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Headline News

We have sent to you, along with this month's KAA Newsletter, our annual report. We produce this report for two reasons:

1. To inform our membership of how the organization faired in the previous year.
2. To provide potential donors from grant requests with substantial information about our previous year's operation.

You can be VERY PROUD of KAA accomplishments during 2023! Please read the Annual Report in its entirety, but here are a few highlights!

1. 492 individuals participated in our monthly art shows!
2. 39 local art classes were held with 573 students participating! That's a 42% increase!
3. We hired 24 local art instructors!
4. We had the participation of 3,722 individuals interacting with the Keizer Art Association!

This was an outstanding year and 2024 looks to be even better!

WE are glad you're here and part of Keizer Art Association!

Lore Christopher, 2024 Board President

APRIL “COLORED PENCIL EXHIBITION”

This is a hosted show and is always filled with incredible art.

INTAKE will be on Wednesday, April 3rd, from 3 to 6 pm in the KAA gallery.

RECEPTION will be on Saturday, April 6th, from 2 to 4 pm. Awards will be presented at that time.

Plan to see this show. Wonderful art will be shown. The public, artists, family and friends are invited to attend. Artists who are exhibiting works are encouraged to attend as the public will enjoy visiting with you.

This show will run from April 4th through April 30th.



2023 April Best of Show
“A Meeting of Great Minds” by Karen Saleen
Colored Pencil

MARCH COLOR SHOW "BLUE"

The March color show was judged by Janice Christman. Janice has received many awards for her incredible photography. She is a member of KAA. Thanks Janice!

Best of Show: "Blue Squared", photo, Craig Leaper

2D: First Place: "Momentary Silence", pastel, Debbie Bowen
Second Place: "Tea For Blue", colored pencil, Karen Saleen
Third Place: "Outstanding in the Field", watercolor, Nola Pear

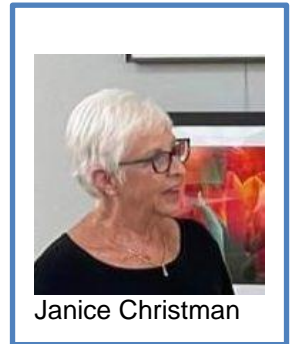
Photography: First Place: "Got Your Six", Craig Leaper
Second Place: "Blue Darner", Craig Leaper
Third Place: "Atmospheric Blues", Karen Aiello

3D: First Place: "Wood Duck on Lake", carving, Donald Fromherz
Second Place: "Early Snow", wood relief, Tim Flora
Third Place: "Which Outfit Should I Wear to the Beach", metal & clay, Rebecca Lockwood

Digital Art: First Place: "Williamsburg", Jesus Escobar

Youth Art: First Place: "Space", acrylic, Zack Leos, Age 5

Juror's Merit Award: "Dream River en Plein Air", oil, Rosalie Huntley



2D:



"Love the drama. Wonderful detail. There is a lot of movement with the detail! The face is lovely!"
--Janice Christman

2 D First Place: "Momentary Silence", pastel, Debbie Bowen

Photography:



"Love the pair! Wonderful detail, well balanced. Softness accentuated by the feather detail."
--Janice Christman

Photography First Place: "Got Your Six",
Craig Leaper

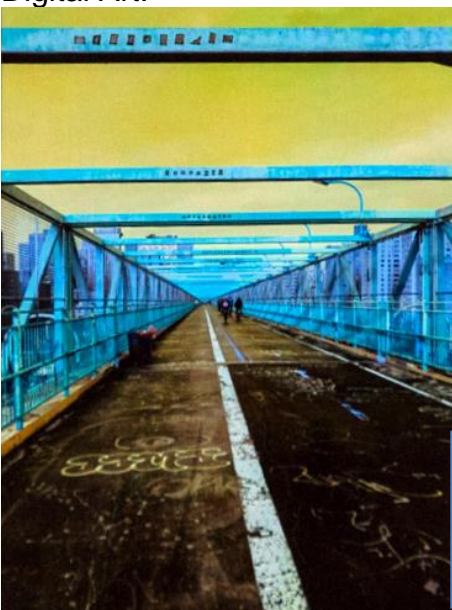
3 D:



"Fabulous detail! The base is as pretty as the duck. Beautifully carved."
--Janice Christman

3 D First Place: "Wood Duck on Lake",
carving, Donald Fromherz

Digital Art:



