

Artist uses copper, aluminum, brass, steel

Susan Canasi, a former Mesa Community College art teacher, is showing her copper, aluminum, brass and steel sculptures at the 18th Annual Hidden in the Hills Artist Studio Tour and Sale, hosted by the Sonoran Arts League Nov. 21-23 and 28-30. Mrs. Canasi (at right at last year's show) will be at Studio 37 in Carefree; for the address, go to hiddeninthehills.org. For details on Mrs. Canasi's sculptures, paintings and drawings, go to www.susancanasi.com or e-mail her at suecanasi@cox.net. Other East Valley artists at the show include Mesa resident Sandi Ciaramitaro, exhibiting watercolor, oil and bronze art at Studio 20; Mesa resident Jacqueline "Jackie" Kahn, exhibiting glass, metal and mixed-media art at Studio 21 in Scottsdale; Mesa resident Wahid Nahle, exhibiting acrylic art at Studio 26 in Scottsdale; Gold Canyon resident Carolyn O'Hanlon, exhibiting paper art at Studio 14 in Cave Creek; Gold Canyon resident Toni Perrin, exhibiting oil art at Studio 38 in Carefree; Mesa residents Walter and Ruth Pinkus, exhibiting photography at Studio 15 in Cave Creek; Mesa resident Marjorie Risk, exhibiting metal, mixed media and mosaic art at Studio 11 in Cave Creek; Mesa resident Genie Swanstrom, exhibiting ceramic, jewelry and oil art at Studio 37 in Carefree.



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LOCAL News

46 homes planned on 10.3 acres west of Alta Mesa

A subdivision plat, or map, has been approved for 46 homes on property just west of Alta Mesa at Higley and Brown roads.

The Mesa City Council on Nov. 3 voted 7-0 to approve the plat for Higley Heights Phase 3A on the west side of the 1400 to 1500 blocks of North Higley Road for 46 Residential Small Lot-4.5 Planned Area Development lots on 10.3 acres. KB Home Phoenix Inc. is the owner and Gail A. Morgan, EPS Group Inc., is the surveyor, according to the meeting's agenda.

Voting to approve the plat in a consent agenda were: Mayor John Giles; Vice Mayor Chris Glover, District 4; and councilmen Dave Richins, District 1; Alex Finter, District 2; Dennis Kavanaugh, District 3; David Luna, District 5; and Scott Somers, District 6, by phone.

A preliminary plat for 431 lots on property on the northwest corner of Higley and Brown roads was approved in March, according to a memo provided to the council by John Weskley, planning director.

"This plat has since been phased and only includes 46 lots to be developed with the third phase of the project," according to the memo. "There have been minor re-

visions to the subdivision design following preliminary plat approval as requested by the Subdivision Technical Review Committee to reduce the anticipated impacts on the adjacent neighbors," he wrote.

8 businesses accepted for training at Launchpoint

The city of Mesa held an open house Nov. 5 to introduce eight companies that have been selected to participate in The Business Academy at Launchpoint free entrepreneurship training program. Launchpoint is at 6113 S. Kent St. The companies are Alternative Education at Home; Claw Master LLC; Codes Unlimited; GoMechanic; Intelligent Analytics, LLC; Movement Interactive; Rapid Rescue, LLC and Thousand Themes LLC, according to a press release.

The city, in partnership with Arizona State University, created The Business Academy at Launchpoint as a free program to train entrepreneurs in a variety of methodologies, to validate business ideas and to position their companies for funding opportunities. The program begins this fall and runs through May 2015 and will be held at Launchpoint, according to the release.

will help these entrepreneurs develop their business and prepare their pitch for funding. The curriculum will be delivered in a series of modules with specific activities and tasks the participants will be required to complete. Key topics include customer discovery, product-market fit, team formation, mentor and advisor development, personnel management, pitch preparation, identifying and pursuing funding opportunities and networking, according to the release.

"The collaboration between the city of Mesa and Arizona State University to create Launchpoint will be on full display at this open house," District 6 Councilman Scott Somers said in the release announcing the event. "Being able to introduce the companies who are utilizing the services that we offer will really show off what Launchpoint is all about."

"The Business Academy at Launchpoint provides small business start-ups with the knowledge needed to turn ideas into viable, growing businesses," city of Mesa Economic Development Director Bill Jabjiniak said. "And growing local businesses is an important component in building a strong, sustainable economy in Mesa."

For more information about the program, visit www.mesaaccelerator.com.

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Forty-three years ago this week the top news stories for the Nov. 25, 1971, *Apache Sentinel*, the precursor to the *Mesa Independent* newspaper, included: A Wright's supermarket, drugstore and small shops are planned to be constructed in the next two years on 14 acres at Signal Butte Road and Apache Trail.

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