

Art Alliance Events:

- Thurs. Apr. 15 Art Alliance General Meeting – 6:00 pm at RAM
- Sat. May 1 The Gardens of Historic Homes Tour – 10am-3pm
- Tue. May 4 Board Meeting at Selina B’s Home – 5:30pm
- Thurs. May 6 Past President’s Tea at Kathy A’s Home 4:00-5:30pm
- Thurs. May 20 Annual Meeting at Ciao Bella – 6:00pm

RAM Exhibits and Events:

- Apr. 1 First Thursday Arts Walk
- Mar. 20 – May 15 Strange Brew: UCR MFA 1st & 2nd Year Students
- Mar. 20 – Apr. 4 2010 Press Enterprise Riverside County High School Art Show

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CELEBRATING ART FROM OUR OWN COLLECTIONS AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 45TH YEAR!

Last April several members shared art work from their own collections at our General Meeting. The evening was such a success that we decided to repeat the program again this year. It is interesting to see what members like to collect, learn what inspires member artists, and catch a glimpse of the variety of art that exists in our members’ homes. Do plan to join us on April 15th.

The General Meeting in April is going to be important for the Art Alliance. In addition to our program, we will elect our new Board of Directors, vote to select our fund raising projects for next year, and vote on recommended changes to our operating policies. All these points of business will be taken care of so we will be ready to celebrate our successes at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 20th. Be certain to mark that day on your calendars.

Before then, however, our spring fund raising program will be taking precedence. By now you have received four tickets to our “Gardens of Historic Homes” tour on Saturday, May 1st. Although there is no obligation to buy even one ticket, we have asked all members to do their best to sell four tickets if possible. The gardens you will visit on this tour are extraordinary. Light refreshments are included in the ticket price, musicians will be performing in three of the seven gardens, plein air artists will be working in several gardens, and artist vendors will be selling hand crafted pieces at the refreshment site venue. You and your friends will not want to miss this special event.

Although our membership is now open all year round for new members, we continue to encourage members to invite new friends to join and be recognized at our Annual Meeting in May. Think about who you might like to invite and bring that person to our General Meeting in April. Since members will be presenting art pieces, it is a fun and relaxed meeting and a very easy way for perspective members to get a sense of who we are and what we are all about.


Looking forward to seeing you at the General Meeting on April 15th!

Selina B
President 2009-10

Need a Ride

If you need a ride to the General Meeting call Selina B at 951-682-8487.

If you would like an escort to your car after the meeting let her know before the meeting starts.



April General Meeting

Please Join Us For Our April General Meeting
 April 15, 2010
 Social Time: 6:00 PM
 Program: 6:30 PM
 Business Meeting: 7:00 PM
 At the Riverside Art Museum

We've invited ten Art Alliance members to bring their favorite piece of art from home. They will display their pieces during the social hour and then spend a few minutes telling us about each piece for our program. Be sure to get there right on time to hear about these fabulous pieces of art! A nice way to end the year of programming and remind ourselves what we love about ART!



Margo C, Program Chair

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ART ALLIANCE OF THE RIVERISDE ART MUSEUM

Thursday, May 20, 2010
 6:00 pm Social
 6:30 pm Dinner and Meeting

Ciao Bella Restaurant
 1630 Spruce Street
 Riverside, CA

\$35 per person
 R.S.V.P with a check
 Payable to "Art Alliance of the RAM"
 Bring to the April General Meeting

Or
 Send before May 7th deadline to:
 Tami F-M

We WILL ARRANGE RIDES FOR ANYONE WHO needs one!

RAM NEWS

SAFFRON - As of the middle of March Saffron ceased to operate a restaurant at the art museum. This is a loss for RAM, but at the same time an opportunity for a new beginning. Maureen K, RAM board member, is chairing a committee whose task it is to recommend the future use of the atrium space. All ideas are welcome. Feel free to send your thoughts to MJ Abraham, RAM Executive Director, who will pass your ideas on to Maureen and her committee.