"Very impacting! Draws one in and makes you feel like you are walking along the same path!"
--Janice Christman

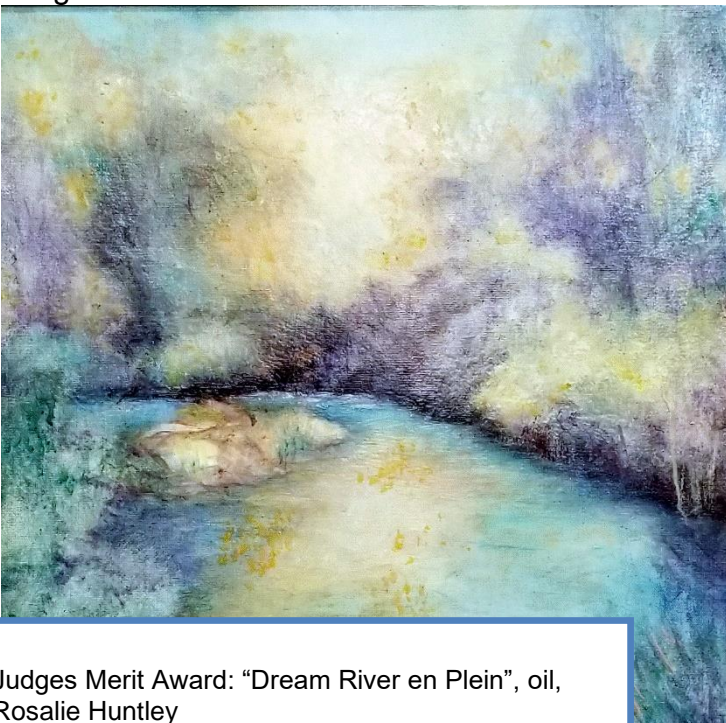
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"Fun! I can see eyes looking out at me!"
--Janice Christman

Youth Art First Place, "Space", acrylic,
Zack Leos, Age 5

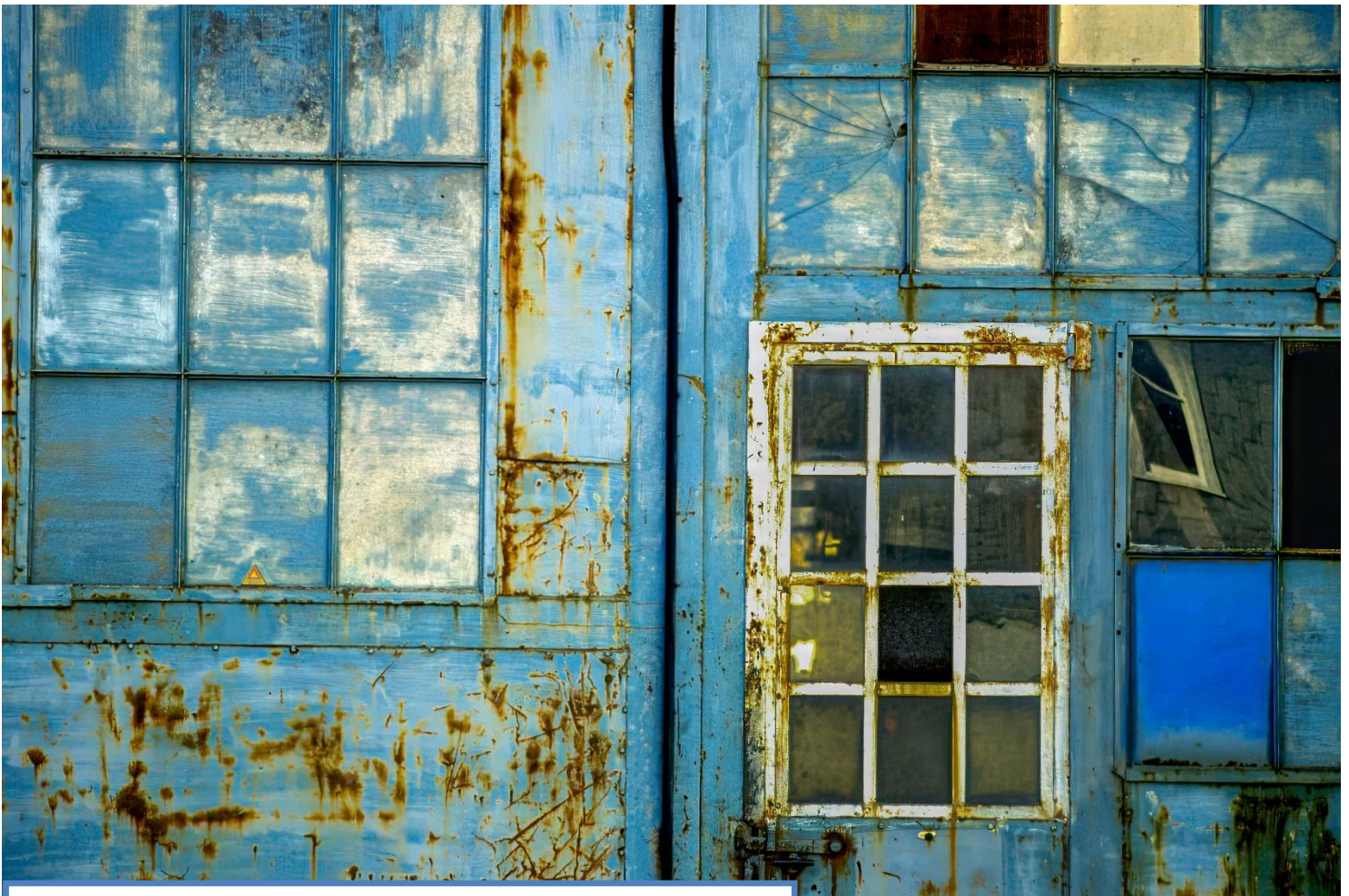
Judges Merit Award:



