performed regularly at dances until they graduated. Years later he served as chairman of the Academy Alumni Association board of trustees for four years. He began taking classical guitar lessons more than 30 years ago and performs both pop and classical music at senior living facilities & nursing homes.

Ray was appointed to fill the vacancy on the GCAC board in August 2023. Over the past several years he has served as chair of the Grants Committee, organized successful fundraising vents, & acted in liaison capacity with Lead Guitar, which partners with GCAC at schools along the Old West Highway.

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## Board Member Candidates-continued



Born in Wisconsin, I attended the University of Wisconsin earning a degree in Biochemistry. After moving to Colorado in 1981, I earned enough extra credits to sit for the CPA exam with an eye on eventual self-employment. I worked as a tax accountant and prepared financials for small business until it was time to retire; gratefully a bit early.

I had loved art from my childhood, and in high school had an art teacher who painted life sized figurative commissions. He'd bring them into our class, and I realized that beautiful art is not something confined to

### Sheri Farabaugh

the old masters. His paintings were perfection. I didn't know anyone making a living at art and being single I decided to save painting for retirement.

Since retiring in 2005, we've split our time between Colorado and Arizona, and I was able to devote all my time to oil painting. I've taken Classes from some of the top artists in the country and am a signature member of the Oil Painters of America, American Women Artists, American Society of Marine Artists, and an Associate Living Master with the Art Renewal Center. I've received many top awards and have been featured in 4 national magazines, including the wonderful surprise of having my painting on the cover of Fine Art Connoisseur. I am represented by Abend Gallery in Denver and Mary Williams Fine Arts in Boulder, Colorado.

I've been the Treasurer and Board member of the American Society of Marine Artists which has around 500 members.

I have been a member and have attended Gold Canyon Arts Council concerts since we moved to Gold Canyon in 2017 and would love to be a part of this organization and give back where I can.

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## Board Member Candidates-continued



**Maurice McCormick** practiced law in Fargo ND from 1971 to 2019. He did both trial work and a general business practice with a concentration in construction law over the last 20 years. He encouraged the new lawyers who joined the firm to learn how to disagree without being disagreeable. This does not come easy for lawyers or others in an adversary process.

He and Joy were married in 1977, have four children and fourteen grandchildren, the oldest of which is nine. He has limited musical talent, but did serve on the Fargo Moorhead Symphony Orchestra Board, including a term as President. He also had the opportunity to be a guest conductor for Mozart's Overture to the Marriage of Figaro.

Joy and Maurice bought their home in Gold Canyon in 2011 and have spent increasing time here every year since. They have both been active in the Gold Canyon Arts Council as volunteers and hosting a number of receptions in their home.

## (From The President-continued)

Joni Mitchel said, "I see music as fluid architecture" and Dick Dale said, "Every song is like a painting". I am pleased that we offer musical residencies to students and that we offer visual arts. Kathy Michell is our visual arts coordinator. Katie Smith, a quilting artist worked with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Cactus Canyon Junior High on a "painted quilt" project. Katie is a member of GCAC. The artist in residence at Apache Junction High School the week of February 6-9 will be Brenda Potts, a professional artist whose nature scenes are shown a sever venues. She is also a member of the Artists of the Superstitions.

I look forward to seeing you at the Mariachi Garibaldi performance on February 9 and the after party. Thank you for making Arts come alive for many students through your membership.

Pam Ingram, President

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## *Leland Wilson School Arts Project 2024*

(Submitted by Kathy Mitchell), Coordinator of the Leland Wilson School Arts Project, GCAC)



Kate Smith, the Artist in Residence at Cactus Canyon JrHS during the week of January 29<sup>th</sup> through February 2, is a quilt artist and a winter resident of Gold Canyon since 2005. Kate has been quilting since 1977 and developed her interest in applique while living in Honolulu. She spent “many mornings under the Banyon Tree at Mission Museum”. Kate enjoys combining

### **Kathy Mitchell**

multi-shapes and colors with many techniques.