TOP DOG ANNUAL DINNER - Each year the RAM board gives special recognition to RAM members who have made an outstanding contribution to the art museum thought their financial support and volunteer commitment. This dinner also includes the installation of new RAM board members. It will be held at the museum in mid-June. Watch the mail for the final date as you may wish to be present when Sue S is installed as the RAM president for the coming year.

ACQUISITIONS POLICY – A RAM committee and two staff members, Lee Tusman and Sierra LaPoint, have been working on developing an acquisitions policy for the museum. Sierra LaPoint, who presented information to the Art Alliance at our January luncheon meeting has created a database listing work in our collection and has documented each with a digital photograph. This is a first step in identifying a permanent collection and what we wish to hold in our archives. Even more important is to find a secure place for the works. The need to find a safe space became very apparent during the heavy rains in January when some storage spaces suffered from water damage.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS AND BENEFITS – The RAM membership committee has continued to hold meetings to determine revised membership levels and benefits to members at various giving points. Watch for the new brochure which will be in print by mid-April.

Treasurer's Report

Riverside Art Alliance
Treasurer's Report
March 31, 2010
Statement of Financial Position

	Beginning Balance 3-1-2010	\$27,841.32
	INCOME AND EXPENSES	
	Income	
	Deposits	
	Holiday Event - Refund of Artist's Commission for Drawing	\$100.00
	Getty Trip	\$28.00
	Garden Project Sponsorships	\$2,250.00
	Garden Project Catalogue Ads	\$200.00
	Bunko	\$45.00
	Interest Income -March	\$24.60
	Total Income	\$2,647.60
Check #	Expenses	
4604	Anne D. - Getty Trip Refund	\$70.00
4605	Cathy M. - Getty Trip Refund	\$70.00
4606	Inland Print Works - Garden Tour Tickets	\$63.08
4607	Katie S. - Newsletter Postage	\$66.00
4608	Inland Print Works - March Newsletter	\$116.45
4609	Beth K. - Flower Show Ad for Garden Tour	\$100.00
4610	Inland Print Works - Garden Posters and Addl' Tickets	\$116.37
4611`	Badge Express - 13 Name Badges	\$82.67
4612	Lucile A. - Stamps for Garden Tour	\$48.40
4613	Kathi F. - Bunko Supplies	\$45.00
4614	Ciao Bella - Deposit for Annual Meeting	\$600.00
	Total Expenses	\$1,377.97
	Closing Balance 3-31-2010	\$29,110.95

Respectively Submitted by Cathy M.

Spring Garden Tour



The Gardens of Historic Homes

Saturday, May 1, 2010
10am-3pm
\$35.00

You are invited to a spring garden tour

This fundraising event showcases gardens of the historic Rockledge area located along Ivy Street in Riverside. Seven homeowners have graciously agreed to open their gardens for a tour celebrating Riverside's garden culture and heritage. This tour will include the garden of the Rockledge original Priestley Hall Home, built in 1889.

Refreshments will be served.

Vendors will be selling garden related items (Cash and checks only)

Tickets available at these venues

- The Art Museum, 3425 Mission Inn Avenue
- Tiggy-Winkies Gift Shoppe, 3675 Main Street, (Main Street Pedestrian Mall in downtown Riverside)
- The Gardener's Cottage, 5225 Canyon Crest Drive, #30 (Canyon Crest Shopping Center)
- La Belle Maison, 3639 Riverside Plaza Drive, #506 (Riverside Plaza)
- Louie's Nursery, 16310 Porter Avenue (off Van Buren Boulevard)
- Parkview Nursery, 4377 Chicago Avenue
- Parkview Nursery, 3641 Jackson Street (at Magnolia Avenue)

Presented by the Art Alliance
of the Riverside Art Museum



Proceeds from the event support the Riverside Art Museum.