Judges Merit Award: "Dream River en Plein", oil,
Rosalie Huntley

"Beautiful piece! Soft and tranquil. Great detail."
--Janice Christman

BEST OF SHOW:



Best of Show: "Blue Squared", photo, Craig Leaper

"Great composition of detail and fully expounds on the color Blue. Feels of a hidden story...."

--Janice Christman

**FEBRUARY PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD
"McNARY HIGH SCHOOL SHOW"**

**"LITERARY FALLS"
By Josie Wampler**

CONGRATULATIONS, JOSIE!!



ARTIST OF THE MONTH KAREN AIELLO



Karen developed an interest in art at a very young age. As soon as she could hold a pencil, she created her first drawing – a cowboy on a horse. (Although to the untrained eye it was lines going every direction!) And that's where it started.

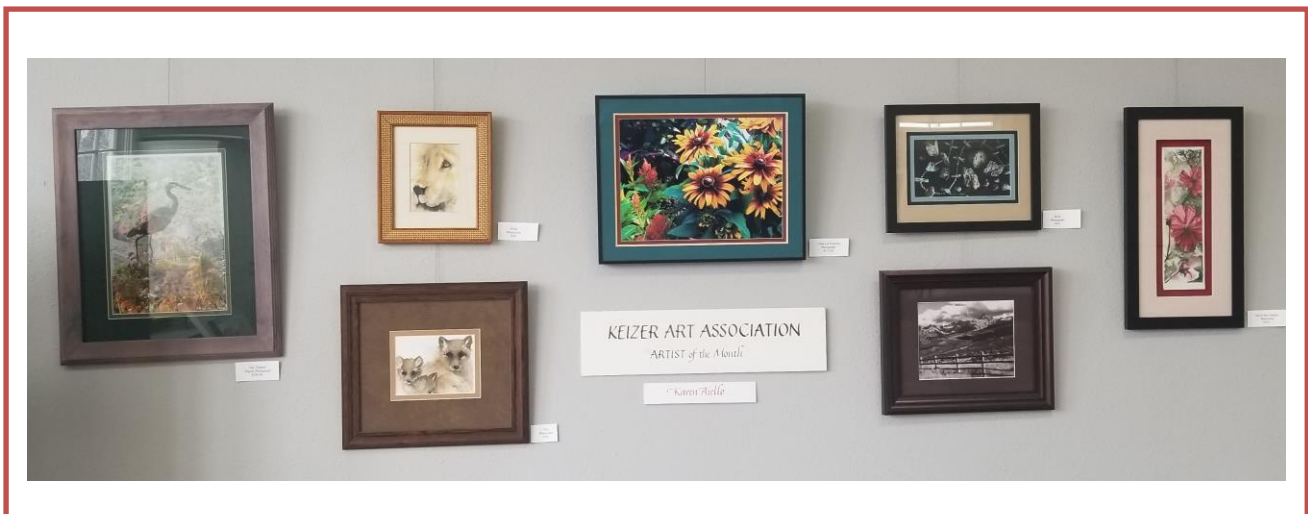
Her adolescent pictures reflected the western influence of her home in a small Colorado town surrounded by mountains, streams, ranches and horses, and unlimited outdoor adventures. And of her love of animals of all types and sizes.

