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Artist of the Year 2011 Robert "Shoofly" Shufelt



*Pencil Drawing
Robert "Shoofly" Shufelt*

Each
dinner
guest
will
receive
this
signed
Shoofly
litho-
graph!

Five Original Drawings!!

(see inside this newsletter)

Drawn and Donated

By "Shoofly"

To be Auctioned at the
Friends of Western Art

Artist of the Year

Dinner

The Arizona Inn

October 22, 2010



Robert "Shoofly" Shufelt will be recognized as *Artist of the Year 2011*, and will be honored at the 38th Annual Artist of the Year 2011 Dinner at the Arizona Inn on Friday, October 22, 2010, in what is a Tucson tradition, started by the Tucson Festival Society in 1974 and carried on by Friends of Western Art. FWA is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the awareness of art of the American West in Tucson and Southern Arizona, through underwriting and educational programs.

ROBERT "SHOOFLY" SHUFELT is the accomplished exponent of the pencil whose art work has gained worldwide recognition. His drawings hang in prestigious collections and museums, and are featured on covers and articles for major western art and ranching publications, as well as national network television documentaries. The artist has written and published three books and his lithographs continue to win international graphic art awards. His drawings were honored in 2005 by the Prix de West's, American Cowboy Award at the at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

A drawing is not only the bare bones of an artist's craft, it's physical evidence of his insight and perception. Shoofly's drawings are celebrations of a dreamer who has allowed his dream to become a reality with all its grit and honesty, yet still finds the experience to be endlessly interesting and satisfying. An artist's vision of cowboys as they can only be around another cowboy, unposed and unselfconscious. He portrays cowboys who practice their vision of superiority in whatever they do, leaving it up to the rest of us to determine whether they're working or playing. These disciples of the "cowboy way" are Shoofly's "top hands", his drawings are forever honored through their friendship.

The artist and his wife Julie reside on a ranch nestled in the foothills of The Black Range, in Hillsboro, NM.

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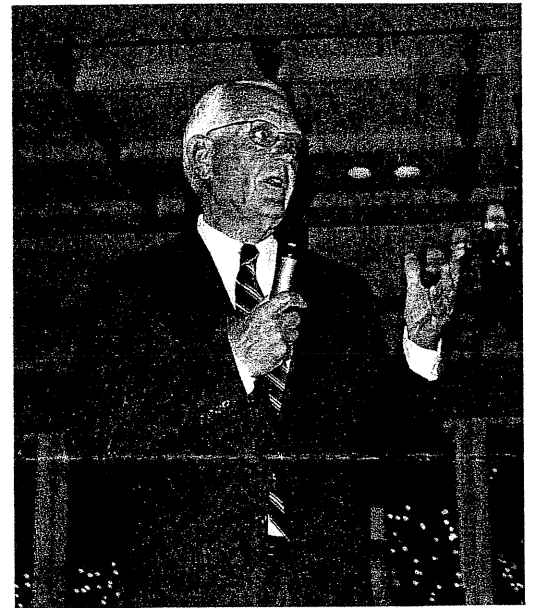
Board of Directors Election / Annual Meeting and Members' Dinner

The slate by the Nominating Committee was presented, and new Board of Director members and Officers were elected at the Annual General Meeting, held on Thursday, April 22, 2010, at the picturesque Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. Two new directors were welcomed to the board...Corky Collins and Neil Opsal, both of whom have already been wonderful participants and contributors to the activities of the Friends of Western Art.

This was followed by the annual Members' Dinner. It was a fun and interesting evening, celebrated in true Western style! Don't miss your chance to enjoy this wonderful venue and celebration next year!



New Director, Neil Opsal and his friend, Jenny, enjoyed a recent FWA event



New Director, Corky Collins, as seen at the AOY dinner, being the Auctioneer

"Artist of the Year" Dinner

Friday, October 22, 2010

The Arizona Inn

6 p.m. Hosted Cocktails and Silent Auction

7:30 p.m., Dinner and Live Auction

Dancing to Chris Minker & the M.O.B.

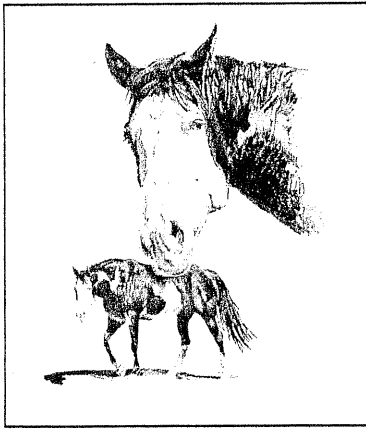
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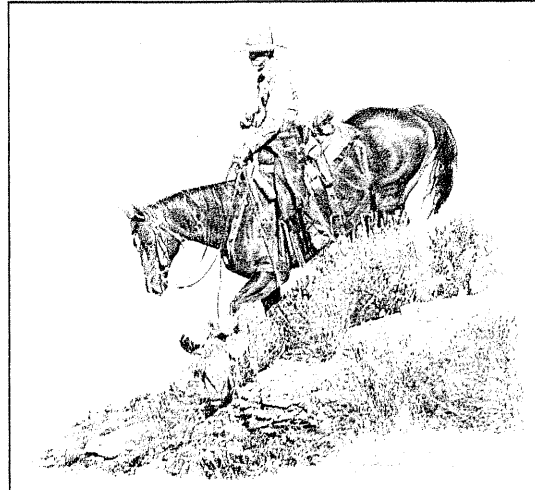
Art Show Preview for Friends of Western Art