Policy Changes

Art Alliance Policy Changes
To Be Voted On At The April 15, 2010 General Meeting
As Reviewed and Recommended By the Art Alliance Executive/Appointed Board
At Their Meeting on March 30, 2010

We move the following amendments be made to the Art Alliance Policies:

A. Article II, 2.01 Membership Categories

1. There shall be two categories of **Art Alliance** membership, Active and Supporting:

Active (**A**) - expected to work actively on fundraisers and special events.

Supporting (**S**) - encouraged to support the fundraisers and special events.

RAM Life (L) - those Art Alliance members who qualify for RAM Life membership are exempt from Art alliance dues. They may be Active Life (A/L) or Supporting Life (S/L).

All members are required to maintain a current RAM membership.

B. Article IV, 4.02 Executive Officers

1. President - The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization, be a voting member of the Board of Trustees **and the Executive Committee** of RAM during the presidential term, and perform such other duties as determined by the board. The President shall be the signer on all contracts.

2. Membership.... **The Chair and new members are responsible for decorating the Holiday Tree at RAM.**

3. Secretary- The Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence (*acknowledgment of Memorial Fund donations*) and keep permanent minutes of all meetings of the organization. Minutes of the Board meetings shall be distributed to Board members prior to the next Board meeting. Minutes of the General Meeting shall be printed in the newsletter.

4. Treasurer - The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping up-to-date records of income and expenses for the Art Alliance. She shall give reports at the board and general meetings on the status of the finances. The Treasurer is responsible for reviewing delinquent accounts, reporting to the board, **acknowledgement of Memorial Fund donations**, and training the new Treasurer. The Treasurer shall prepare a yearly budget for board approval at the September board meeting and serve on the RAM Finance Committee.

C. Article IV, 4.03 Appointed Chairs

1. **Communications (Telephone)** - Responsible for reminding members of General Meetings and upcoming events via telephone **and/or email**.

Bold = new additional wording

(Italic) = deleted wording

Membership

Members were encouraged to bring a friend to the April General Meeting.

Fun Committee – Kathi F.

Those who went on the Getty trip had a great time. Bunco is next Wednesday, March 24th. Those who have signed up have been asked to bring an appetizer.

Old Business – Selina B.

A handout regarding recommended changes to our policies was distributed. Please review the changes. They will be voted on at the April meeting.

New Business – Selina B.

2010-2011 Projects – Project recommendations were distributed. The board recommends Off-the-Wall, Holiday Ornament Sales, and an Attic Art Treasures Sale (an Antique Road show type of event).

Evie G. talked about a trip to Chicago in September or October. Some activities will include a river cruise and a visit to Oak Park, the location of the Frank Lloyd Wright home.

Announcements/Calendar:

Next General Meeting: Thursday, April 15, 2010, 6:00 pm @ RAM.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne D., Secretary

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The newsletter is scheduled to be sent to the printer by the first Sunday after our Board Meeting each month. The deadline to submit articles for the Newsletter is 8:00 AM on Thursday following the Tuesday Board Meeting. Please email me your input ... copy ready!

Gscout384@aol.com

Thank you for your help and cooperation!

Kathy S.

tickets mailed to them. Tickets and money should be returned to Lucile A by April 17th.

The committee walked the tour a couple of weeks ago. It is a bit of a hike so wear good shoes. The city may donate one van for people who need some extra help. We also may use the Poly High School parking lot for overflow.

Patti F is working on vendors who will be stationed at Paulden Evans house.

The Press ran a story recently on Jackie H's home and mentioned the tour. Inland Empire Magazine is also running a story.

Our conservative goal was to raise \$7000, but it is hoped that we will exceed that amount.

Banner ArtVenture

There will be some small garden style banners for sale at the Garden Tour event.

Officer/Committee Reports

Hospitality –Sharon B.