Her interest in art continued to grow but when she was 8-years old the best ever present showed up on Christmas morning. A Brownie StarFlash camera! Early on her creative world exploded with endless possibilities and she was living her best life! There was a catch, however. film had to be developed and she found early on that her family couldn't afford to develop the constant rolls of film she used. So, back to the drawing board for a few years until she expanded on her chores income and earned babysitting money to develop her own pictures. As she got older, however, and as with most kids, her interests expanded into school and friends. Drawing and photography took a back seat.

In junior high her father's job took them to other parts of Colorado and New Mexico and the magic of Steamboat Springs that was once at her fingertips disappeared. She became focused on grades, piano lessons, school activities, and then college. Creativity was behind her and was replaced by business courses.

After moving to Oregon and while working at Willamette University she met art professor, the late Robert Hess. The opportunity to study in his sculpting and drawing classes brought back her love of art. She later continued her education with well known artist and instructor Carol Hauser (drawing and watercolor) and was kept humble by the sheer reality of learning. Karen's late husband, Bill, was her biggest supporter with her art and photography. She will forever be indebted for his love and support.

Life has interrupted her creative journey many times, but Karen keeps learning through painting and photography workshops and staying in touch with kindred artists. She is a commissioned painter and has earned numerous awards for both her paintings and her photographs. She is an active member of the Keizer Art Association and is on the KAA Board. Karen is honored to be March's KAA Artist of the Month.



Thanks to the March Volunteers!

Terry Dempsey	Julie Thoreson
Bob Curtis	Lore Christopher
Cheryl Manhire	Karen Saleen
Carol Harris	Linda Baker
Michelle Myers	Ellen Langsather
John DeJarnatt	Barbara Hunter
Linda Chatfield	Yita Harris
Debbie Napier	Shelley Greer
Mary Pawlick	Chris Baker
Debbie Bowen	



Don't forget to stop by the Keizer Civic Center (located at 930 Chemawa Rd, NE, Keizer, next door to the old school house building where KAA is housed) during the month of March to see the award winners from our February "McNary High School" show. It was a great show and the award winners are part of what was submitted. The Keizer Art Association gallery wall is at the north entrance to the Keizer Civic Center and just inside the double doors. You won't be disappointed! This show is brought to you by Terry Dempsey, KAA

MARCH AND APRIL FIRST TUESDAY MEET-UP

March First Tuesday Meet-Up with Renee Rushton was fabulous. Renee told us about her art journey and with her wonderful daughter-in-law, Holly, showed us many examples of her work on collages. She will recycle scraps from patterned craft papers, colored envelopes, photographs or her own watercolor pieces that just didn't pass the test of the stand-alone piece. Sometimes her pieces remind the viewer of stained glass, beautiful floral swirls or even a specific flower and all are a sight to behold. We had several show-and-tell pieces from audience members, door prizes, treats and conversation with talented artists. If you missed this event, never fear, we have our member-artist, Karen Aiello as our featured artist for April.



Renee Rushton

April First Tuesday Meet-Up with Karen Aiello as she tells us about taking photographs for reference photos and tells us about her art journey that includes photography, watercolor and art therapy. We will have an agenda of announcements, show & tell, door prizes, treats and conversation with talented artists. Join us Tuesday, April 2, 6-8 PM in the KAA classroom. Bring a treat, art to share and a friend.



Karen Aiello

KAA FREE OPEN STUDIOS

Fridays, 1 – 5 pm, Any Medium.
Second and Fourth Thursdays 10 – 12, Watercolor.
First and Third Thursdays, 9 – 1, Woodcarving.

If you are a KAA member and would like to oversee or recommend an Open Studio session focused on another medium, please let us know. Possible areas of focus include, but are not limited to, acrylics, watercolor, drawing, photography, fabric art, stippling, collage, digital art, scratchboard, etc.

CITY OF KEIZER 2024 HOLIDAY CARD

If you are interested in having your art chosen for the 2024 Holiday Card for the City of Keizer, contact Dawn M. Wilson, Deputy City Recorder, City of Keizer, at www.keizer.org or phone at 503-856-3418.

