

# Newsletter

ART ALLIANCE OF THE RIVERSIDE ART MUSEUM

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## Giving Thanks and Support *by President Jackie H*

"It is the best of times, it is the worst of times..." Charles Dickens had it right. He wrote this almost 150 years ago as the opening sentence to his novel A Tale of Two Cities. He describes human nature at its best and worst in the setting of the French Revolution in the 1770's. All times are filled with contradictions and extremes, and ours is no different.

November is a month when we emphasize our best times. Our national holiday of Thanksgiving allows us to stop and pause and give thanks for all our bounties. I feel extremely fortunate that I have never really experienced want in my life. Our generation has innumerable advantages undreamed of in previous times. In our RAM corner of the world, I am thankful for the amazing group of ladies who make up the Art Alliance. I have made wonderful friends within the group. I marvel at the resources we offer to the museum in manpower and fundraising. We are the best!

We also live in the worst of times. Our political systems are in need of repair. Anyone watching the plethora of negative ads for this month's elections would agree. Our country is at war in which our brave soldiers are tragically killed or maimed. Our economy is hurting, and we struggle to make ends meet and to raise funds when money is so tight. The job of the Art Alliance is a challenging one. We can not be discouraged given these challenges. We can make a positive difference, and we need to continue to be actively involved with our fundraisers. Our Off the Wall event will take place this month. Please plan to sign up to help us and to attend. Our Off the Wall chairperson, Renee Osburn, has worked so hard to make this a successful event. The opening night is on Friday, November 19, only one day after our general meeting. Please join us!

COME MEET  
MR. CHARLES DICKENS  
AT OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Riverside will host the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Dickens Festival January 21, 22 and 23 with new dates and venues. Our featured speaker in November will be the great Charles Dickens himself – or at least a reasonable facsimile in the person of local actor Paul Jacques. Come hear about the many Dickens Festival events including Pickwick's Pub Night , Fezziwigs's Ball, and Victorian Teas happening right here in our city.

Please join us and meet our featured speaker Mr. Paul Jacques for a brief preview of his popular "Meet Mr. Dickens."

November 18, 2010  
Social Time: 6:00 pm  
Program: 6:30 pm  
Business Meeting: 7:00 pm  
At the Riverside Art Museum

Hope to see you at this exciting program!  
Margo C, Program Chair

## November's Sure Why Not? Award Winner

This month's Sure Why Not? Award goes to a vibrant new member. She has stepped up to the plate and volunteered for two important jobs this month. She helped organize the museum's **nooks and crannies** on the Clean Team under Debby P's direction. She also volunteered to take charge of the "Sell Your **Gold Jewelry**" event for our Collectible Festival in May. She has a history of leadership positions, not only as past **Junior League president**, but also as an **elementary school principal**. We very much appreciate your enthusiasm. Hat's off for Jean A

## Art Alliance members assist in de-cluttering museum

RAM Executive Director MJ Abraham asked our president Jackie H for help to clean out the various closets in the building. Debby P stepped up and gathered a hard-working group of organizational experts! Many thanks goes to Cindy S, Judy F, Lucile A, Doreen A, Jackie H, Suzi C and Jean A who helped the first week of November. They spent one morning and an afternoon going through the boxes in the closet off the front staircase. Financial reports were organized and boxed for storage and information from previous exhibit notebooks were sorted and boxed. Other boxes were sent to the shredder.

Extra exhibit invitations and promotional materials will be available at the November general meeting. Come see if you can use any of them for a school or home art project. And, if you are interested in helping clean out another area of RAM after the first of the year, contact Debby P.

## First annual Inland Empire Lunar New Year Festival to be held in downtown Riverside

On January 29th, 2011, the Asian Pacific Lunar New Year Festival will kick off an historic celebration in beautiful downtown Riverside as part of a month-long cultural celebration to commemorate Asian American's contribution to Riverside and the Inland Empire.

Visitors to downtown Riverside will be transported to the beauty of the Ancient Orient, beginning with a spectacular lunar parade, traditional Asian music, dance performances, art displays and day long exhibitions of Karate, Kung Fu, Kabuki, Taekwondo and a range of thrilling Asian themed demonstrations of various kinds conducted by community groups and professionals alike.

For more information please visit [www.lunarfestriverside.com](http://www.lunarfestriverside.com).



