

## Presidents Message for June 2021



Hoorah! Hoorah!



The Club room is open for all members to catch up with their peers, take classes from our great instructors, have a paint day, and create, create, create. A new normal saying so long to being shut in and shut down. We still have rules, and please check them out, but freedom is one of the greatest gifts we could ever have. So take classes and explore the club room again. Call your member friends and come down and paint.

It is also time to begin thinking about 2022 and perhaps how you could help the club. Maybe volunteer for a committee or something in some other position. I am only putting a "bee in your bonnet," as my mother used to tell me, to begin thinking about how you can help, or maybe you know someone who might want to step up. More will be coming out about volunteering; Please connect with me for anything you are interested in pursuing. You can email me at [PVArtists.MStewart@gmail.com](mailto:PVArtists.MStewart@gmail.com). I look at my emails many times a day and will get right back to you.

Don't forget ZOOM as well. In June, there will be drawing classes taught by Ruth Little on Thursdays, June, and July at 1:00 PM, and Eileen Moore's Alcohol Ink Party on the last Friday of the month, June and July at 1:00 PM.

Hey, see you in the club room, paintbrush, pencil, or pastel in hand!



Mary Stewart, President

**Membership in Palo Verde Artists is \$10 per year and is open to RCSC cardholders only. Join or Renew your membership on our website at <http://paloverdeartists.com>. Just click on the Membership Link on the top right side of the web page. It takes you to where you can follow 3 easy steps using PayPal, or your credit or debit card. Directions for paying by mail? CHECKS ONLY, NO CASH! Dues for 2021 are \$10.00, and can be sent to: Treasurer, Palo Verde Artists, P O Box 2474, Sun City AZ 85372 . JOIN TODAY!**

For the most up to date information visit our website at <http://paloverdeartists.com>



## PALO VERDE ARTISTS, ARTIST OF THE MONTH, JUNE 2021 REMEMBERING

*Maria Offidani ~ An Artist's Life Well Lived"*  
July 3, 1922 - November 16, 2018

Maria Offidani was highly thought of among the members of the Palo Verde Artists. Her art was not only beautiful and well done but valued among her peers and those beyond the club. We, at Palo Verde Artists, wanted to honor her in the best possible way. Jo Peterson of Palo Verde Artists and Artists by the Lake researched and put all of Maria's information together.

Maria was born in San Elpidio a' Mare, Italy, a little town east of Florence near the Adriatic Sea. Her father a shoemaker, while her mother ran a restaurant. During World War II, Maria engaged, watched her sweetheart go to war but unfortunately, he did not come home. At the end of the war in Europe, the allies redrew national boundaries. Maria and her family left their home with 20,000 other people and traveled on railroad trains to an international refugee camp in Naples, Italy.

In 1952, Maria, then thirty, her parents, and her brother immigrated to New York under the Displaced Persons Act of 1948. They had just \$2.00 in their pockets. Maria proudly said she took a job as a seamstress and was paying taxes within a week. It was at this time she had to sell her wedding dress to buy food for her family. Maria and her family moved to Hoboken, New Jersey, but she continued to work in New York City. Maria studied accounting and worked for Diners Club for 20 years; also taking art classes after work.

In the early 1990s, Maria retired and moved to Sun City. In 1995 she became a member of the Palo Verde Art Club and the Artists by the Lake Club. Maria primarily worked in watercolor and acrylic mediums. She took classes and exhibited at many club gallery shows, including the All Sun City Art Show and the Palo Verde Annual Show in the Spring, winning many ribbons. Maria often took the time to help her friends and neighbors with their watercolors.

Her family called her "Mimi," and her friends at the Prairie King Condo neighborhood called her their "artist in residence." Maria lived to be 96 years old. Her fellow club members, friends, and neighbors admired her, and she was known as a talented, hardworking artist and teacher. She is missed. Some of Maria's works are shown below.

Please view Maria's art during June in our showcase outside Palo Verde's art room at the Sundial Recreation Center, 14801 N. 103<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Sun City.



## JUNE AND JULY 2021 PVA CLUB EVENTS

Now that the Palo Verde Artists Club Room, is open, almost all our classes, open studio times, activities and events will be offered in the Club Room, located on the second floor of the Sundial Recreation Center, 14801 N 103rd Ave., Sun City. We are continuing to hold some classes and activities on the internet via Zoom. For Zoom, participants need to have a internet connected computer, iPad, tablet, or a smartphone. A web camera and audio connection is needed to view and talk. Members will be sent a notice followed up with an invitation to the Zoom event. All Zoom events are limited to 100 people.

**OPEN STUDIO TIMES** - If you are a PVA Member and the Recreation Center is open and you have the door key code, you may use the Art Room for Open Studio. A minimum of two members is required for this Art Room use. There is no fee. Check the current club calendar to determine non-class days and times.