[Supply Lists for All Classes are on the Website, keizerarts.com](http://www.keizerarts.com)

Keizer Art Association supports our art community by providing free art classes to Oregon Trail Card holders. This offer is provided on an as-available basis.

Please Note: If you are having a problem registering and/or paying for class online, please contact keizerartassociation@gmail.com attention Carol Harris. Carol will help you through any problems you may have. We are always happy to register you for a class by email or in person at KAA.

COLORED PENCIL CLASSES

Colored Pencil Classes are taught by various talented artists. Realism, abstraction, whimsy, landscape, portraiture, and wildlife are all favorite subjects of colored pencil students. In these classes you will learn color theory, layering, strokes, use of paper, and tools, dry pencil, watercolor pencil and much more. These classes show the student how much fun it is to learn new techniques and stretch your experience. All levels of pencil pushers welcome. Please sign up for class at least two weeks ahead of time. We are limited to 18 students.

Spring Term

April 2 – May 20, 2024, 9 am – 12 noon, 8 weeks, \$80

Supply list on KAA website, [keizerarts.com](http://www.keizerarts.com)
KAA, 980 Chemawa Rd, NE, Keizer



YOUTH SPRING BREAK ART CLASS

Monday, March 25, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, \$5
Ages 5 - 10
Instructor: Carol Harris

JAPANESE CHERRY BLOSSOMS

Create beautiful Japanese art using straw blowing for limbs and trees and tissue paper for lovely colored blossoms. Each piece of art will be different and will be made by YOU!

The class includes an art project, a gallery tour, and snacks.

Register online at Keizerarts.com

YOUTH SPRINT BREAK ART CLASS

Tuesday, March 26, - 2:20 – 4:30 pm, \$5
Ages 5 – 10
Instructor: Jessica Ennis

PAINT A LITTLE CACTUS

In this class, your child will spend time learning basic paint brush techniques and how to mix acrylic paints. They will be encouraged to tap into their creative self by choosing different background colors and decorations, and they will walk away with their own little cactus.

The class includes an art project, a gallery tour and snacks.

Register online at Keizerarts.com

YOUTH SPRING BREAK ART CLASS

Wednesday, March 27, 2:30 – 4:30, \$5
Ages 5 – 10
Instructor: Emily Howe

MAKE A BIRDHOUSE OR A FAIRY HOUSE

Have fun making your own Bird House with moss and all the attractions that birds love, or create a Fairy House with your imagination. Listen to Emily read the [Backyard Fairies](#) while relaxing with a drink and a snack.

Register online at keizerarts.com

YOUTH SPRING BREAK ART CLASS

Thursday, March 28, 2:30 – 4:30, \$5
Ages 5 – 10
Instructor: Elizabeth Zimmerman

PAINTING WITH WATERCOLORS

Come in and play with your creativity while learning watercolors! The class will be working a landscape of Mt. Hood and Trillium Lake. Students will learn how to custom mix their own colors with watercolors, plus the basic watercolor techniques. The outline will be on the paper, but there's room to add a field of flowers, some tall trees, or even birds in the sky. This will be the perfect class to let your imagination soar with your own color choices.

Register online at keizerarts.com



PROCREATE KICKSTART: DIVE INTO DIGITAL ART

Tuesdays, April 23rd & 30th, 6 – 8 pm, \$20 for both classes
Instructor: Jesus Ramirez-Escobar

CLASS OBJECTIVE

Procreate is a digital art studio where you are able to create your own expressive sketches, create rich paintings, create stunning illustrations and also work with animations.

The main objective of this course is to familiarize you with the important fundamental tools that are available within the application. This course will give you a strong foundation from which you are able to build off of in order to be successful in creating digitally.

PROVIDED MATERIALS – If needed, hotspot will be provided by the instructor.

QUESTIONS – Contact Jesus at jrami145@my.chemeketa.edu or 971-218-5692.

MATERIALS NEEDED – iPad. See additional explanations re needed materials on KAA website, leizerarts.com.

Register online at keizerarts.com

SKETCHBOOK BOARD MINI WORKSHOP

Instructor: Elizabeth Zimmerman
Tuesday April 9th. 10 am to 1 pm or 6 – 9 pm
\$20 plus \$8 supply fee paid to instructor

Do you enjoy painting in your sketchbook but hate how everything gets spread out and you can't be mobile? Come to this mini workshop to make your own sketchbook board! Elizabeth has been working on her sketchbook with watercolor and gouache and owes the ease of plein air to her handmade sketchbook board. Elizabeth will lead everyone on how to measure, cut, and finish their own custom sketchbook board.