Thursday, November 18, 2010

5 to 7 p.m. Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres



"Lorenzo in Full Color"



"Rough Cowboy Country"



"Cow Punchers"



"Shoofly's My Handle"

These five original art works donated by Robert "Shoofly" Shufelt will be part of the live auction at the Artist of the Year dinner on October 22, 2010



"Wet Saddle Blankets"

Elfrida Art Center

The Friends of Western Art has supported the Elfrida Art Center youth program since the Center was established in 2005. The art classes have attracted a large number of students ages 7 -12. All lessons for the youth are free and supplies are provided by the FWA as well as through public donations. FWA helped to fill a community need because the local schools have eliminated many art programs. The children love to work on their art projects under the guidance of Elizabeth Shuler-Pointer, the Center's founder and director, as well as the children's art teacher. In addition to supporting the youth art program, FWA has provided two scholarships for local teens to take colleae art classes.

Watch for the new calendar coming from the Elfrida Art Center

See the youtube productions regarding Elfrida Art Center!
<http://www.youtube.com/user/elfridaart>

Gallery Happenings... The Tucson **Gallery Row Artist Walk** through the galleries is on every Thursday of the month from 5 to 7 p.m.. at 3001 E. Skyline Dr. (northeast corner of Skyline Dr. and Campbell Ave.), The walk includes, among others, the **Madaras Gallery**, where you'll find FWA'er Diana Madaras' work, and other artwork benefiting charitable causes. www.madaras.com. **Sanders Galleries**, 6420 North Campbell Avenue at Skyline, features a collection of fine Southwest's painters including FWA'er Fred Hambly. www.sandersgalleries@sandersgalleries.com **Settlers West Galleries**, 6420 North Campbell Ave., will host their annual **Great American West Show** on November 20, 2010, 5:30 - 7 pm, with outstanding artists exhibiting new paintings and sculptures, including several FWA'ers. www.settlerswest.com **Many** of these galleries have interesting **websites**. Check them out!

Out and About.....

Western Art is definitely alive and well and holding its own! Our FWA artists are helping, and Southern Arizona seems to continually grow its artistic talent! The Autry Museum's 14th annual **Masters of the American West** Fine Art Reception and Sale is scheduled for February 5, 2011, in Los Angeles, CA. The Exhibition will be February 5 to March 20, 2011. Last year's event brought in more than \$3.8 million in sales! The show and sale includes several FWA'ers. www.autrynationalcenter.org. The **Couer d'Alene Auction** had another successful event on July 24, 2010, in Reno, NV. This auction includes prominent FWA'ers. www.cdaartauction.com. The **Western Rendezvous of Art** in Helena, MT, was held August 19-22, 2010, and this year included a packed audience at various events including FWA'er Harley Brown's presentation, which not only included art, but some great jazz piano! www.westrendart.org The **Quest for the West Art Show and Sale** was Sept. 10-11, 2010, at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art in Indianapolis, IN, with several FWA'ers participating. FWA'er Robert Griffing was featured with a special exhibition as the *Quest for the West Artist of Distinction*. www.eiteljorg.org, and the annual **Fall Art Festival and National Wildlife Museum's Annual Western Visions Art Show** in Jackson Hole, WY, Sept. 16 - 17, 2010, included many notable FWA'ers, including Carol Swinney, Harley Brown, Francois Koch, Michael Stack, and Robert Griffing. Former FWA Artist of the Year, Don Crowley, won the "People's Choice Award" www.wildlifeart.org

Other tidbits...

