

# The Painful Experience

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Connections Café

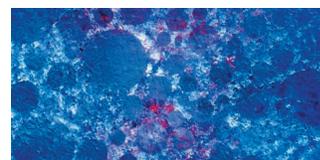
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“The Painful Experience” is an exhibition exploring the work of Geoff Gildner, of Tempe, and Phoenix-born artist Tom Stephenson. Both artists reflect unique approaches to surfaces upon which they paint, the brush strokes and application techniques they use and the imagery and themes they choose to represent.

Gildner graduated from Arizona State University in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. He is an artist dedicated to lifelong learning and community service. His interests include studies in art history, architecture, landscape and urban design. He has also served as a teacher in Pusan, South Korea, and as a community representative on design teams for local arts and culture venues. He has exhibited his work in Tempe at Gildner Studio, in Phoenix at Art Detour, in Ojo Caliente, N.M. and in Prague, Czech Republic.



*Listless with Hope*  
Geoff Gildner



*Tide Pool* by Geoff Gildner

Stephenson has been an active participant in the Valley arts community for more than 20 years. He has shown his work widely in Arizona galleries and museums including Phoenix International Sky Harbor Airport, Galeria Mesa, Tucson Museum of Art, Alwun House in Phoenix, Mars Gallery and Grady Gammage Auditorium. He has received awards and recognition from WESTAF/NEA, Tucson Museum of Art Arizona Biennial and the Arizona Commission on the Arts Traveling Exhibitions Program.

## About the Connections Café gallery

The Connections Café gallery wall at the Tempe Public Library provides local artists an opportunity to express themselves, experiment with new media and themes and realize the similarities and differences between themselves and another artist. Each of the artists seem to be at a different crossroad in their artistic career and field of interest, yet both share some unique bond that ties them together. Many of the Connections Café artists have never met before this exhibition.

## Connections Café hours

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Thursday

9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday

Noon to 5:30 p.m., Sunday

(Closed on city-observed holidays)