

Newsletter

ART ALLIANCE OF THE RIVERSIDE ART MUSEUM

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I ♥ ART ALLIANCE! *by President Jackie H*

Several years ago, I had the good fortune to visit the Belvedere Museum in Vienna. The most famous painting in the collection there is [The Kiss](#) (Der Kuss) by [Gustav Klimt](#). This romantic scene of a couple embracing reminds us of Valentine's Day! Klimt painted this masterpiece in 1907 and 1908 and used oil and [gold leaf](#) on canvas. He employed extensive patterning which is clearly tied to the [Art Nouveau](#) and [Arts and Crafts movement](#) of the times. The sensual and opulent image evokes a fin-de-siecle decadence. [The Kiss](#) is a brilliant example of the transformative power of love and art.

This month RAM has incorporated the theme of love in their extensive membership campaign. The goal is to obtain one hundred new members to the museum. The slogan for the campaign is I LOVE RAM. I would like to extrapolate that a bit to include I LOVE ART ALLIANCE! During our February board meeting, I polled our members as to what they loved about RAM and Art Alliance. I learned that most of our board members love Art Alliance because of the awesome women we are! In particular though, Lucile A loves Art Alliance for our dedication. Patti F loves RAM for its thought provoking exhibitions and beautiful building. Cathy M loves RAM because it provides

art lessons for children. Thank you all for sharing your thoughts on Art Alliance and RAM.

Art Alliance members are working hard to organize our spring project Collectibles Festival which will take place [May 5 - 7](#). We are asking each Art Alliance member to donate three items to our Art Swap event. Please start thinking about what you would like to donate, and bring in the items to the general meetings. We will store the items at the museum. A successful event depends on everyone's contributions.

It is that time of year to consider asking friends to join Art Alliance for the 2011-2012 year. Membership chairs Lucile Arntzen and Kathy Allavie are accepting new membership applications at this time. Please contact them with your questions.

Are you ready for a "Sure why not" moment? Selina B and her [nominating committee](#) have been busy calling members to ask them for board positions for next year. Thank you to all who responded "Sure, why not?" The health and vitality of our club depend on members' willingness to step up to the plate and accept a job when the time is right. I am amazed by all of the hardworking women who give so generously of their time and talent. It is what I love about Art Alliance.

Our next General Meeting February 17, 2011 at RAM

6:00 p.m. Social Time

6:30 Program

7:00 General Meeting



Our Guest Speaker will be:

Margie Haupt

Riverside's Interim Arts and Cultural Affairs Manager

Their mission is to advance Riverside as
"The City of Arts and Innovation"

Mark Your Calendars For Upcoming Programs:

March 17, 2011 - Speaker: M.J. Abraham, Director of Ram

April 21, 2011 - The Program will be Art Alliance members sharing art from their personal collections. Sign-ups will be available at the March meeting or you can e-mail me at gogochabot@earthlink.net if you are interested in participating.

Collectibles Festival

A 3-Day extravaganza of activities to raise money for the Riverside Art Museum...

How Can you Help??
Glad you asked!

- ✓ Have you marked your calendar? It's May 5, 6 and 7, 2011.
- ✓ Feel like a night on the town? Attend the premiere party on May 5th and hear a speaker, have a libation or two and visit with friends.
- ✓ Want to find a treasure? Attend ART SWAP. There will be lots of fun things to browse through.
- ✓ Have you an old coin that Grampa left you? It could be worth a lot of money—bring it down to our gold, coin and jewelry table and see if you can make a few dollars, May 6.
- ✓ What about the oil painting in your study? We are going to have Bonham & Butterfield's appraisers available, Friday, May 6, for you to see how valuable your valuables are!
- ✓ Stuffed study? Cluttered closets? Donate your unwanted treasures to ART SWAP and make up to 50% return of your sales price. A good way to clean your house of unwanted items and help the Art Museum.
- ✓ Worker bees, unite! We need you! Please volunteer to help work at one of the three days of fundraising! Every aspect of this event needs PEOPLE to make it work!
- ✓ Spread the word! Yes, without a lot of people, we can't make this fundraiser a success. Start spreading the news.

For more information:
Call Kathy A or Shirley S
And they will be happy to fill you in!

Compete for this month's art expert prize!

