



Valley  
of the Sun  
Artists

# Valley of the Sun Artists

Established January 13, 2022

<https://www.valleyofthesunartists.com>



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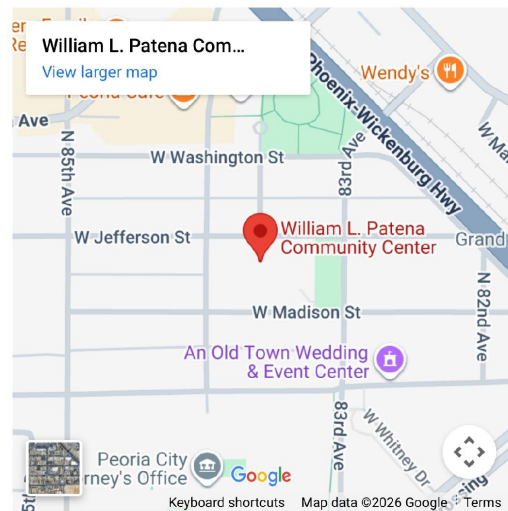
## Presidents Message

I know it doesn't feel like Spring, but I'm thinking Spring! With Spring comes rebirth and change. Our club is growing and we have outgrown our usual meeting place at the Tole Shop in Glendale.

SO....Starting with our March paint-in, VSA will be holding our classes which are the second Thursday of every month at the William L. Partina Community Center in Peoria, (See Map Below). There is ample room for meetings, large audio visual equipment, large windows to let the light in, ample parking with safe lighting.

We know change is hard but we know everyone will fall in love with the amenities this community center has to offer. We will continue to hold both in-person and Zoom classes.

## Map and Directions



### ADDRESS & CONTACT INFO.

8335 W. Jefferson Street  
Peoria, AZ 85345  
[View on Google Maps](#)  
(2 blocks south of Peoria at 83rd Avenue)  
[\(623\) 773-7436](tel:6237737436)

**LARGER MAP ON LAST PAGE OF NEWSLETTER**

## VSA February 2026



**VSA Members**— Our February Paint Program scheduled for February 12th will be our last meeting at the Tole Shop. VSA will be extending our appreciation to Carolyn, Owner of the Tole Shop and VSA Member for opening her shop for our monthly meetings the past three years. As a “Thank You” to Carolyn and our dedicated monthly in person members, VSA will be providing a “Lite Lunch” for those participating in person. This will be a fun time to take some fun pictures and thank Carolyn. When VSA was formed, we sought out a location to meet, and Carolyn graciously offered her shop for monthly paint programs. We’re fortunate to have a Tole Shop available providing classes and painting supplies. We look forward to seeing Carolyn at our monthly paint-in programs, to include visiting her as we continue to shop and participate in her classes offered at the Tole Shop.

*Brenda Olsen*

*VSA 2026 President*

### **DONATIONS (BASKETS & PAINTED PIECES)**

Ways & Means are seeking baskets and painted pieces for March Luncheon Raffle Prizes.

To arrange for pick up or drop off of donations, contact Maria Ford.

**Email:**

[mmcds2004@yahoo.com](mailto:mmcds2004@yahoo.com)

### **VOLUNTEERS NEED! CHRISTMAS PARTY CHAIR & CO-CHAIR**

This is a fun time to get to know your VSA members and board. Use your endless creativity and much more.

Coordinate Christmas Party—create your Working Party Committee. Encourage member participation.

Chair & Committee create a “theme”, recruit volunteers to host a table (paint centerpiece & ornaments for each guest at table (8). Coordinate and collect painted/handcrafted items for raffle prizes. Chair will appoint boutique chair, sales of tickets, advertising event.

VSA Board will assist and help in areas needed.

**Email VSA :** [valleyofhesunda@yahoo.com](mailto:valleyofhesunda@yahoo.com)

**Type in subject line “CHRISTMAS PARTY CHAIR”**



Make Your  
Reservation Today!  
Reservation  
On Next Page!



## VSA 2026 Teacher Line Up!

Brenda Olsen

Susan Phillips

Gail Cummins

Janet Mitchell

Deb Ramo

Lori Carbajal

Heidi Allison

Linda LaRocco

Watch for class details, 2026 Calendar of Programs

# Valley of the Sun Artists "Bees....." Spring Luncheon

Date: March 22, 2026 (Sunday), 12:00 P.M.

