

Jerry Mason, EAA President July 2021 – March 2022, says farewell to EAA and California. His service to EAA and the community has been a blessing. We will miss him. Here's his departing thoughts:

Dorothy Gale said "*There's no place like home*" and she's right. But a house where one lives is not always "home" - In the nearly ten years my wife and I have been in this area, we have seldom felt this area is "home" for us. Recently, that feeling has reached actionable levels. Last month we went in search of a different place that would hopefully feel more like home to us and we believe we have found it - We recently purchased an affordable house in Prescott, Arizona and will be moving there in late March. We will be living in a higher elevation, lower cost environment in a much less crowded smaller town. I have enjoyed my camaraderie with the artists of the Escondido Art Association these past few years. I have felt honored to be the EAA President for the past 8 months, but this will necessarily end when we move. My last official action as your President will be to chair the March board meeting (March 3). I will step down shortly thereafter.

The good news however is that accomplished EAA artist and leader Dan Kilgore has volunteered to step up to the job of interim EAA President after March 3. We will be discussing transition matters at the upcoming March board meeting. I am very grateful that Dan will be picking up where I unfortunately will be leaving off.

I want each of you to know that helping EAA help people connect with the transforming power of art has been one of the highlights of my life here in this area. I am planning to continue to paint up there as well as collaborate with a group of great artists there (with the Mountain Arts Guild). If you ever come up to Prescott, you will find me painting and serving with them there. Keep on being artistic to bring out the best in your soul.

Blessings,

Jerry Mason