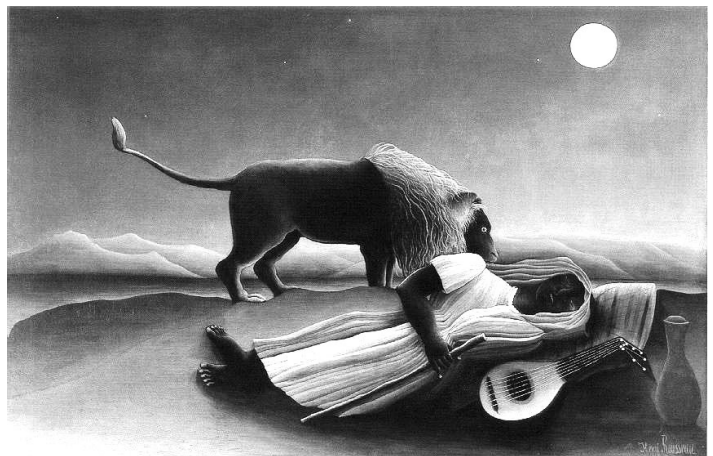
Submit **title** and **artist** of the two works of art on this page to Lori Beilby at loribeilby@yahoo.com by February 17th. The names of **all** members with correct and complete answers will be placed in the drawing to be held at the general meeting. Must be present to win. Good luck!

Congratulations to Kathi F who correctly identified Marc Chagall's "I and the Village" and Louise Nevelson "Sky Cathedral," and won January's drawing. Kathy has been our winner for the last two months! Come on ladies, let's challenge her by entering the competition!

1. This bronze sculpture was created around the year 1430. At the time of its creation, it was the first freestanding nude produced since ancient times and the first major work of Renaissance sculpture. The artist of this piece was born in Florence, Italy, and as a young man, made a living as a goldsmith. He is, in part, known for his work in bas-relief, a form of shallow relief sculpture. This artist's sculptures are considered supreme expressions of the spirit of the Italian Renaissance, and his work exercised a potent influence upon the painters of the age.



2. This painting rendered in 1897 is one of the most recognizable artworks of modern times. The artist was a French Post-Impressionist painter in the Naive or Primitive manner. He started painting seriously in his early forties, and, at the age of 49, he retired as a tax collector to pursue his art full time. This artist was self-taught and claimed he had "no teacher other than nature." At his times he was belittled and even today some art scholars regard his art as something nice to look at but not as serious art. His flat, seemingly childish style gave him many critics; people often were shocked by his work or ridiculed it.



Metropolitan Museum of Art as experienced by Christine C and son, Bill

For Spring Break of 2008 we made a trip to New York City to do some sightseeing, see some plays and of course visit some museums. As “good little tourists” we saw the Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Times Square, Natural History Museum, Guggenheim, etc... We knew as “good little tourists” we had to see the Metropolitan Museum of Art. I’m sure many of you have been there so I’ll just hit the high points. We were a bit tired from our many days of gawking at NYC’s offerings. But we thought, why not?

Thanks to our “touristy” NYC Pass we didn’t have to wait in line, and it was cheaper. So, with an antsy 12 year old boy in tow, we started meandering. Bill, the 12 yr. old (now he’s 15), loves music so we went through the extensive Musical Instruments wing. He was somewhat impressed. Pianos abounded. He wanted to play one but that was definitely a no-no. About 5 hours later the place was losing its shine for the 12 year old. After so many rooms filled with Asian, Egyptian, European, and Medieval art, we were all a

bit overwhelmed.

Then we came to the Armory Rooms. Ah, the 12 year old’s interest was sparked if only briefly. He especially liked the large piece called *Armor Nuremberg, 1548*, by Kunz Lochner. Alas, 15 minutes later his interest was starting to wane. Then we entered the “Statue Room”- this is what I called it. I believe it is called the “White Court”. There were so many Greek and Roman artworks to admire. The light in the galleries was so bright, and it just made the whole place shine - all that marble glistening in the afternoon sunlight. *Hercules, AD69-98, Roman*, was especially interesting to me. That is what I still remember - how that room brought new life to the subjects and to our weary group. I loved the Van Goghs and Seurats but the “Statue Room” was my favorite.

Eventually we let the poor 12 year old get out of there, but we wished we lived closer so we could visit our favorite rooms. Something for everyone - especially “good little tourists”!