Place: The Spicery, 7141 N. 59th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85301

### #1 QUICHE LORRAINE



The Quiche features Ham, Swiss and Dijon. Served with a side Salad (Choice of Dressing: Ranch, Blue Cheese, or Raspberry Walnut Vinaigrette on the side). Served with a Fresh Baked Spicery Roll & Butter.

### #2 CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH



Chicken Breast, Apples, Onions, Mayo & Seasonings served with Lettuce & Ranch Spread served on a Fresh Baked Sandwich Roll. Served with a Side Salad (Choice of Dressing: Ranch, Blue Cheese, or Raspberry Walnut Vinaigrette on the side).

### #3 TURKEY WRAP



Turkey Breast, Shredded Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato with Mayo wrapped in a Flour Tortilla. Served with a Side Salad (Choice of Dressing: Ranch, Blue Cheese, or Raspberry Walnut Vinaigrette on the side).

### #4 WALNUT AVOCADO



Chopped Walnuts, Avocado Spread, Alfalfa Sprouts, Craisins and Mayo, served on a Fresh Baked Sandwich Roll. Served with a Side Salad (Choice of Dressing: Ranch, Blue Cheese, or Raspberry Walnut Vinaigrette on the side).

**BEVERAGES (Choice of One):** Black Currant Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, or Raspberry Hibiscus Hot Tea (decaffeinated)

**DESSERT Choice of Full-Size Dessert:** Cherry Cheesecake, Pineapple Walnut Cake, or Chocolate Cake

**PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS (GLUTEN / ALLERGIES)**

REGISTRATION: COMPLETE ONE PER GUEST

MENU CHOICE #

NAME:

EMAIL:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:** ZELLE, use email: valleyofthesunda@yahoo.com

**CHECK:** Payable to: Valley of The Sun

Mail to: Maria Ford, 5515 W. Cheryl Dr., Glendale, AZ 8530

**RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 29, 2026**

**Mail this portion with check**





## February Birthdays!

Barb Armstrong—Feb 18

Bonnie Dixon—Feb 26

### MEMBERSHIP Brenda Olsen

#### *Welcome New Members!*

##### **Jolene Cooley**

467 Rushmore Peak, Beaumont, CA 92223

Email: joleneaudit@gmail.com Cell: 801-808-0749 DOB: 10/18

##### **Janet Mitchell**

7375 Earhart Ave, Hesperia, CA 92345

Email: pin\_queen23@hotmail.com Cell: 760-900-9343 DOB: 05/23

##### **Debbie Warren**

4738 W. Ave, K8, Quartz Hill, CA 93536

Email: dwarrem93536@yahoo.com Cell: 660-406-7859 DOB 06/18

##### **Debbie Mathews**

10311 Cadena Ct., Spring, TX 77379

Email: dbmathews@att.net Cell: 425-681-8575 DOB: 11/12

#### **PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO YOUR ROSTER**

##### **Sherill Martens (RENEWED)**

6238 S. Kansas Ct., Wichita, KS 67216

Email: sprklnspcl@aol.com Cell: 316-304-8623 DOB: 10/04

##### **New Address: Bonnie Dixon**

3945 E Cherry Hills Dr., Chandler, AZ 85249

*Membership As of Date 64!*

*VSA February 2026*

## DESTASH SALE!!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 10 A.M.

6034 W. Carol Ann Way

Glendale, AZ 85306

*Donations Will Be Accepted Prior to Feb 28th—*

**For additional information or to arrange for pick up of items, email VSA  
and subject like “DeStash” [valleyofthesunda@yahoo.com](mailto:valleyofthesunda@yahoo.com)**



## UFO'S!!!

Dear VSA members,

We wanted to thank those many members who have donated unfinished projects to our fundraising efforts. I have had the fun of completing many of these projects, and it is stretching my skills!

We are still accepting unfinished projects for our March tea raffle and throughout the year for our Christmas raffle. If you have something you've started and just really don't want to finish it for yourself, just contact one of the officers and we'll accept it from you. We would prefer to have the pattern along with the project so that we know the colors you've used and the designer's instructions for completing it.

THANK YOU!

Karen Smith, ADP



# THANK YOU!!



Dear Default,

On behalf of the Staff and Board of Directors of Soldier's Best Friend, thank you for becoming a first-time donor in 2025. We know there are many outstanding nonprofits you could choose to support, and we are truly honored that you chose to support our mission.

Because of generous partners like you, Soldier's Best Friend welcomed 100 veterans into our program in 2025 and rescued more than 80 dogs from Arizona shelters and rescue organizations. We also celebrated the graduation of 51 veteran–dog teams, including our very first graduates in Yuma and Show Low, Arizona.