Coming Soon!



Parade

Music

Asian Market

Fashion Show

Children's Village

Arts and Cultural Displays

Tea Pavilions

Live Performances

Fireworks

Food



Riverside's 1st Annual Asian Pacific Lunar New Year Festival

# Lunar Fest

Celebrating Inland Empire's Asian Pacific Cultural Heritage and Contributions

Downtown Riverside  
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, January 29, 2011

Free Admission!



For more information on Sponsorships, Marketing, Retail/Food or to participate in the performances, please visit:

[www.LunarFestRiverside.org](http://www.LunarFestRiverside.org)

## The second annual 2010 ornaments are here!

The "Historic Skyline of Riverside" orange ornament is absolutely beautiful and even better than last year's ornament. The detail is amazing and includes all the well known buildings of Riverside swaddled in orange groves. The artist is Patricia Sablak Korzec. The ornaments will sell again for \$25 plus tax which includes a green velvet box.

Last year we sold all 108 ornaments and this year we ordered 144. Forty three people have already reserved an ornament, therefore we have 101 available and we anticipate they will go fast so please do not hesitate if you wish to purchase one. They make wonderful gifts for friends and family of Riverside. You may contact Kathi F [if you wish to reserve or purchase an ornament.](#)



The ornaments will be on sale at the following  
dates and locations:

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting at Jackie H's home (board members only)

Nov 18<sup>th</sup> General Meeting (come early !!)

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Off the Wall Opening Sale Party - 6:00 - 8:00 p

December 11<sup>th</sup> Holiday Luncheon

## ART SWAP

Did you ever feel overwhelmed by all the “stuff” in your closets?

Do you have a mother, sister or aunt who would like to clean out their cupboards?

If so, then Art Swap is for you!

Clean your closets and make some money back on your treasures!

Starting with the November 18<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, we are collecting any items you wish to donate to Art Swap. Remember, you can donate just about any kind of art piece you wish—be it a painting or print (we all have some of those in the closet, don't we?), glass, jewelry or small antiques.

Start your pre-Christmas closet cleaning today, and save items for Art Swap. If you need help or more information, please call Kathy A at 784-7377.

## Garden banners in two sizes make great Christmas gifts!

The Banner Project banners which were reproduced into small garden banners last year are now available in two sizes!

**Small garden banner** - 1' wide X 2 1/2' long,  
\$30 or \$40 w/garden stake

**Large garden banner** - 1 1/2' wide x 3 3/4' long,  
\$45 or \$60 w/banner pole and hanging bracket

If you would like to see the entire catalog of banners, and or place an order please contact Patti F

Patti will probably

be placing orders weekly. Please allow three weeks to receive your banners. Orders for Christmas must be placed by December 7th.

Patti will most likely be putting orders together on Mondays, so keep this in mind when contacting her!

## New rules for Great Works of Art Contest

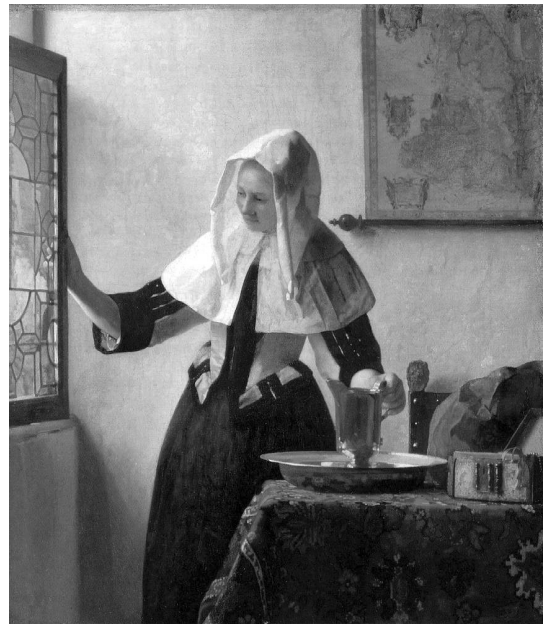
There is no need to rush to your computer! The winner of the Great Works of Art Contest will **no longer be the first** member to email the correct answers. Instead she will be determined by a drawing at the November general meeting. To become eligible for the drawing, submit **title** and **artist** of the two works of art on this page to Lori Beilby at [loribeilby@yahoo.com](mailto:loribeilby@yahoo.com) by November 18th. The names of **all** members with correct answers will be placed in the drawing. Good luck!