During the week in Ms. Allison Baumann’s 4<sup>th</sup> period art class, Ms. Smith worked with students, designing and painting a “Barn Quilt” with geometric shapes and colors. Students first looked at examples of Barn Quilts and chose a pattern. A grid on a 12 inch square canvas was then drawn by each student. Students learned to “tape off” certain sections to create a hard edge on the shapes to be painted. Students began painting the geometric shapes, choosing colors, and learning to mix colors. Students learned to look at different geometric shapes with a larger grid, use a ruler to measure and calculate and then transfer to a larger square. The students enjoyed the painting part of this project most of all as some found it challenging to be so precise in their calculations and designs.

Assisting Ms. Kate Smith in the classroom was Ms. Gayle Green, also a quilter and retired teacher, and Ms. Kathy Mitchell, a professional artist and a retired art teacher. Kate Smith is a member of Gold Canyon Arts Council and active in quilt guilds in Arizona and Pennsylvania.

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As usual, we enjoyed working with the students at Cactus Canyon JrHS and thank Ms. Phyllis Bellemare, Principal and Alison Baumann, art teacher at Cactus Canyon JfHS for inviting us into the school.



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## *Gold Canyon Arts Festival 2024-Thanks*

*(Submitted by Carole Lindemann, Festival Chair)*

Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful day and from all reports an amazing success. The artists were pleased with their sales but also complimentary of the volunteers who assisted them during the day. It is with some trepidation for fear I will miss someone, that I thank the amazing volunteers who made the festival a success both before the "day" and afterward.

Our first thanks is to the Gold Canyon United Methodist Church for allowing us to stage the festival every year. Thanks to Katherine Keller and Rick Ceynar who acted as our custodians. Katherine made the early morning coffee and Liz Austin picked up the donuts from Bashas' for the artists to enjoy.

In addition to the fine artists present, we were privileged to hear the wonderful performances throughout the day. We are grateful to **Dave Thomas** and **Jack Kukuk** with **Kathy and John Nuss** for their efforts, and **Roy Fuerherm** for his sound expertise. What follows is a list of the myriad areas involved in presenting the festival and names of those who contributed: **(continued next page)**

**Festival Jury**-Carol Cunningham, Kathy Mitchell, Jean Buckborough, Sheri Farabaugh & Carole Lindemann

**Friday & Saturday set-up**-Maddie Gadd with members of Artists of the Superstitions, Jean Buckborough, George Prentice, Jill Taglianetti, Jim Chesko, Rich Hafdahl, Tom Robison, Jerry Thanker

**Early Bird parking crew**-Maurice McCormick, Bob Ingram, Petra Kapush and Dale Smith

**COPS**-Dan Apel & his crew to direct traffic within the parking lots

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**Hospitality Team**-Chair Sara Kukuk with Kate Smith, Joy McCormick, Marty Robison, Susan Sanders, Jeanne Schupbach, Janet Cooper, Lynda Delmonica and Nancy Culliton (continue next page)

**Gate Greeters & Information Booth**-Chair Barb O'Brien with Tom O'Brien, Nellie Moore, Lucienne Arnold, Judy & Dennis Fitzgerald, Diana & Jim Hager, Julie Burzalff, Nancy Culliton, Diane Clason, Sharon Fromson, Peggy Dines, Nancy Bilensky, Linda Hafdahl, Mary Stockrocki, Janice & Paul Workman, Andre & Donna Gib, Pam Ingram and Jim Smith

**Artist Contributions**-Charlotte Martin & Deb Cleary-Beatty with Carol Cunningham. This involved recording, labeling & packing up all the artists' contributions and then sorting for fund raising efforts.

**Storage Unit**-Kara and Joel Assid, Jane and Al Dean and George Prentice-where most of the festival supplies are stored and needed loading up and then returning after the festival.

A special thanks for Derek Gilbert and the students from JNROTC at Apache Junction HS who were present all-day Saturday to help set up the chairs and stage, assist artists and then clean up at the end of the day.

As successful as the festival was, I have received excellent suggestions for next year. If you have questions or concerns please contact me. **THANK YOU** for attending, purchasing, assisting or just listening to the performances. **Carole Lindemann, Festival Chair, 480-296-6502, or [carbill5@mchsi.com](mailto:carbill5@mchsi.com)**



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