Chinese Cabbage Salad

(courtesy of Jackie H)

1 three-ounce Top Ramen Oriental soup, chicken flavor
 4 cups shredded cabbage (green, red or a mix of the two)
 4 green onions sliced
 ½ cup shredded cooked chicken breast (optional)
 ½ cup toasted sliced almonds
 Crush noodles slightly and mix the above in a large bowl.

Dressing
 2T toasted sesame seeds
 3T vinegar
 2T sugar
 2T oil
 Salt and pepper to taste

Riverside Art Alliance General Meeting

January 20, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 am by Jackie H.

Evie Guinn talked about the Chinese New Year.

Minutes – Anne D

The minutes were sent in the newsletter. Debby P moved to approve the minutes. Evie G seconded the motion and it passed.

Treasurer's Report – Cathy M

Selena B moved that we give RAM a gift of \$1080 now from the Garden Walk money. Debby P seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Officer/Committee Reports

Nominations – Selena B

Selena reminded members that a slate of future officers was being made. If anyone is interested in serving next year, please call her.

Newsletter – Lori B

Kathi F won the Great Works of Art contest this month.

Membership - Lucile A/Kathy A

No report.

Off-the-Wall – Renee O and Sue S

The event was successful and brought in about the same amount of money this year as last.

Future Events

This committee will be coming up with new fundraising ideas. The members are Mary Ann G, Helen B, Gail S and Donna G.

Holiday Event – Jackie H for Anne D

The event was successful. People enjoyed the lunch and entertainment. The vendors made \$838 for the Art Alliance.

Holiday Ornaments – Kathi F

We have about eight ornaments left. We raised about \$2100.

Banner Sales – Patti F

Patti is currently not taking orders. She will take them again at a later date.

Fun Committee – Kathi F

Bunco is tentatively scheduled for March 24th pending enough interest. On April 30th we will go on the Pasadena Showcase House tour.

Spring Project "The Collectibles Festival" – Shirley

Shirley talked about the art swap and encouraged members to donate items. The three day event will include:

Thursday – Premier Party

Friday – mini antique road show (\$35/item for verbal appraisal) and art swap

Saturday – art swap

The sponsorship letter is going out soon.

Hospitality – Sue P

The February meeting sign-up is circulating.

Clean Team – Debby P

Debby talked about things found in the basement. Some of those items will go into the Art Swap. The next clean team days are Thursday, February 10th from 1 to 3 pm and Friday, February 11 from 1 to 3 pm.

Old Business

none

(January minutes, con't.)

New Business

RAM Update – Jackie H

- The annual giving fund raised almost \$20,000.
- Jackie talked about current exhibitions and related activities.
- The second floor gallery is now known as the Bobby Powell Gallery and is designated as the permanent member’s exhibit gallery.
- The Lunar Fest will be January 28 and 29.

Sure, Why Not? Award – Jackie H

This month the award went to Dana T.

Holiday Banner – Jackie H

Patti F will be looking at the Art Alliance producing a holiday banner.

Announcements

Cyndee M reminded everyone about the Dickens Festival and The Sound of Music opening at Performance Riverside.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lucile A for Anne D, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 1-1-2011	\$14,606.07
INCOME AND EXPENSES	
Income	
Deposits	
Garden Banner Sales	\$166.63
Holiday Luncheon Tickets	\$80.00
Interest Income -January	\$7.50
Total Income	\$254.13
Expenses	
Kathy S - Web Domain Name Renewal	\$76.76
RAM - Donation from Garden Project	\$1,080.00
Katie S - Stamps for Jan. Newsletter	\$39.60
Inland Print Works - Jan. Newsletter	\$81.57
Total Expenses	\$1,277.93
Closing Balance 1-31-2011	\$13,582.27

Sure, Why Not? Art Alliance Award for February

Our Sure Why Not award for February goes to three dynamic women who signed up to chair the annual meeting when an opening for the position arose. I am always amazed and renewed by the volunteer spirit of our club. Jobs arise, and

members step up to complete them. My thanks to the Three Muses of Art Alliance this month: **Katie S**, **Sari K** and **Judie L!**

Calendar

FEBRUARY 2011

17 General Meeting

MARCH 2011

1 Board Meeting

17 General Meeting

29 Board Meeting

APRIL 2011

14 Past Presidents' Tea

21 General Meeting

MAY 2011

3 Board Meeting

5 - 7 Collectibles Festival

19 Annual Meeting

Past Presidents'
Tea

Change of Date

New Date -
Thursday, April 14, 2011

Watch for your invitation in the
mail mid March.

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