Since our founding in 2011, 483 veteran–dog teams have graduated from our program, and more than 380 rescued dogs have been given a second chance at life. Your support helps make these life-changing outcomes possible—for both veterans and dogs.

We hope you will continue to partner with Soldier's Best Friend in 2026 as we expand our reach across Arizona, helping more veterans find healing and independence while saving shelter dogs in need.

Thank you again for your generosity and belief in our mission.

With gratitude,  
Mik Milem  
Executive Director

**Valley of the Sun 2025 Charity Presentation**

Dear Valley of the Sun Artists,

Thank you for supporting the Soldier's Best Friend training program. Your gift will help a veteran adjust to life back home as well as give a homeless Arizona dog a second chance at life. Your donation will provide the equipment and training the veteran/dog teams need to succeed as they work to achieve qualification as a service dog. We appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely,

Soldier's Best Friend  
14505 N. 75th Avenue  
Peoria, AZ 85381  
Office: 623-218-6486



VSA Member Susan Phillips presents check to staff member of Soldier's Best Friend.

# Valley of the Sun Artists

February 12, 2026 (Zoom & In-Person)

10 A.M. ARIZONA TIME (Please check your local time zones)  
In Person at The Tole Shop in Glendale, AZ

## “Key To My Heart”

Gretchen Cagle Design / Interpreted by Susan Phillips



A little something heartfelt and beautiful. Use surface of choice—heart box or tray. This would make an adorable gift!

Border is stencil.

Enlarge or decrease line drawing to fit any surface.



**Members—\$15 for Non-Members \$20**

Recording available up to 30 days.

Reminder—In Person, doors at the Tole Shop opens at 9:30

TO REGISTER CONTACT JOANNE STAMBAUGH: [joanne.vsa@yahoo.com](mailto:joanne.vsa@yahoo.com)

TO REGISTER INDICATE YOUR DESIRED PAYMENT METHOD:

- PAYPAL: (REQUEST TO BE INVOICED)
- ZELLE: EMAIL PAYMENT TO: [Valleyofthesunda@yahoo.com](mailto:Valleyofthesunda@yahoo.com)
- CHECK: MAKE PAYABLE TO: VALLEY OF THE SUN  
JOANNE WILL PROVIDE ADDRESS TO MAIL CHECK

NEW MEETING  
LOCATION!

## Valley of the Sun Artists

March 12, 2026 (Zoom & In-Person)

9:30 A.M. ARIZONA TIME (Please check your local time zones)

In Person—William L. Patina Community Center

8335 W. Jefferson St., Peoria, AZ 85345

### “Americana Cupcakes”

Linda Deptula and Judy Diephouse Design / Taught by Gail Cummins



Celebrate this Summer, Memorial Day, Flag Day & 4th of July with these three patriotic cupcakes. Perfect for a tray or wood plaque. Check out your local thrift stores. Your line drawing may be enlarged or decreased to fit your surface of choice.

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TO REGISTER CONTACT JOANNE STAMBAUGH: [joanne.vsa@yahoo.com](mailto:joanne.vsa@yahoo.com)

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# Valley of the Sun Mystery Mailer

*Congratulations Carol Whitton! January 2026 Winner!!!*

Hi VSA Member -

First off, a huge, heartfelt congratulations goes out to Carol Whitten, who is the very first recipient of our special mystery member appreciation surprise this year! We couldn't be happier to share this news and celebrate her good fortune.

This is just the start though! We've got a whole year ahead filled with fun surprises for our fantastic members. I'll be jumping on Facebook Live to draw names for upcoming months. It's always a fun time, and we'd love for you to join in the excitement live if you can't, don't sweat it if you miss it; we'll always have the replay available so you can catch up whenever.

Honestly, our club is truly something special and that's entirely thanks to incredible members like you. We wanted to find a way to give back and say a massive thank you for making our community so vibrant and supportive. We truly believe you all deserve a little unexpected treat now and then, and this is our way of doing just that.

Thanks a million for being you!

Warmly,  
Liz Sharp



*Congratulations  
Carol Whitton!*

# VSA February 2026

## VALLEY OF THE SUN ARTISTS TEACHER'S CONTRACT FOR MONTHLY PAINT-IN PROGRAMS 2026

We thank you for agreeing to teach for our Valley of the Sun Artists Club, monthly paint-in program. We look forward to a mutually successful and creative relationship, in coordinating your upcoming class. Please complete your information below. Any questions, please feel free to contact Program Chair at bottom of page.

