

# NEWSLETTER

## ART ALLIANCE OF THE RIVERSIDE ART MUSEUM

### President's Message by Judy F

The holidays are fast upon us....so much to do and so little time. Since we do not meet In December, I hope everyone will support the Holiday Luncheon. Anne Deem and her committee have worked hard to present another fabulous event. You can do some last minute shopping with wonderful array of vendors. They will be there from 10:00 until 12:00.

Off the Wall kicks off the 19<sup>th</sup>. Art for holiday gifts...great idea. This is a major project and you can still sign up to help. There are many areas that still need volunteers, so sign on the dotted line.

This month we feature art and creativity in the garden. The garden of Shirley and Al S is a treat for the eyes. Shirley is the creative one and Al is the engineer, making everything work.

As you relax on the patio by the pool, you are surrounded by beautiful plants, tree, and accessories. There are wonderful details; swirled blue glass solar lights and small spheres with star cutouts. You are in for a surprise as you head for the lower garden. You proceed down the steps that are made from concrete recycled from the driveway. The railings are beautiful cedar branches. A tree was felled and the branches salvaged,



stripped of the bark, and then varnished. Fabulous! You proceed down the steps you enter a whimsical place. Here is a window sculpture made from windows purchased years ago and saved for the perfect use. Close by is a huge chess set on a board of gray and black slate tile. The 22 foot slide from the upper to the lower garden is a child's delight. The grand daughters love it, but adults have been known to take the plunge. The next "room" features large tables covered with metal sheeting. These tables were recycled from Gottshalks when it closed. The perfect entertainment area. There is even a "hidden" sink. Elephant obelisks stand guard on each side of the entrance to an arbor tunnel covered with trumpet vine. The little girls love it with tiny lights showing the way. Next you encounter the greenhouse filled with orchids. This is Al's hobby. This garden is a place to relax, study the sky and stars. It is a special place to stabilize your life and connect to what is important.

*"Everyone needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul." John Muir*

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**“OFF THE WALL”**



**“2011 OFF THE WALL”**

**Off the Wall, Jr. & Art & Sole**

A Great **BIG** Thank You to all who have volunteered to staff, intake, install and ....  
As you know the list just goes on, and on, and on! And, I am truly grateful for all the help our amazing Art Alliance members and RAM staff do to make this the very best, most fun, fund raising event of the year!

I'm sure you all know – but just in case:

**Premier Sale Night is Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
and this year it includes our artist shoe auction - **Art & Sole!**  
Along with **Off the Wall, Jr.**

**Thanks too to all our Sponsors!** We are ahead of our last years totals and I probably don't need to remind you - If you still would like to be a sponsor and enjoy the reception and have early entry privileges – IT'S NOT TOO LATE! Just let me know!

By the time you read this – we'll be just a week or two from starting intake & install – rolling right in to the actual event!

So - **SPREAD THE NEWS!** Invite EVERYONE to come during the sale – there will be many, many wonderful works that will make terrific Holiday presents! And if you know of any artists who might not know about our event – we have extra cards and invitations at the front desk.

**Let's all make this the best, most profitable and fun event ever!**

p.s. I could REALLY use some help in keeping our volunteers during intake & install happy and fed! Can YOU bring a case of soda or water, or some cheese & crackers, or a few bags of chips, or maybe a pan of brownies, or whatever ?? We've only had 2 members sign-up for snacks, and as most of you are moms, you know, if we keep them fed & happy, they will WORK! Thanking you all in advance – just let me know if you can help (or just bring your goodies on Friday or Saturday, Nov. 11 or 12!).

See you all Friday, November 18 for the opening sale!!

Sue

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2011 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Join Friends for  
 Holidays in the Galleries

Saturday, December 10, 2011 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Riverside Art Museum

Featuring Musical Entertainment by David Burnham

*Burnham's dazzling singing and acting combine to charm the pants off everyone onstage and in the audience. He's the type of actor who, when he smiles, you could swear sunlight glints off his teeth and his infectious energy makes the whole thing believable. – The Hollywood Reporter*



David Burnham

Enjoy holiday shopping, champagne & sparkling cider, a festive holiday lunch and excellent entertainment.

Mail reservation and a \$45 check to Lee Levin at: 5984 Windemere Way, Riverside, CA 92506, Messages: 951-683-5828, Or bring reservation and check to the November General Meeting. Reservations will close December 1 or until the event is sold-out.