FWA'er Michael Ewing is featured in a wonderful article in the Sept/Oct, 2010, *Art of the West* magazine. Darcie Peet was part of the "*Great Impressions*" show featuring three artists at Greenhouse Gallery in San Antonio, TX, September 7 - 24, 2010. FWA'ers Carol Swinney, and Darcie Peet will participate in **Cowgirl Up! Art From the Other Half of the West 2011** at Desert Caballeros Western Museum in Wickenburg, AZ, March 25 - May 8, 2011. Carol Swinney was a quick draw artist at Telluride Plein Air 2010 in Colorado June 28-July 4, as well as the quick draw in Jackson Hole's Art on the Square weekend in September. She also participated in the **Rocky Mountain Plein Air Painters** show and sale in July. Stephanie Birdsall was a recipient of the IAPS Master Circle Award (Int'l Assn. of Pastel Societies). She holds art classes at her local studio, as well as various locations around the country. FWA'er Roger Alderman completed his campaign of 100 plein air paintings in 100 days. He is a member of the Tucson Plein Air Painters Society. FWA'er Sandra VanderWall was named a Signature Member for the "*American Women Artists*". She has two paintings in their **2010 American Women Artists** show being held at the Southwest Gallery in Dallas, TX, opening reception Oct. 9th, running to Nov. 10th, www.swgallery.com. She will also be in the Beaux Arts event at the Scottsdale Artists School, Nov. 13th. FWA'er Pauline Roche was recently selected to participate in the upcoming **Oil Painters of America Western Regional Show** in Jackson, WY., and she is to be featured at the Newbury Fine Arts Gallery in Boston, MA. FWA'er Marie (Pokey) Park's sculpture art was featured in the Woman Artists of the West, WAOWing the Golden State Olaf Wieghorst Museum, El Cajon, CA, June 4-July 10, 2010, and in the National Association of Women Artists, 121st Annual Exhibit at the National Arts Club in New York City in June, 2010. FWA'er and board member, Fran Odum received the Popular vote and First Place for her pastel painting at the **Blackhawk Gallery Miniatures Show** in Saratoga. She also has a pastel juried into the **Pastel Society of New Mexico National Exhibition** in Albuquerque in Nov., 2010. And, watch for many FWA artists to be included in the upcoming **Mountain Oyster Club Show** in November, 2010.

Sneak Previews:

Watch for upcoming Friends of Western Art event announcements. Some things planned or "in the works" include, some special salons, such as the Evening with Art of Henry Balink at the home of Marilyn and Howard Steele on October 9, 2010, an Amerind Foundation trip, art talks and new book signings by artists and FWA members....such as Michael Ewing, Fred Hambly, Carolyn O'Bagy Davis, Bill Moomey, Andrew Rush, and Mary Schaffer. By the way, Carolyn O'Bagy Davis' book "*Hopi Summer*" has been designated as a finalist in the "**2011 One Book Arizona**" competition...www.onebookaz.org

"Ear to the Ground"

Cowboy Artists of America (CAA)... Several FWA'ers will be participating in this group's **45th Annual Sale Weekend and Exhibition**, which this year will have a preview evening for ticket holders on Friday, October 15, 2010, at the Phoenix Art Museum, followed by the sale and awards banquet on Saturday, October 16. The Sale & Exhibition of new works by the members of this prestigious group will open to the public on Sunday, October 17 and run until November 21, 2010. Information available at www.phxart.org or 602-257-1222. Call 602-819-0390 to purchase tickets. Many of our fabulous FWA member artists are members and participants of this fun event.

Empire Ranch Foundation...will sponsor its **2010 Roundup and Open House**, "A Celebration of the Cowboy at the Historic Empire Ranch," open to the public Saturday, October 23, 2010, 10am to 4pm at the Empire Ranch Headquarters near Sonoita. The popular **Empire 100 Art Show and Sale** will be held January 13 - March 10, 2011, opening with special previews on January 10 - 12 at Northern Trust Bank, 3450 E. Sunrise Dr., Tucson, with lots of Western art. There will be lots of wonderful work by many FWA'ers, as well as other nationally known artists. The Empire Ranch is on the National Register of Historic Places, and proceeds of the Sale are for restoration, maintenance and educational purposes. www.empireranchfoundation.org or call 888-364-2829

"Cowgirl Up! Art from the Other Half of the West"...was once again an wonderful success earlier this year, during its month-long show at the **Desert Caballeros Western Museum** in Wickenburg, AZ. Plans are well underway for the sixth all-women invitational show opening gala next March 25 - 27, 2011. The exhibition will be held from March 25 through May 8, 2011. This is an important exhibition for western women artists including 50 prominent painters and sculptors. FWA'ers Darcie Peet and Carol Swinney will be participating in the 2011 show. www.westernmuseum.org

Prix de West... awards and show at the Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City was held in June. This prestigious, invitational exhibition and sale topped \$3.3 million this year! A number of FWA'ers participated in this wonderful event. If you haven't been to this museum, it should be on your list of important Western Heritage places to visit. www.nationalcowboymuseum.org

Scottsdale Artists' School... will hold their **Beaux Arts 2010 Fine Art Auction** Saturday, November 13, 2010, 7:00 pm to 10pm. Then, their 25th Annual **The Best and The Brightest** Juried and Fine Art Show and Sale will be held Thursday, February 17, 2011, 6pm - 8pm. Visit www.scottsdaleartschool.org or call 1-800-333-5707 for more information about these events. (Watch for their new website coming soon.)

Tucson Museum of Art... Upcoming events include **An Evening with Howard Terpning** at 5:30 pm on October 6, 2010. **CRUSH Wine Festival** is scheduled for April 1-2, 2011, and includes a live auction of fine art and rare wine. Visit www.tucsonmuseumofart.org or call 524-2333 for tickets or more information.