I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to teach on \_\_\_\_\_ from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM (Arizona Time).

Project Piece (Brief Description) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the designer? YES/NO. Do you have permission to teach both in person and on Zoom with recording? YES/NO

Name of Designer: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include copy of designer's permission (email or screen shot) to teach to include Zoom and recording.

Painting Medium: \_\_\_\_\_ Pattern Fee? If yes, please indicate cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**If a pattern packet is required to be purchased, please advise the Paint-In Chair before the class is advertised.**

Surface: \_\_\_\_\_ Suggested Options for student surface of choice: \_\_\_\_\_

VSA agrees to pay a teaching fee of \$125.00 (Minimum 3-5 Hour)

- Teachers not teaching in person will provide VSA method to receive teaching fee (Check or Zelle) The address noted below will be used to mail check.
- Teacher is responsible for sending instructions, pattern and colored pictures, via email to the Paint-In Chair two months prior to teaching. Please provide PREP instructions separate from full/finishing instructions.
- Our Club will provide Zoom set up. **A recording will be made available for all paid students (Not to exceed 30 days from date of class) ONLY with designers permission.**
- OPTIONAL. Teacher may set up own Zoom and will email Zoom Log-in to the Club Paint-In Chair, one week prior along with finishing instructions. Paint-In Chair will email to those who have signed up Zoom Log-in and finishing instructions.
- Valley of the Sun Artists Club will advertise classes two months out from date of class. Low registration will result in cancellation of class. In the event class is cancelled this signed contract becomes void and teacher understands there will be no teaching fees paid.

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (please circle one): Cell / Home \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method to receive teaching fee: (Circle One) Check or Zelle

Paint-In Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**2026 Program Chair – Joanne Stambaugh, Email: [joanne.vsa@yahoo.com](mailto:joanne.vsa@yahoo.com)**

*For Paint-In chair use only*

Teacher fee paid on Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Zelle \_\_\_\_\_

(08/27/25)

# VSA February 2026

## Liz Vigliotto Seminar

Hosted by Let It Be Toled Decorative Painting Club

May 1 and 2, 2026 from 9 to 5

3950 N Valorie Dr, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Fee is \$40 each day



### Friday May 1

Cocoa and cookie tray.

You provide your surface; the pattern size is 18 x 8 inches.

There will be prep needed before the seminar date of May 1.

Instructions to follow.



### Saturday, May 2

The musical box and snowman are \$22.00.

The music box plays Jingle Bell Rock.

There will be prep needed before the seminar date of May 2.

Instructions to follow.

Americana DecoArt Acrylic paints will be supplied by teacher.  
Contact Gail Cummins by email at [roxyrose05@comcast.net](mailto:roxyrose05@comcast.net)



## Valley of the Sun Artists

Phoenix, Arizona

Classes - Zoom Classes - Workshops - Seminars

Email: valleyofthesunda@yahoo.com

www.valleyofthesunartists.com  
(Information on Membership and schedule of events)



## Bee An Artist Studio

Susan Phillips

BeeAnArtistStudio@yahoo.com  
BeeAnArtistStudio.com



**VALLEY OF THE SUN WEBSITE!!!!**

**<https://www.valleyofthesunartists.com>**

## The Tole Shop

Tole Painting Supplies  
Books, Classes and  
Gift Certificates Available  
Decorative & Mixed Media Arts



5745 W. Palmar Ave.  
Glendale, AZ 85301  
Phone (623) 937-7561

Owner  
Carolyn Gimplowitz

[www.thetoleshop.com](http://www.thetoleshop.com)

## CUPBOARD DISTRIBUTING

Wood Products ■ Art & Craft Supplies  
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## THE SPICERY

Lunch & Three-Course Tea Experiences  
Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
623-937-6534

7141 N. 59th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301  
1895spicery@gmail.com

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# Valley of the Sun Artists 2025 Charity—SOLDIER'S BEST FRIEND

Soldier's Best Friend provides U.S. military veterans living with combat-related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) OR Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) with Service or Therapeutic Companion dogs, most of which are rescued from local shelters. The veteran and dog train together to build a trusting relationship that touches two lives at once and inspires countless others.

Program Cost. There is no cost to the veteran for dog adoption and training. Most veterinary care is offered at reduced or no cost during the training period.



