

Newsletter

ART ALLIANCE OF THE RIVERSIDE ART MUSEUM

See you at the Annual Meeting, "An Evening in Giverny"
May 26, 2011, on the RAM rooftop.

Thank you volunteers! *by President Jackie H*

May is a time of culmination for me. Our spring project, Collectibles Festival, is over, and the annual meeting is just around the corner. It is hard to believe that my term as president is almost over! I would like to take this opportunity to thank each member of our spring project committee for her gift of time and talent to make this event a successful fundraiser. It indeed takes a committee! While working with this amazing group of ladies, I was reminded often of my theme for the year. For example, when I asked:

"Will you help be in charge of our event?", and Kathy, S, Judy and Jean said, "Sure, why not?"

"Will you be in charge of ticket sales?", and Lucile responded, "Sure, why not?"

"Will you help us with graphics and PR?", and Beth piped up "Sure, why not?"

"We need a person to take care of parking." and Patti volunteered, "Sure, why not?"

"Will you help us with the sponsorship letter and mailing?" and Selina and Doreen stepped up and said "Sure, why not?"

To all of you, your willingness to step up to the plate has made

the difference!

Our annual meeting is a celebration on the rooftop of RAM with "An Evening in Giverny." Claude Monet moved to Giverny, a small village north of Paris in 1883 and lived there until his death in 1926. He cut down pine trees on the property and worked for years to develop an impressive garden which he painted in his characteristic impressionist style. In an interview Money explained:

"I was born undisciplinable. No one was ever able to make me stick to the rules, not even in my youngest days. It was at home that I learned most of what I do know. I equated my college life with that of a prison, and I could never resolve to spend my time there, even for four hours a day when the sun was shining bright, the sea was so beautiful, and it was so good to run along the cliff-tops in the fresh air or frolic in the sea."

May we always recognize and support the artist's sensibility! It has been my pleasure to serve as your president this year. We are a group of dedicated volunteers! Please join us on May 26 to celebrate all our club has done for RAM this year and to welcome Judy F as our next president. A bientot!

Sure, Why Not? Art Alliance Award for May

On Saturday, April 30, forty-one of our members enjoyed a delightful trip to the Pasadena Showcase House. We rode in a comfortable bus, were entertained with games and drawings, and were even given wine and hors d'oeuvres on

the return trip! All of this was made possible by the hard work and determination of one fun lady who receives the Sure Why Not award for May. You are a treasure, Kathi F!

Trip to Pasadena Showcase House was a perfect day of fun

What a perfect day it was in Pasadena. Everyone had a fabulous time touring the newly designed 7,350 square foot house, the beautiful gardens, dining on a delicious lunch and shopping in an exquisite tent full of artistic vendors. We boarded our tour bus and left at 9:00 am sharp. Thanks again, everyone, for being so prompt! On the way we got to know each other better and played games for prizes generously donated by Debbie B-Z...thanks Deb! Just the drive alone from our drop-off point at the Rose Bowl parking lot to the neighborhood was awe inspiring, passing impressive mansions with their glorious landscapes and grounds.

At the Showcase house, the horse stables were converted into a Cottage house that was charming and it was agreed by all that we could all be happy living there! Each room of the 1927 English country manor was designed by a well known designer. The gardens were something to behold and so inviting with several

sitting areas with beautiful flowers and even small babbling brooks meandering around the property. After touring the houses, enjoying a wonderful lunch and walking through the gardens, we all ended up at the Shops at Showcase tent. The vendors were all unique with high quality merchandise at affordable prices. Wares included jewelry, linens, hand-woven baskets, clothing, gourmet items, housewares and lots more. I think everyone came home with a little treat of some kind. We all decided on the way home that we would love to make this a yearly trek but agreed that we needed one more hour to enjoy the many gardens and more time for shopping. So for those of you who could not join us this year, we hope you can do so next year. Can't wait to go back again. Thanks to my committee, Debbie B-Z, Lynne S, Diane K, and Rosemary E, for all your help on this trip - Kathi F, Fun Committee Chair.



Snapshots from
Art Swap at the
Collectibles
Festival,
our spring
fundraiser!



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