

Healing Art PROGRAM

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We are way overdue for a newsletter, and a lot happened in 2024! To start, our 10th Anniversary Celebration and Art Auction was very successful, with the auction alone raising over \$12,000 for the program. At that event we formally announced the Gary R and Jill B W Sisson gift of \$750,000 to endow the curator's position. This gift from the Sissons ensures that the Healing Art Program will continue to be run professionally and further establishes the program as an integral part of TMC Health.

We are well on our way to fully funding the endowment. Our goal remains to raise \$3 million to ensure the Healing Art Program can survive financial and administrative ups and downs. With pledged funds we are about halfway there – but YOU can truly make a difference! A gift of your own, or an introduction to someone who can help, are both ways to show appreciation for the beautiful art and soothing music at the hospital.

If you need inspiration, please watch the video we created. It's by staff, patients and contributors to the program and explains why they feel the Healing Art Program is so important and such a benefit to TMC!



Philanthropic DONATIONS

We want to acknowledge the people who have contributed to our fundraising success in 2024.

The individuals who attended the 10th Anniversary Celebration and/or purchased items at auction are too numerous to list here, but please know that your support is greatly appreciated. Sponsors of our anniversary celebration included: Centric Photo, Deadwood Framing, Artezona Inc. and Liz Hernandez, and Mark Sublette Medicine Man Gallery. They helped us keep costs down and made the event special – please give them a shout-out when you patronize their businesses! Individuals who made special contributions this year include: Mike Andrews and Jeanne Pickering, Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Haas, Fred Wackerle and Barbara Provus, Rica Spivack, Jacquelyn Feller, Don Gray, Sandy Maxfield, Jerry Freund, and all members of our Strategic Planning Committee who gave generously, and give of their time as well.



Randy Prentice, Mexican Gold Poppies at Picacho Peak, 2019, TMC Rincon



Randy Prentice, Sabino Canyon near Bear Canyon Trail, 2016, TMC Rincon

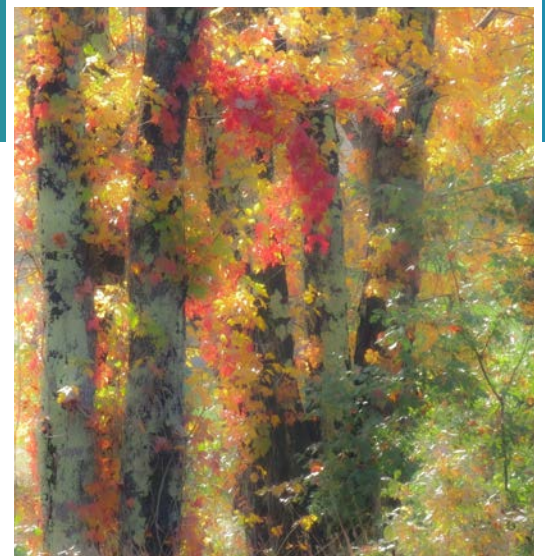
ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY

We started the year with an entire hospital to fill with art – the new TMC Rincon at the intersection of Houghton and Drexel! Artwork for the building was included in the budget – TMC wants all of its public buildings to reflect its commitment to art as a contributing factor in staff happiness and patient healing.

Fine art at the new hospital includes: a striking Lee Chesney painting donated by Dede McKnight; three beautiful paintings by Sheila Miles donated by Paul Gold and Greer Warren; charming landscapes by Nathan Saxton; and a large group of marvelous works by Marvin Lowe donated by his family.

In keeping with the research showing that landscape photography is particularly healing in medical environments, the following artists generously allowed us to print works for the new hospital: B.G. Boyd, Doug Bozeman, Rhonda Royse, Eric Suhm and Kent Vincent. James Root and Randy Prentice share the entire second floor – in what turned out to be a posthumous tribute to Randy. And in honor of her 94th year, Sonja Van Burren's works are displayed on the entire fourth (maternity) floor.

We also installed photographs in the new TMCOne at The Bridges, with these artists contributing: Marla Endicott, Gerald Goldberg, Larry Haas, Laura Hackenbrock, Kathy Krucker, James Root, Rhonda Royse, Leila Shehab, Vicky Stromee, Harold Tretbar, Kent Vincent and Chris Wesselman. And the expanded Wound Care Center on the El Dorado campus introduced us to the photography of two new artists: Enrique Aldana and Melinda Tichenor. Jerry Peek was also a contributor there.



