

# Canyon Sounds

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## *From the President*



Julie Andrews said "Music and Arts make a bridge across this world in ways that nothing else can." That was observable both in the students at AJ High that worked with artists Gail McFarland and Kathy Mitchell. The Transformation and self-incite was observable. It was also clear from the performance of the San Carlos Lead Guitar students that the experience of music has enlightened and changed them.

Special thanks to Ray Cunningham for sharing his musical talents with us during the social. I loved having quiet listening music. The donation of the two guitars was an acknowledgement of how GCAC touches many. Ray certainly is a man of many talents who has given freely to the Arts Council with grant writing and his and Carol's involvement and support with Lead Guitar has allowed us to touch many students.

Carol Cunningham coordinated the auction and raffle. The raffle and auction take many hands and extensive time. Carol and her team (Margaret Colmer) collect the items from artists at the festival and catalog them. Then she organizes them for our fall and spring socials. Just the organization and set up is quite time consuming. Then Charlotte Martin and Debbie Cleary-Beatty organize and implement the raffle. Carol is also our webmaster. Please visit our website for the latest information to share with friends. Than you Carol and team.

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## Upcoming Arts Council Events

**(The April Canyon Sounds newsletter will preview the performers for the 2023-2024 season) Concerts start at 7:00 pm this season a change from 7:30pm past years**

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(From The President-continued)

Lucienne Arnold and her team set the dates for our events, purchase the items, put tablecloths and center pieces in place, even sweep the floor, arrange for our wonderful wine stewards (Jack Twa and Dick Moore) and clean up after. This too is a lot of work. They come 2 hours before the event just to set up and stay after for clean up. Thank you.

As I said at the Annual Meeting it is each of you. Thank you to each of you who hosted the MTA, Meet the Artist, events: Joy and Maurice McCormick, Judy and Chuck Cuffaro, Karen and Lloyd Jackson, Margaret and Jerry Colmer and Charlotte Martin. Special thanks to Judy Cuffaro who hosted on her birthday and anniversary.

We presently have 130 members. We received \$59,123 from grants (thanks to Jack Kukuk and Ray Cunningham). Ticket sales of \$64,350, Program Ads of \$8,000 and \$22,000 for membership. Our projected expenses for next year are \$196,715, about \$40,000 higher than this year. We do have carryover from this year and will have six, not five, shows next year. Our memberships, grants, ads and ticket sales fund our artists and the residencies for music. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to become members and to purchase tickets to concerts.

Each of you contribute to our success whether by being a member, attending concerts, serving on a committee, working at the Arts Festival, obtaining ads, helping with the Leland Wilson Art Project or music residencies, ushering, bringing food, etc., etc. THANK YOU. As a Board we honor you. The BOD has a fiduciary responsibility to carry forward the mission of GCAC. I believe in service leadership and it is my honor to serve you and students. Please feel free to contact me at any time. We need your support and ideas and love of Music and Art.

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## *Jack Kukuk Award 2023*



**Sara Russell-Kukuk** (pictured at left) related the concept of **The Jack Kukuk Award**. In 2008, President Jim Moiser created the “Wizard of the Superstitions” award to honor Jack Kukuk as founder and Artistic Director of the Gold Canyon Arts Council. The following year, Jack requested a committee be formed to choose future recipients to honor volunteers who participate in “Advancing the Arts in the Superstitions.”

Previous recipients of the Jack Kukuk Award, in order of presentation are: **Jack Kukuk, Becky & Larry Roth, Skip Cary, Wally Rave, Leland Wilson, Bob Homann, Jim Moiser, Doug Benton, Sandy & Bill Wash, Carole Lindemann & Sara Russell-Kukuk, Gary Ackerman, Chuck**

**Cuffaro, Linda & Doug Norton, Carol & Ray Cunningham, and Linda & Terry Storbakken.** Sara asked those in attendance to stand and be recognized.

Sara then asked last year’s recipients, **Linda & Terry Storbakken**, to come forward to present the 2023 recipient of the Jack Kukuk Award, recognizing a member who has supported and served GCAC with consistent and generous volunteer hours and years of work to ensure its success.



**Kathy Mitchell** receives an “Ocean Art Lazy Susan” created by **artist Tammy Woods** (Lone Palm Creates) in honor of being named the recipient of **The Jack Kukuk Award For Advancing the Arts in the Superstitions**. With her are **Terry Storbakken(L) and Linda Storbakken(C)**.

Although active in all aspects of the Arts Council, Kathy’s main interest has remained in educating our youth in the visual arts. For many years she has chaired the Leland Wilson School Arts Education Program. Working with others, she has

recruited local artists to present week-long classes to middle school students. These classes have included various forms of visual arts, such as gourd art, pen and ink work, clay creations and puppet making. Her goal has been to introduce young people to different kinds of artwork and show them it can be fun and creative.

The Arts Council supports her in this work and provides financial support for the projects, but she has taken the lead, and made it happen. She has shown leadership and dedication to the arts and is an excellent representative of what the Arts Council is all about. **Congratulations Kathy!**



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## *GCAC Thanks Jen's Gourmet Goodies (submitted by Chuck Cuffaro, GCAC Publicity Manager)*



GCAC appreciates the “Mom and Pop” businesses that allow us to advertise our Canyon Sounds concerts and the Gold Canyon Arts Festival on their premises. These locally owned businesses are our “saving grace” as corporate and franchised entities do not allow advertising in order to avoid any social or political activism.

Therefore, this month, we thank **Jen's Gourmet Goodies** at 6822 S. Kings Ranch Rd, located between Southwest Fitness and Flair Boutique. They not only serve delicious baked goods, but a broad breakfast and lunch menu of quiche, soups, and sandwiches. As a GCAC member, please stop by and express your appreciation.

Shown above is owner/baker, **Jen Ryznar, and her son Zach**. We wish them well in their new business endeavor.

## *2023 Annual Meeting*

The GCAC Annual Meeting was held March 5, 2023 in the MountainBrook Superstition center. A good turnout of members enjoyed the appetizers brought to share along with liquid refreshments and desserts provided by the Arts Council. A business meeting held after the social hour included the electing of 2023-2024 Board of Directors. President Pam Ingram thanked the many volunteers who run the GCAC organization each year. She especially thanked **Lucienne Arnold** (and her team) who chairs the Welcome Back Meeting each Fall, the “Meet the Artists” party after each performance, and the Annual Meeting each Spring. **Ray Cunningham** provided vocal and guitar music for the event.

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## *The Annual Meeting in Pictures*



Jack Kukuk, GCAC  
Artistic Director and  
Namesake of the Jack  
Kukuk Award



Ray Cunningham  
"The Entertainer"



San Carlos High School Lead Guitar  
students shared their talents





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## *Just a few More Pics-Annual Meeting*



Finishing the evening was the annual Silent Auction and the awarding of door prizes. And then of course, with all such gatherings, the hardy "GCAC Cleanup Crew" began their work. Thanks to the many "volunteers" who stayed after to clean the tables, sweep and mop the floor, close the bar and load the empty wine glasses for cleaning and storing for the next event. A good day for all!



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## *Black Oak Ensemble* (March 24, 2023)





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After our final Canyon Sounds Performance of the 2022-2023 season, we gathered for the “Meet the Artist” reception at **Charlotte Martin’s** residence for food and refreshments in a party atmosphere! A great way to end the season!



**Dancing in the Streets!!**





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