Congratulations to October's art expert, Kathy B. She was the first to correctly identify Robert Motherwell's *Elegy to the Spanish Republic, No. 110*, and Mary Cassatt's *The Bath*.



1. This work of art was made in 1959. The artist was an American who came into prominence in the 1950s during the transition from Abstract Expressionism to Pop Art. Both a painter and a sculptor, he was well-known for employing non-traditional materials and objects in innovative combinations. He also worked in printmaking, papermaking, and performance. He was awarded the National Medal of Arts in 1993.

2. This painting was rendered in 1665. The artist was a Dutch Baroque painter who specialized in domestic interior scenes of ordinary life. He spent his entire life in the town of Delft. This artist was only a moderately successful provincial painter during his lifetime and left his wife and children in debt at the time of his death. He was rediscovered nearly 200 years after his death, and now he is acknowledged as one of the greatest painters of the Dutch Golden Age.



We know there are decades of delicious recipes in our members files. Submit one of your own or ask an Art Alliance friend to share her signature dish with the membership!

Email your recipes to Lori B

## Cheddar-Cayenne Coins

Yield: about 4 dozen

Art Alliance ladies were wild about these cheese crackers that Beth Kollmyer shared at a recent spring fundraiser meeting!

6 oz. (1 1/3 C) all-purpose flour  
 3 oz. (about 1 1/4 C) finely shredded sharp Cheddar (or half Cheddar and half Parmigiano-Reggiano)  
 1 tsp. salt  
 1/8 to 1/4 tsp. cayenne  
 4 oz. (1/2 C) unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces  
 1 large egg yolk  
 2 Tbs. water  
 1 1/2 oz. (1/3 C) medium finely chopped walnuts  
 Kosher salt for sprinkling (optional)

Combine the flour, cheese, salt and cayenne in a food processor. Process until just blended. Add the butter pieces and pulse until the dough resembles coarse crumbs. Stir the yolk and water together with a fork and drizzle over the mixture. Pulse until the dough begins to form small moist crumbs. Add the chopped nuts and pulse briefly until the crumbs begin to come together.

Pile the moist crumbs on an unfloured work surface. With the heel of your hand, push and gently smear the crumbs away from you until they start to come together in a cohesive dough. Using a pastry scraper or a metal spatula, lift up one edge of the dough and fold it into the center (the dough will still be rough, so don't expect a neat, smooth fold). Repeat with the opposite edge, like folding a letter. Turn the dough 45°. Give the dough another smearing and shape it into a 14-inch log that's 1 1/4 inches in diameter. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate until firm, about 4 hours, or up to 2 days. (The dough may also be frozen for up to a month and then thawed for about an hour on the counter or in the refrigerator overnight).

Heat the oven to 375°. Line 2 large baking sheets with parchment. Using a thin sharp knife, cut the log into scant 1/4-inch slices. Arrange about 1/2 inch apart on the prepared sheets. Bake until medium to deep golden around the edges, 15 to 20 minutes, rotating the sheets as needed for even baking. If you like, sprinkle the crackers with a little kosher salt just as the baking sheets come out of the oven. Set the sheets on racks to cool. When the coins are completely cool, store them in an airtight container.

# Riverside Art Alliance General Meeting

October 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:22 pm by Jackie H.

Margo C introduced Barbara Burns, a docent trainer at the Mission Inn. She talked about the origins of the hotel which was built by Frank Miller. Much of the furnishings and décor came from all over the world. Ms. Burns brought samples of art from the collection and talked about their acquisition and restoration.

Minutes – Anne D

The minutes were sent in the newsletter Selina B moved to approve the minutes. Rosie R seconded the motion and it passed.

Treasurer's Report – Cathy M

We had little income and few expenses in September.

## Officer/Committee Reports

Membership - Lucile A/Kathy A

Kathy acknowledged the new members present. Before the meeting the new members toured the museum.

Newsletter – Lori B

We had our first electronic mailing this month. The newsletter was emailed to 50 members. Kathy Bocian won the Great Works of Art contest this month.

Off-the-Wall – Renee O

Sign-in sheets were circulated. Right now help is needed for refreshments and opening night.