Sharon thanked those who brought snacks tonight and throughout the year. She pointed out that April 15th will be the last meeting of the year, and encouraged members to take the opportunity to sign up for a snack or wine.

Nominations – Lucile A.

Lucile read the proposed slate of officer positions that will be voted on at the April meeting.
2009/10 Board Positions Slate:

President – Jackie H.

President Elect – Judy F.

Treasurer - Cathy M.

Secretary - Anne D.

Membership – Kathy A., Lucile A.

Nominations – Selina B.

Off the Wall – Renee O.

Spring Project - Unfilled

Annual Meeting

Members were reminded to make their calendars for Thursday, May 20th.

Announcements

THANK YOU TO THE FUN COMMITTEE – FOR A GREAT BUNCO BASH!

Another successful "Fun Committee" event was held at the Art Museum on Wednesday, March 24th. Kathi F and her committee put together a wonderful Bunco evening with the chance to mix it up with Art Alliance friends and guests. Participants moved from table to table sharing the excitement of the game and the opportunity to get to know each other in a relaxed and welcoming setting. The food was good too...especially Kathi's homemade cheesecake dessert. Thanks to all who came and to the committee who made it possible: Kathi F, Debbie B-Z, Diane K, Rosemary E, Lynne S, Dolores J, Cyndee M, and Sue P.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Art Alliance renewal applications will be going out in the mail immediately following the General Meeting on April 15th. Those present at the meeting will be able to pick up their materials that evening. All others will be mailed following the meeting. The renewal packet gives all active members the opportunity to indicate a fundraising committee choice for 2010-2011. Please take a look at your calendar and decide what would work best for you in the year ahead.

GENERAL MEETING VOTING REMINDER

The membership will be voting at our April General Meeting to elect the Executive Board for the coming year; voting to approve fall, winter, and spring fundraising projects; and voting on proposed policy changes as presented in this issue of the newsletter. For a refresher on the nominating slate and fundraising plans please see your March newsletter.

THE GARDENS OF HISTORIC HOMES

The excitement is building as May 1st approaches and with it our Gardens of Historic Homes tour. This is a garden tour unlike all others as it showcases seven of the most imaginatively designed and landscaped gardens in our city at seven unique homes in the Rockledge area of Riverside. Plein air artists will be at each home, musicians will be at three sites, and light refreshments will be served at the home on the corner of Victoria and Ivy where fifteen local artists will have their work for sale. Please continue to encourage friends and family to buy tickets and support our efforts to raise money for the Riverside Art Museum. Don't let your friends miss this wonderful tour!

Membership Corner

NEW MEMBER BIOS

The member bios have been removed so this newsletter could be published to the web.

General Meeting Minutes

Riverside Art Alliance General Meeting March 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:26 PM by Selina B. Selina recognized guests Jean A, Jennifer G and Pam B.

New member Beth R was introduced.

Margo C introduced the director of UCR ARTSblock, Jonathan Green who spoke about the new downtown Art Center.

The UCR ARTSblock will house the Culver Art Center, California Museum of Photography, and the Sweeney Art Gallery in two adjacent buildings. The buildings are the 1920's Kress dime store and the 1895 Rouse Department Store. Large spaces will provide opportunities for various types of art exhibitions in all formats. There is also a screening gallery that will show films that are not generally available in Riverside. October 7-9, 2010 is the planned gala opening.

Minutes – Anne D.

The minutes were published in the newsletter. Mary R moved to accept the minutes. Judie L seconded the motion and they passed as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Cathy M.

We are half way through our fiscal year. Money has been coming in for the garden project with few expenses. Our current balance is \$27,841.32. Sue S moved that the report be accepted. Lucile A seconded and the motion passed.

Projects

Spring Project – Jackie H.

There are posters available if anyone has a public place to hang one. Larkin M did the graphics for the poster. Cookie S, a prospective member did the logo for the Garden Project.

Tickets are \$35. Each member present received four tickets to sell. Others will have their