

## **ALA Dept of Arizona Creative Arts**

### **2022-2023**

The Creative Arts is a fun opportunity for your units to participate in! We can all work together to promote health and wellness in our veterans and their families. Consider having an arts and crafts sale with your unit. Find your talented Members and have them share their gifts by hosting a creative class, Or host an art show of your Post's Artists around a military holiday. Promote our ALA Creative Arts Festivals, both Locally and National, making sure your post knows about info on the festivals. Cheer on your local festival winners by having them to your post or unit meeting for an opportunity to share their works. This might encourage other Post and Unit members to display their art as well. We haven't reached all our veterans to encourage using art in healing. Most of us in the ALA are also caregivers of veterans who might already be doing something creative that could be placed in our festivals for recognition. Get our loved ones into the festivals if they are already using art for their health. Please remember that Poppy funds can used for Creative Arts. Please be sure to always specify where your donation is to go to when sending to Department.....State your Local festival or National, so the funds get to the right CAF.

**Please consider applying for our creative arts awards!** You'll see these applications on our ALA Dept. website. The Sandy Conklin Award goes to the Unit making the Largest donation per capita. Please have all your donations in to Dept by the end of April 2023. The Carmelite Staker Creative Arts Award requires a Narrative submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. But please do not be intimidated by this. It truly doesn't have to be overwhelming. It is a matter of fact typed statement that has to be short and to the point. No Creative writing skills are needed. I would love to see more applications for this award this year. Many Units have members who worked hard to raise funds. Let us all see what you have done to promote the Arts in Healing for our veterans. That's what this chairmanship is all about! I want to recognize your efforts! If you need some assistance and ideas in raising funds, please contact me about making a visit to your unit meetings, or even scheduling a free creative class to boost interest and raising funds at your post. Contact me about my ideas. The program year is going by fast and we are running out of time! Contact Me, Dawn Davidson 763-221-8047 / [aladawndavidson@gmail.com](mailto:aladawndavidson@gmail.com)

#### **Arizona Creative Arts Festival Information:**

Phoenix's was held in June and had about 50 entries. To get your Unit or Veteran involved in that serve area, please contact [Margaret Ellis](mailto:mellis3166@gmail.com) at 480-818-3166 / [mellis3166@gmail.com](mailto:mellis3166@gmail.com).

Tucson's was held in September with about 30 entries. Let's boost this entry number next year!

Please contact [Kathy Szakonyi](mailto:n3sad@aol.com) at 520-400-5839 / [n3sad@aol.com](mailto:n3sad@aol.com)

\*\*\*\*I sadly have no information on the Prescott CAF. Our ALA contact is yet to be determined. Please consider helping us. The Prescott area often has National CAF veteran artists. They need ALA assistance to keep the program strong. Contact Dept. President Barbara White if you'd consider representing the ALA at Prescott VAMC.

Our Veterans have many entries sent to the National Festival Committee. We find out who will attend the April National Creative Arts Festival in St. Louis, MO, sometime early in the new year. I will let you know more information as it comes available. I am hoping to attend the National CAF this year.

**Carmelite Staker Creative Arts Award  
Annual Report Form  
2022-2023**

Please complete and send to: **Dawn Davidson**  
**11070 S. Camino San Clemente**  
**Vail, Arizona 85641**  
**or Email to ALA [DawnDavidson@gmail.com](mailto:DawnDavidson@gmail.com)**  
**Reports MUST reach me no later Than May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

Unit Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_ #Members \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Chairman or person completing this report: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact address or email \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Did your Unit have a special fundraiser or event for Creative Arts this year?  
Please briefly describe. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Did anyone from your Unit volunteer at a Veteran's Hospital Creative Arts Festival  
this year? How many \_\_\_\_\_ Total Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Did others **attend** a Creative Arts Festival, not as a volunteer? Number \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ amount donated for Creative Arts this year from your Unit. \_\_\_\_\_

**SANDY CONKLIN CREATIVE ARTS AWARD  
FOR  
LARGEST DONATION PER-CAPITA**

Department award to be presented by the Department Creative Arts Chairman

Awarded to the Unit for the largest donation per-capita sent to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona

Donations must be received by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arizona office no later than thirty days prior to convention.

No narrative required.

The above award may be the permanent possession of the Unit whose name appears on it for three years, not necessarily consecutively, if it is replaced by the Unit. The above name will remain the same, and all rules and classifications will remain the same.

Approved June 23, 2016

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## **CARMELITE STAKER CREATIVE ARTS PLAQUE**

The plaque is to be awarded by the Department Creative Arts Chairman.

1. This plaque shall become the permanent property of the Unit winning it for three (3) consecutive years if they desire. The permanent winner will place another plaque in the Department for competition with the rules and name to remain the same.
2. Judging of Unit reports for the awarding of the plaque shall be made by a committee of three (3) Auxiliary members appointed by the Department Chairman.
3. In order to qualify for this plaque, the Unit must report the fund raising activity, or activities they help to benefit the program. This narrative report must be typed, not to exceed 1,000 words and received by May 1st annually. The narrative should include how the Unit involved the members of the community in this program. A copy of the report must be attached to the narrative.
4. The purpose of this award is to stimulate and help promote this very important program for our Veterans.

### **SCORING:**

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| A. Report received by May 1st  | 25% |
| B. Report filled out correctly | 25% |
| C. Amount of funds reported    | 50% |

(Placed in the field with approval of the Department Executive Committee. Fall Conference, Nov 2, 2002 by Carmelite Staker, PDP member of Unit 108)