Holiday Event – Anne D

The event will be held Saturday, December 11 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. We will have more vendors than last year. Caffeinated Cabaret will be back to perform. Tickets are \$40. The tables will hold eight people. However, we can accommodate groups of nine

or ten as well.

Small Banner Sales – Patti F

Patti has books available showing the 118 pieces of art available for banners. The garden banners are \$40 with garden stakes and \$30 without stake. Patti is waiting on a price for a larger hanging banner. The banners will be available at Off-the-Wall and the Holiday Luncheon. Patti is in the process of contacting the artist to let them know about the banners. She would appreciate help making these calls.

Spring Project "The Collectibles Festival" – Shirley S/  
Kathy A

Kathy talked about the Art Swap portion of the fundraiser. They will accept all types of art and the seller will determine the price of each piece. Proceeds will be divided between the seller and the Art Alliance. You can begin bringing pieces now.

Shirley will be in another gallery with an Antique Roadshow type of event. Appraisers will be looking at items for a fee. We are also looking for a jeweler who will buy gold. Part of each of these fees will go to the Art Alliance.

The dates have not been determined. It may be at the end of April. There will be a reception the Thursday before. Each member will be asked to purchase two tickets.

Hospitality –Sue P

Dolores J has been ill and can no longer help with hospitality. Cyndee M and Lynn S will be helping Sue the rest of the year.

**Old Business**

none

**New Business**

(October minutes, con't.)

**Sure Why Not Award – Jackie H**

This month the recipient is Patti F. She is a new board member serving as the communications chair. Additionally, she is on the holiday luncheon committee. She took on the small banners and she is working on parking logistics for the spring project.

**Clean Team – Jackie H**

Jackie toured the museum recently with MJ. There is stuff jammed in nooks and crannies all over the museum. We will choose one area and go through all the items in that area. Debby said “sure, why not”. So Debby will be soliciting help for this task.

**Announcements/Calendar:**

**Calendar of Exhibits & Events**

November 2	Board meeting, Jackie’s home, 5 pm
November 12-13	Artist Intake for Off-the-Wall
November 18	General meeting
November 19	Off-the-Wall Opening
December 11	Holiday Luncheon

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne D, Secretary

	<b>Beginning Balance 10-1-2010</b>	<b>\$8,682.44</b>
	<b>INCOME AND EXPENSES</b>	
	<b>Income</b>	
	<b>Deposits</b>	
	Membership Dues	\$165.00
	Garden Banner Sales	\$210.00
	Holiday Ornament	\$25.00
	Holiday Luncheon	\$440.00
	Interest Income -August	\$4.08
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$844.08</b>
	<b>Check # Expenses</b>	
	4804 Christine C (Directory Postage)	\$70.98
	4805 A&H Rentals (Holiday Luncheon Deposit)	\$100.00
	4806 RAM (Membership Reimbursement)	\$40.00
	4807 Inland PrintWorks (Oct. Newsletter)	\$119.63
	4808 Caliwind Group (Christmas Ornaments)	\$735.20
	4809 Katie S (Oct. Newsletter Stamps)	\$35.20
	4810 Patti F (Copying and Supplies for Garden Banners)	\$24.83
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,125.84</b>
	<b>Closing Balance 10-31-2010</b>	<b>\$8,400.68</b>

Treasurer's Report



# Calendar

## **NOVEMBER 2010**

- 12-13 Artist Intake for Off the Wall
- 18 General Meeting
- 19 Off the Wall opening

## **DECEMBER 2010**

- 2 Arts Walk Members Appreciation Sale
- 3-4 Artist pickup for Off the Wall
- 7 Board Meeting
- 11 Holiday luncheon

## **JANUARY 2011**

- 4 Board Meeting
- 20 General Meeting (luncheon meeting)

## **FEBRUARY 2011**

- 1 Board Meeting
- 17 General Meeting

## **MARCH 2011**

- 1 Board Meeting
- 17 General Meeting
- 29 Board Meeting

## **APRIL 2011**

- TBD Spring project
- 21 General Meeting

## **MAY 2011**

- 3 Board Meeting
- 5 Past Presidents' Tea
- 19 Annual Meeting

## **JUNE 2011**

- TBD Board Meeting (In and Out)

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