**SOLDIER'S  
BEST ★ FRIEND**

Providing PTSD & TBI  
Service & Therapeutic  
Companion Dogs for  
Combat Veterans




Soldier's Best Friend is a 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization Founded in 2011

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# VSA February 2026



## Valley of the Sun Artists 2026 Membership Registration

Yearly Membership is \$25.00 - Partial Membership (July – December) is \$12.50

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY (DAY AND MONTH): \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one - RENEW or NEW

Membership Point of Contact: Brenda Olsen email: [bolsen1958@hotmail.com](mailto:bolsen1958@hotmail.com)

If paying on-line please email your completed form to Brenda Olsen.

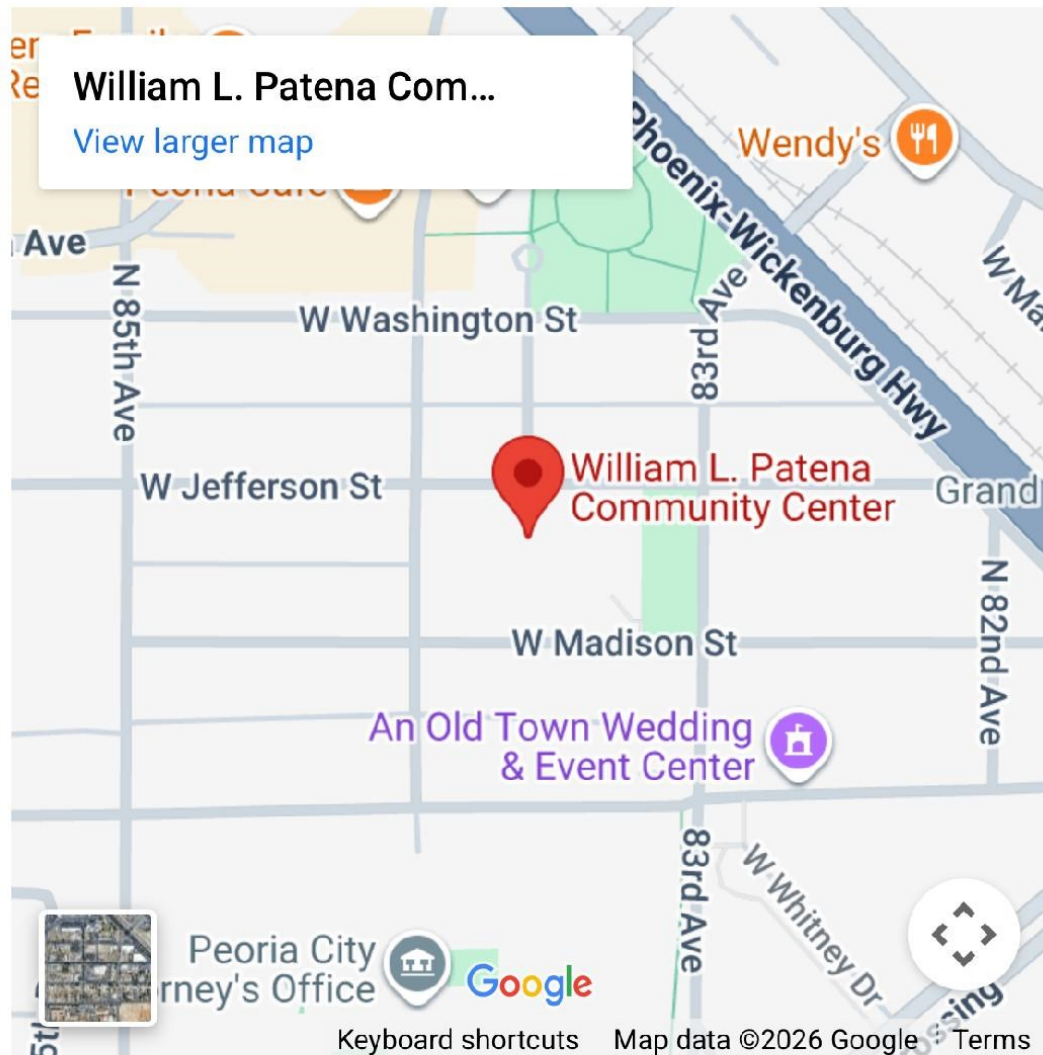
If paying by Zelle, email to: [valleyofthesunda@yahoo.com](mailto:valleyofthesunda@yahoo.com)

To pay by check, make payable to:      Valley of the Sun Artists  
Mail to:    Brenda Olsen  
    4628 W. Laurie Lane  
    Glendale, AZ 85302

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Zelle \_\_\_\_\_

(21 May 25)

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