Sonja van Buuren, from Autumn Series on maternity floor, TMC Rincon



Steven Meckler, Hotel Congress with Streetcar, 2014, TMC



Rick DeMont, Turtle Dance, 2023, TMC



Melinda Tichenor, Where Flowers Bloom So Does Hope, 2024, Wound Care



Jacob Lashot, Rio Serrano Chile, 2023, Outpatient Therapy



Jo Kubran, Booth Stools, Pima County Fair, 2012, TMC



TMCOne at The Bridges, Rhonda Royse, Saguaro Sun Star, 2023, 18x30 inches

Our Outpatient Therapy clinic expanded as well, and the two photographers who donated work for the new space are physical therapists at the clinic – Jacob Lashot and Doug Bozeman!

Inside the main hospital, we installed delightful paper collages by one of our wellness coaches, Kelly Cupell. We were also gifted a suite of David Adix pastel “drop” paintings that are hanging in Drachman Hall, and two wonderful photographs of the Pima County Fair by Jo Kubran, that are accompanied by a Steven Meckler photo of bumper cars that was gifted by Paul Gold and Greer Warren. Speaking of Paul and Greer, they also gave us a Meckler photograph of Hotel Congress and two gorgeous works by the artist Paul DeMont.

A large gift of seven wonderful artworks came from the collector Joyce Broan. Artists Stevie Mack, Larry Cansler, Melanie Campbell-Carter, and Bob Kray of Deadwood Framing donated paintings this year. And the Dennis Joint Spousal Trust gifted us a bronze carousel horse!



Gerald Goldberg, Field of Poppies, 2023
TMCOne at The Bridges



Leslie Trewyn, Bird Feeder, 1990,
gift of Joyce Broan



Sheila Miles, Linda Vista Ranch House, 2020-23,
TMC Rincon



Doug Bozeman, Boynton
Canyon Trail, 2023,
Outpatient Therapy

INTRODUCING JENNA, OUR NEW CO-CURATOR!

Hello! My name is Jenna S. Green and I am thrilled to join TMC as the Co-Curator of the Healing Art Program. I am from Phoenix but moved to Tucson three years ago to begin my PhD in Art & Visual Culture Education at the University of Arizona. I am an arts-in-health researcher, a contemplative artist and scholar and museum educator. Since 2017 I have worked for arts and culture organizations across the United States such as the Museum of History and Industry, the Seattle Art Museum and the Glass Art Society. Prior to moving to Tucson, I was the Senior Museum Educator at the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, Taliesin West. My passion is exploring the intersection of art, well-being, and education through individual and community-based programs. My goal is to integrate art, meditation, movement and other creative and expressive practices into museums and community art spaces to support people's health and well-being.

I was introduced to the TMC Healing Art Program on a class field trip my first year at UA and was immediately hooked, but never did I think I would be a part of it! Lauren and the TMC Health Foundation have done amazing work building an exquisite collection with over 2,000 artworks featuring more than 300 artists and have engaged an impressive cohort of musicians! I am eager to amplify the impact of TMC Healing Art Program's outstanding work and strengthen its position as a community anchor, providing meaningful opportunities that inspire and promote creativity and well-being throughout the hospital and beyond.





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Our beloved viola player, Katie Baird, recently became an employee of the TMC Health Foundation! As such she is actively promoting the Healing Art Program through social media, including spotlights on the artists and musicians. You can find her posts at TMC Health Foundation on Facebook and LinkedIn.



Paul Martin

We are pleased to welcome a new musician: Paul Martin! The guitar player/singer/songwriter has been working in health care and senior centers for some time and will be spreading joy throughout the hospital, as well as working with the Alzheimer's population at TMC for Seniors.

... and big News! We are thrilled to welcome our new Vice President and Chief Development Officer of the TMC Health Foundation, Deb Dale!

Deb is a well-known and respected member of the community, previously serving as Chief Development Officer at Arizona Public Media. Her connection to TMC is very personal: her father, Richard Dale, M.D., was a surgeon at the hospital for nearly her entire life. We are excited to have her at the helm, and look forward to her inspired leadership.



We are still building the Endowment, so if the TMC Healing Art Program is meaningful to you, please consider making a donation. Just contact the TMC Health Foundation at (520) 324-3116 or visit the webpage by scanning the QR code:

