Havasu Art Guild recognizes new officers ahead of fall season

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Summer may not have officially begun, but the Havasu Art Guild is preparing for its fall return.

On May 20, seven members became officers in the guild and the Havasu Art Group. Newly elected guild president Jan Klatt says the nonprofit organization’s art group operates as a for-profit section.

Klatt stepped into the organization shortly before covid came into effect. She says that she was not permitted to partake in available activities. The following season for 2021-2022 gave Klatt more options to become involved. She began volunteering to chair the guild’s fall and winter expos.

“We were pretty decimated by covid, and it was only this year that we got our membership up to the pre-covid levels at 97,” she said.

During the 2022-2023 season, Klatt directed again and transitioned to the Board of Directors. She was elected vice president last season before accepting her position as president this past May.

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Southwest Behavioral & Health Services reveals $211,000 remodeling project at Havasu clinic

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A Lake Havasu City clinic revealed facility renovations to the public on Thursday.

Southwest Behavioral and Health Services provided an open house showcasing its latest remodeling project. SB&H’s Northern Arizona Vice President Edward O’Brien says construction began in August 2023 and finished in February.

Financed by the organization, the project’s costs totaled $211,000, says O’Brien.

He adds that construction stretched throughout the facility, expanding the previous suite. Additions include four office rooms, more bathrooms, and two group rooms. The front office also received renovations during the month-long process.

“We didn’t close our doors. We put up a barrier on one side, they did construction here, and then moved over to the other side,” O’Brien said.

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World Elder Abuse Awareness Event Hosted by Dementia Connection of Havasu
June 13, 11 - 2 p.m. Mount Olive Church - Friendship Cafe, 2170 Havasuipai Blvd. Consists of panel, 15 minute presentations and Q&A session.

Heroes Quest Escape Room Summer Reading Session
June 13, 3:30 p.m. Lake Havasu City Library T-Zone (Teen Zone), 1770 N. McCulloch Blvd. Greek myth escape room adventure. Ages 12-18 No signup required.

Small Business Shopping Event
June 15, 9 - 1 p.m. KAWS, 2144 N. McCulloch Blvd. Approx. 20 vendors available to sell a large variety of goods. Free.

Paint and Sip
June 15, 1 - 4 p.m. The Views, 2110 Swanson Ave. $40 per person includes all materials and two drinks. RSVP by June 10 at 928-600-4743.

Lake Havasu Farmers Market
June 18, 4:30 p.m. Montana’s Steak House, 3301 Maricopa Avenue. Food and beverages available. Seating is limited. Open to the public first come first serve basis. No reservations. Come join the craziest bunch of women in Havasu in Sisterhood and friendship. For questions, call 928-830-5566.

Ladies Afternoon Tea
June 23, 2 - 4 p.m. The Views, 2110 Swanson Ave. Tea, pastries and live piano music. $10 for adults, $5 for children ages 6-14. RSVP preferred, walk-ins welcome. Call 928-600-4743.

Space Adventurers/Explorers Summer Reading Session
June 27, 3:30 p.m. Lake Havasu City Library T-Zone (Teen Zone), 1770 N. McCulloch Blvd. Space explorers astronomy program, Ages 12-18. No signup required.

London Bridge Resort’s Summer Cool Down Concert Series — Ship Happens! The Ultimate Yacht Rock Experience
July 13, doors open at 6 p.m. and show starts at 7:30 p.m. London Bridge Resort Convention Center, 1477 Queen’s Bay. $34.95 GA includes theater style seating access to the inside bar and food truck that opens at 6 p.m. $49.95 VIP includes table seating close to stage, table service and an appetizer. Buy online at purplepass.com/LBRConcerts.

Lake Havasu Farmers Market
July 13, 8 - 12 p.m. The KAWS, 2144 McCulloch Blvd.

Paint Your Own Adventure Summer Reading Session
June 20, 3:30 p.m. Lake Havasu City Library T-Zone (Teen Zone), 1770 N. McCulloch Blvd. Painting adventures. Ages 12-18. No signup required.

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side,” O’Brien explained. “So, there was no lapse in services.”

Lake Havasu City Councilmember David Lane spoke to attendees about the importance of services offered by SB&H.

Lane emphasized the benefits provided to residents who live in remote areas.

“It is an honor to be here today on behalf of the city to celebrate your renovation and recognize your enduring commitment to ensuring our community is not only healthy but strong,” Lane said. “Southwest Behavioral and Health Services plays a crucial role in providing the support needed, especially in our rural community that has very limited access to treatment and mental health care.”

Jastina Velasquez, a Havasu client, described the services she received following a car accident in 2019. Velasquez explained how she sustained a spinal cord injury and a traumatic brain injury. She also suffered from loss of motor function and was initially paralyzed.

After beginning services, Velasquez credited various treatments for aiding in her recovery.

“Once I started really applying the principles, the methodologies, and the tools I was being given, I noticed even more change,” Velasquez said. “I joined women’s empowerment, and it has further empowered me to get back out there and get my life back.”

Havasu’s facility provides outpatient services, such as case management, psychiatric care, and individual, group, and family counseling.

Southwest Behavioral and Health Services is at 1845 McCulloch Blvd. N. Ste. B-1.

To contact Lake Havasu City’s clinic, visit sbhservices.org/lake-havasu-city-outpatient or call 928-453-2661.