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MEMBERSHIP

Please consider joining or renewing your annual membership in 2014. We thank you for your continued support!

NCAG Members and Donors receive 10% off eligible events and gallery purchases; each membership/donation over \$25 will receive a T-shirt featuring our logo. Members/Donors will also receive newsletters and invitations to exhibitions and other NCAG sponsored events.

For questions about payment, call Troy Muller at 402-250-9473 or e-mail tmuller@mullerstudios.com.

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NEW CENTURY ART GUILD

New Century Art Guild is a non-profit arts organization co-founded by veterans and artists. Our mission is to promote the career development of emerging and established artists, especially those of military veterans that seek new careers in the creative arts.

Updates

Exhibition-Unforgetting Iraq: In Search of Recovery

New Century Art Guild Gallery proudly presents an important art exhibit that highlights the aftermath of the Iraq war. This collection speaks to our capacity to recover from the traumatic events of modern warfare. The medium of art is used to foster a dialogue between our two cultures to respectfully address sensitive but important issues. The exhibition serves as a touchstone to veterans of the US Armed Forces, offering them a chance to reflect upon the war, assisting in the healing of emotional wounds. The exhibit will run from May 24 - September 1, 2014. Our gallery hours will be: Tues. - Sat. 10AM - 5PM, Sun. 1PM - 5 PM.

Workshops/Classes

Vets-4-Vets Spring Workshops Begin in May. A series of creative workshops will be held this spring and summer at Bellevue University. Vets-4-Vets, a peer support group of Iraq and Afghanistan era Veterans interested in the common goal of sharing experiences, "venting" and just hangin' out will meet to create art, poetry and music. In these workshops, participants will use a different artistic media each week. All experience levels are welcome and no previous art experience is required! Please check the NCAG website for dates, times and specific topics.



Veterans make vessels V4V clay creative workshop.

"Anyone who trades liberty for security deserves neither liberty nor security."

- Benjamin Franklin

"The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls."

- Pablo Picasso

"Valor is stability, not of legs and arms, but of courage and the soul."

- Michel de Montaigne



ARTIST HIGHLIGHT

Mario Lopez, a 29 year old veteran from Bandera, Texas was the recipient of NCAG's 2014 Veteran Artist Grant.



Mario in Afghanistan with combat engineering unit.

The grant included an expense paid, four-day visit to the Midwest. Troy Muller, NCAG Art Director, conducted three individualized painting workshops for Mario and curated a small exhibition of his paintings in the NCAG Gallery.

U.S. Army Sgt. Mario Lopez served in Iraq in 2006-7 and Afghanistan in 2008. In August of 2008, Mario was severely injured while on duty with a combat engineering unit in Afghanistan. As part of a routine convoy, Lopez was strapped into his MRAP Vehicle on his way to his next mission when a 300-pound roadside bomb exploded, creating a blast that sent the MRAP's doo hurtling into him, pinning him inside the burning vehicle. As a result more than 50 percent of his body and he subsequently lost his right arm, right ear, right eye and most of the fingers on his left hand.

Mario said, "While recovering in 2011, I picked up a paint brush with my remaining left fingers and began to experiment! Initially, I was painting just for myself, but friends and family started to inquire about my art. Before I knew it, I was getting attention and requests from people I had never even met!" Today, Mario and his wife, Danielle, are taking his painting career to the next level and sharing his ability and inspiration with others nationwide.