Participants need to bring a sketchbook that they like to work in (can be new or used), their paint palette (a small size is best), any container with a clip, and cutting mat (there will be some to borrow as well).

Supplies included in supply fee may be found on KAA website: keizerarts.com.





EXPLORING WATERCOLOR TECHNIQUES

Instructor: Michelle Myers
Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17 & 24
10 am to 1 pm, \$70 four-week session class

In this four-week course you will follow along with us as we create beautiful watercolor paintings step by step. Classes cover basic techniques in watercolor for creating two-dimensional artwork. Some techniques will be color mingling and mixing, glazing, pouring, spattering, sponges and much more! Whatever your skill level is, there will be something new for you!

Materials list may be found on KAA website, keizerarts.com

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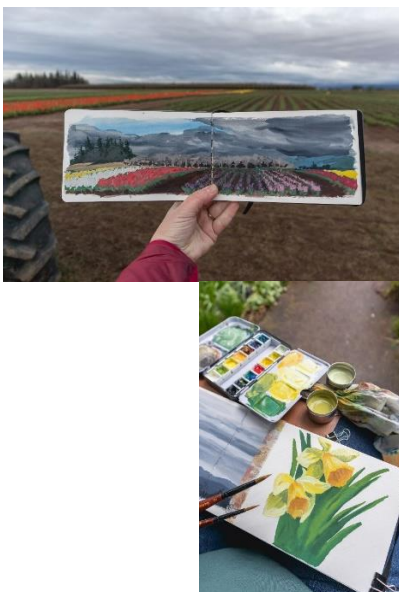
WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP: END OF WINTER BIRD

Instructor: Stacy Clark
Saturday, April 13, 10 am to 1 pm, \$45 + \$15 for kit paid to instructor

In this one-day workshop, we will practice a variety of watercolor techniques creating our own beautiful bird painting. We will be using bright, high pigment inks painting wet into wet, drybrush, layering and a variety of methods to create effects. Great for a beginner or an experienced painter who would like a paint session. All materials are included in the kit for a supply fee of \$15 paid directly to the instructor.

See supplies included in \$15 kit on KAA website, keizerarts.com

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INTRO TO GOUACHE

Instructor: Elizabeth Zimmerman
Tuesdays, April 16, 23, 30, 10 am - 1 pm
Class \$60. Kits \$40

Have you ever been curious about gouache (say “squash but with a “g”) paint? Come to this 3-class workshop to learn about the different consistencies you can paint with gouache from watered down like watercolors to straight out of the tube like acrylics! Learn the difference between designer gouache and acrylic gouache, plus their pros and cons! Students will be working with designer gouache with hands-on lessons about adding water to change the consistency of the paint to achieve different effects. This opaque “cousin” to watercolor can be a fun addition to your art tool belt. Students will also learn how Elizabeth integrates gouache into a watercolor painting!

Supply list and ingredients in the Kit may be found on KAA website, keizerarts.com.



Art to Go

Keizer Art Association is offering a new program called "**Art to Go**". This offering is available to facilities and organizations within Keizer and the surrounding area and helps to achieve our mission of promoting art in the

local community.

Description: KAA will provide instructors and equipment to conduct art classes, one time or recurring, at remote facilities. This program is intended to reach art students who are facility confined or who have no means of traveling to our classroom.

Tools Needed: KAA will provide all tools and equipment for each class. Students are welcome to use their own supplies if available.

Planned Classes: Colored Pencil, Watercolor, Drawing, Acrylics. Additional classes will be added if requested.

Contact KAA: Contact us if would like more information or are interested in having an "**Art to Go**" class at your facility or organization.



keizerartassociation@gmail.com



KAA Information:

GALLERY HOURS: TUES 3 – 7 pm. WED – FRI 1 – 5 pm, SAT 11 am – 3 pm.
LENDING LIBRARY – Free to members.
KEIZER ART ASSOCIATION and ENID JOY MOUNT GALLERY are located in the Keizer Heritage Center at 980 Chemawa Rd., NE, Keizer, OR 97303, 503-390-3010

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Website: www.KeizerArts.com

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