### Monday

June 21 - Critique with Ruth Little, 1pm, Club Room - no fee.

June 14 & July 12 - Card Workshop - Club Room - \$20 - 1-4 pm - The Card workshops are on the second Monday of each month through November at 1 - 4 pm June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11 and Nov. 8 - the cost is \$20 per session. No Dec. workshop.

July 26 - Introduction to Brusho with Eileen Moore, 1-4 pm - Club Room - \$30.

### Tuesday

June 1 - Beginning & Intermediate Drawing with Bruce Cody, 9 am - 12 pm, Club Room, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and July 6 - \$72.

June 8 - Oil Painting with Bruce Cody, 1 - 5 pm, Club Room, June 8, 15, 22, 29 and July 6 and 13th - \$72.

### Wednesday

No Classes



### Thursday

June 3 - Continuation of Basic Drawing - Ruth Little, 1 - 4 pm, a Zoom class, June 3, 10, 17, & 24 - \$ 48.

June 3 - Portraits Drawing and Discussion, No Instructor, 1 - 3 pm, Club Room, June 3, 10, 17, 24 and July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 (Fee is usually \$3).

July 8 - Exploring the Color With the Color Wheel with Ruth Little, 1 - 4 pm, Club Room., July 9, 16, 23 & 30 - \$48.

### Friday

June 4 - Continuation of Basic Drawing - Ruth Little, 1 - 4 pm, Club Room, June 4, 11, 18 & 28th - \$48.

June 25th and July 30 - Alcohol Ink Party with Eileen Moore, a Zoom online event, 1 pm - no fee.



The club room is open now. Zoom classes and events are offered for members as well. Membership is \$10 per year and is open to all RCSC cardholders. Be sure to visit our website too: <http://paloverdeartists.com>. Summer Classes and Open Studio times are offered at both Artists by the Lake's Club Room and at Palo verde Artists' Club Room for members of PVA. Both the Artist of the Month Showcase and our Club Room are located on the second floor of the Sundial Recreation Center, 14801 N 103rd Avenue, Sun City, Arizona.

## Our May 21, 2021 Grand Re-opening

The week of May 17th saw the preparations by our special committee to begin to put the PVA Cub Room in order. By May 19th PVA was ready to have it's first event, the Gallery Exchange. Planning for the second event, the Club Room Grand Re-opening had been going on for weeks. The Display Case hosted the works of Alison Evans Killam, the May 2021 Artist of the Month, and walls of the Gallery showed some of our members' beautiful works. The stage was set for our May 21st Grand Re-opening.

At 4 pm that Friday at the Grand Re-opening, PVA members and soon-to-be members were greeted by our Club President, Mary Stewart, our Club Leadership Officers, and Instructors. Door prizes were given and refreshments were served. Guests were able to meet our Instructors and could sign up for classes. It was a special time to remember and treasure, after over a year of closure. Hoorah! Hoorah!



To Our PVA Fall and Winter Members,  
We Hope Your Summer Is Memorable!



We will miss you!

We look forward to seeing you again in the Fall. But remember our Zoom events are available from anywhere you have an internet connection. Visit our Palo Verde Artists website and you will find listings of our activities for each month you are away. Our Reflections newsletter past issues will be there too. <http://paloverdeartists.com>. And check out our online Gallery and Artist of the Month display. Hope you have some wonderful paintings, drawings, photos or memories to share when you return.

## Our PVA Newsletter Reflections

We welcome news about members, their art and awards, classes, events, or other announcements in Reflections, but please submit them before the deadline. The newsletter link will be emailed for members to read or print and posted on the Palo Verde Artists website. Summer 2021 PVA newsletter Reflections deadlines are these Mondays: **June 21st for the July issue; July 19th for the August issue; and August 16th for the September issue.** Please send newsletter items to James E. Crosman, Reflections Editor at [jimontherim@yahoo.com](mailto:jimontherim@yahoo.com).



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### Join Us On Facebook!

We've changed the ability to search and request to join our Facebook Group. Open your Facebook account and in the search box, type in Groups Palo Verde Artists of Sun City. Click on Join Group. Give us a few days to accept your request as we don't check Facebook every day. Even while away, your PVA friends are here. Please stop by! We would love to hear how you are doing and see your art. But remember to please refrain from political or religious related posts.

### JUNE & JULY 2021 Club Events on Zoom

While most events and classes will be held in the Club Room, some will be offered through Zoom. Participants will need to have a internet connected computer, iPad, tablet, or a smartphone. A web camera and audio connection is needed to view and talk. Members will be sent a notice and it will be followed up with an invitation to the Zoom event. All Zoom events are limited to 100 people.

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### FOR YOUR JUNE 2021 NOTES