Holiday Luncheon Vendors

Hours 10 - 12

Tiles, art	Joanna Mersereau
jewelry, notecards, sketches	Marty Tobias
glass art	Judy Davies, Monica Gargicebich
Jewelry & mixed media	Carla Bender
Photograph cards	Andrea Brown
Raincross linens	Andrea McCormick
Garden cards	Lia Boucher
Garden banners	Patti Funder
Christmas ornaments and cookies	Kathi Friser
Mosaics	Cathy Maxwell
Weaving	Ellen Finan
Flowers/centerpieces	Robin Masiewicz Flowers for you
Purses	Lori Beilby
Jewelry	Larkin Martin, Alicia Tom

**MINUTES**

**GENERAL MEETING, OCTOBER 20, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 pm by Judy Fish.

**Program - Gloria R**

Gloria introduced quest speaker, Brenda Buller-Focht, Curator of Collections and Exhibitions at the Metropolitan Museum. Brenda shared some Museum background and discussed the current museum exhibit, "Beyond Craft: American Indian Women Artists", the artists' background and description of the individual crafts on display. Members signed up for a tour of the exhibit on Friday, October 26th at 3:00 pm

**Minutes – Doreen A**

The minutes were included in the newsletter. Accepted with no corrections.

**Treasurer's Report – Carolyn P**

September was a quiet month, membership deposit, ornament funds coming together, directory and newsletter basic supplies. \$5,966.48 balance in treasury. Full financial budget available but is also included in directory. Anne D moved that we accept the budge; Shirley S seconded the motion and it passed with no corrections.

**Officer/Committee Reports**

**Directory – Chris C**

Directories available for those who need one.

**Newsletter – Kathy C**

November 1 is the submission deadline. 45 Newsletters mailed, balance sent via email. Some members have not received theirs by mail.

**Off the Wall – Jean A for Sue S**

Three short weeks till intake and kickoff. Intake, Nov. 11, 12, Fri/Sat. Sign-up sheets in the back. \$7500 in sponsorship to date, not too late to sponsor. Members please share info with anyone interested. Postcards available on table, distributed downtown and at Arts Walk. Postcard will be mailed this week, extras available. Please sign up for intake and installation. Needs are water, cookies, crackers. Kathy B has distributed a flyer to UCR art grad students requesting volunteers; Denise K requesting help her art students. Need husbands to volunteer and anyone else. Need a copier to help with intake; if anyone has a small one we cold use for Friday and Sat Nov 11 & 12. Also need a volunteer to assist with staffing, call Sue if interested and need volunteers to make phone call reminders.

**Holiday Event – Anne D**

Excited to get David Burnham, musical entertainer for our Holiday Brunch. "cost for event \$45, great meal, being with friends and kicking off the holidays.....priceless". Date is Sat. December 10, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Art Museum. Donations requested for silent auction such as a beach house, store gift certificate etc., rather than items.

**Holiday Ornament – Kathi F**

Ornaments on display table. Place your order or pick up if you have already paid

**Hospitality – Katie S**

Thanked those for donations; requested signups for entire year's meeting.

**Membership – Jean A/Sue P**

Three new members were introduced: Sharon S (who was also introduced at the Sept. meeting). Marilyn J, sponsored by her mother Gloria S and Emmanelle (ER) R was introduced by her sponsor Judie L.

**Old Business**

Banner Project  
Banners on hand are available for purchase. Catalog is available for placing orders for Christmas gifts or just general buying. Banners will not be available to purchase after Christmas.

**New Business**

Sari K circulated a sign-up sheet for Lee L, Chair of **Future Projects**. The sign-up sheet is for those interested in serving on the Future Projects committee. Also, please share any ideas you may have for future projects, especially the 2013 Spring project with Lee.

**Announcements/Calendar:**

Nov. 1	Board Meeting, Judy Fish's House
Nov. 12, 13 and 14	"Off the Wall" intake
Nov. 17	General Meeting
Nov. 18	"Off the Wall" Opening Sale
Dec. 10	Holiday Luncheon

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:25. pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
A, Secretary





RAM NEWS

*Dear Art Alliance -*

I am sure by now that you are aware that our RAM Executive Director, MJ Abraham, has resigned to retire and pursue other interests. MJ will continue in her position through the end of November.

On behalf of the Board we would like to thank MJ for her leadership the last three years. MJ stepped in when Daniel Foster resigned to take a new position with the Community Foundation and has done a terrific job in increasingly difficult economic times of reorganizing finances and business practices . MJ has also has put together a terrific staff team to carry us forward. We wish MJ every success in the future, wherever her path takes her.

Please be assured that the RAM Board and staff will continue to work diligently to ensure as seamless a transition as possible. The Board has formed a search committee and has begun the process of finding a new Director to carry us forward. We hope to make a selection as quickly as possible but also want to find the very best candidate available. Additionally, we are working on interim plans to handle the day to day operations during the transition following MJ's departure and the signing of an new Director.

Please feel free to contact me at any time for updates on our progress.

Thank you all for your support as we make this transition.

Sincerely,

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**Art Alliance of the Riverside Art  
Museum**

**November 17, 2011**

**6:00 Social Time**

**6:30 Program & Meeting**



**Our Guest: Kathryn Gage**

The speaker for November's Art Alliance meeting will be **Kathryn Gage**. She will talk about the Eliza Tibbets statue recently placed on the Main Street Mall. From its inception to its installation the story about the statue is as interesting as the story of the life of Eliza Tibbets herself.

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