



WESTBROOK VILLAGE FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION

The Westbrook Village Fine Arts Association is open to all homeowners of Westbrook Village.

Meetings and workshops are held Oct through April on the second Wednesday of the month, 1:30-3:30pm. In the Fine Arts Room in the F.A.L.C. building of the Vistas at Westbrook Village. October 1 – September 30 of the following year. Annual dues \$25.00, payable in October.

Yearly membership includes:

- * Demonstrations and hands-on workshops are provided by well-known Arizona artists.
- * Free use of the Fine Arts studio room throughout the year.
- * Opportunities to teach and sell your art

Below is a summary of our activities.

Art Classes:

Scheduled art classes are announced prior to the first meeting of the year (2nd Wednesday of October). Arizona professionals and our members teach classes in our art studio.

Meeting & Programs:

Any resident can attend one meeting for free so he/she can decide if they want to join. Refreshments are served and friends meet and talk with each other prior to the meeting. An artist's demo or a hands-on workshop experience is often scheduled. A "Calendar of Events" is distributed at the first meeting and is available throughout the year.

Painting Groups & Equipment:

Members are welcome to use the Fine Arts Room for painting anytime they choose by retrieving the keys and presenting their WBV resident card at the Vista's Rec Center. There is always a group in the Fine Arts Room on Monday mornings (9 AM to noon) sharing the joy of painting. Other groups/individual artists paint throughout the week enjoying the flexibility of the art room. A library of art magazines and art books are available. Equipment consists of floor and table easels, mat cutter, encaustic kit and iron, old newspapers, water containers, large ruler, printer etc. Members bring their own paints, paper/canvas, brushes, paper towels, and any materials needed for the production of their work. It is helpful for members to have a portable storage container or case-on-wheels for hauling their own materials back and forth from home. Some artists rent cabinet space in the fine arts room (based on availability).

Annual Art Show:

This weekend event held in mid-March is open to all members who can submit up to five art pieces in each of two categories. (2 dimensional and 3 dimensional). Publicized in local magazines and newspapers attendance grows each year. Art work is judged by independent judges and ribbons are awarded. The Artist's Reception on Friday night is by invitation only and is attended by more than 300 guests each year who enjoy the festive atmosphere while purchasing affordable art. Most of the artwork is for sale in mediums including watercolor, acrylic, oil, mixed media, sculpture, fused glass, textiles and collage. Miniatures are donated by participating artists and are auctioned off silently over the course of three days.

Mini Art Show:

Westbrook Village holds an Arts & Crafts Show every November. Our Fine Arts Club hosts a "Mini Art Show" during the same time as the WVA Arts & Crafts Show, providing an additional opportunity to sell your art.

Interested in learning more? Please contact our President, Kim Mraz at kimmrazwbv@aol.com