

PRESCOTT WESTERN HERITAGE FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH THE MOUNTAIN ARTIST GUILD (STUDENTS “DRAW” ON OUR WESTERN HERITAGE)



Dennis Gallagher, President of the PWHF presents a \$700.00 check to outgoing President of the Mountain Artist Guild, Janis Keeling. The donation will fund the western art class for the Winter semester. L to R – Olivia Lugo, Jordyn Bassford, Dennis Gallagher, Janis Keeling, Patrick Harper (Western Art Instructor), Calliandra Bevers, and Hannah Campbell.

For nearly a year, the *Mountain Artist Guild* and the *Prescott Western Heritage Foundation* have joined forces to fund year-round western art classes on Saturday mornings, which is provided at no charge to area H.S. students who desire to attend. The Prescott Western Heritage Foundation proposed the idea of partnering to Janis Keeling, who at the time was the MAG president. Keeling said “we feel very blessed that Dennis Gallagher came into the gallery just as we were putting the final planning touches on our program for art classes for older teenagers. We were looking for support, and in walked Dennis looking to partner with us to provide free western art classes for high school students.” By sharing the cost of the western art classes with the Mountain Artists Guild, we hope to have some student artists emerge from these classes who will qualify for future scholarships.” The Mountain Artist Guild and the Prescott Western Heritage Foundation alternate covering the cost of each semester. The PWHF awards scholarships to H.S. students each year to students who have the passion and the talent to preserve our heritage. This can be accomplished through performing western music, creating western art, rodeo participation, writing/performing cowboy poetry, writing about the west, leather tooling and other crafts, which align with mission. “Up till now, the scholarships have been awarded to three extremely talented musicians and two students who have excelled in rodeo events, Gallagher said, but we had very few qualifying scholarship applicants who are western artists. For information regarding the western art classes, please contact Janis Keeling at janisk1223@gmail.com. We are requesting that any artist who has brushes, canvases, oil and acrylic paint, or any other material which they would donate this class, to contact Janis at the above e-mail address. For information regarding the Prescott Western Heritage Foundation, please contact Dennis Gallagher at pwhfpresident@gmail.com. Also, you can visit the Foundation’s new website at VisitWesternHeritageCenter.org to obtain the 2017 Western “Heritage Keeper” Scholarship application. Scholarships are available to all qualifying students in Yavapai County.