



The Wonder of Art

President: Ruth Ann Ryan

January 2024

Happy New Year to all. I am hoping you all will enjoy health, prosperity and peace in 2024!

Please join us at our annual luncheon in honor of Julia Morgan on January 18th at 12 noon. This year our luncheon, which serves as our January General Meeting, will be held at The Cheech and our speaker will be RAM's Curator, Lisa Henry. I look forward to greeting you all there!

As usual, there are several exciting things the Art Alliance will be doing in the first half of the new year. The Nominating Committee has begun it's work to fill the upcoming board positions. If you would like to help or are interested in serving on our wonderful board, please contact Linda Kieding.

Art Market 2024 is in the planning stages and the committees are busily preparing for this event that is in it's 9th year as a very successful fundraiser! The event will be returning to White Park on April 13th. We need a lot of people to bring this wonderful event to fruition so please consider sponsoring and volunteering the day of the event.

Many thanks to the people who attended our Holiday event. It was so much fun and filled with good cheer, delicious food and a wonderful opportunity drawing! Special thanks to the organizing committee headed by Anne Deem and Pam Kaptain for your leadership.

Gratefully, Ruth Ann Ryan
President, Art Alliance

SPRING FUNDRAISER



Art Market, 2024 is scheduled at White Park on April 13th from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Plans have been progressing over the last couple of months. We now have 67 artist vendors, a record amount this early in registration history.

Entertainment will include: Ballet Folklorico, Stephen Parker and his band Chimera, and the Ukes of Hazard and a Lone Guitar. Food, Beer and Wine will be available for purchase. The Children's Pavilion will offer free children's

crafts. Many of our artist vendors have offered to donate some of their works for a silent auction.

You are probably wondering "How Can I help?". Here are a few things for you to consider:

1. **Become an Art Market sponsor** – there are many costs linked to this free to the public event. Your generous sponsorship will help defray the expenses for EZ ups, tables, chairs, children's art supplies, entertainment equipment, city and county fees. Sponsorship letters will be arriving in your mailbox this month!
2. **Become an Art Market volunteer** – volunteer opportunities include support to the artist vendors, greeting the public, assisting with set up and take down, rounding on the vendors and much more. We will be starting to recruit Art Alliance volunteers at the January Potluck Lunch

3. **Find a potential Art Market vendor** – if you know of an artist that you think would make a good addition to the day, recruit them. Artists can register on the Riverside Art Museum web site!
4. **Attend this year's Art Market with all your friends and family!**

This year's Art Market will be a fun event in a beautiful setting. Please be a part of it!

Debra Johnson and Kathy Christmas, Co-chairs

ART ALLIANCE PROGRAM

January 18, 2024

The Cheech

Please join us at 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM for our luncheon potluck and program presentation, followed by our general business meeting. Our program will be presented by Lisa Henry, RAM curator.

Lisa Henry lhenry@riversideartmuseum.org

Lisa Henry is pictured here at the June Edmonds exhibition, *Rhythmic Inquisitions*, which was on view at RAM in the fall of 2022.

An independent curator based in Southern California; Henry was formerly Assistant Curator for American Art at the Newark Museum. She has been a guest curator and art consultant for institutions on both the east and west coasts including The Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT, The High Museum of Art, in Atlanta, The California African American Museum, The UCLA Hammer Museum and The Japanese American National Museum, among others. Since 2016, she has guest curated several



exhibitions at Riverside Art Museum including Visual Voice and June Edmonds: Rhythmic Inquisitions.

Her presentation to the Riverside Art Museum's Art Alliance will include an overview of her curatorial journey and an overview of the upcoming exhibitions at RAM.

r.mike nichols

Your attendance qualifies you for an opportunity drawing for Art Alliance General Meetings!!

r. mike nichols is generously donating an original pen and ink sketch for each month of the Riverside Art Alliance meetings during the 2023-24 year. The winner for each month will be decided by our monthly raffle for attendance at the general meetings.

r. mike nichols is a Riverside institution and a former longtime employee of the main branch of the Riverside Public Library. His artist biography may be found at <https://mnico.weebly.com/>

HOSPITALITY January 18 2024 Potluck

Hello Art Alliance members and Happy New Year!

Don't forget about our annual potluck at the next general meeting at the Cheech, Thursday January 18th from 12:00 to 1:30 with a business meeting to follow.

We decided to try something different this year for sign up. If your birth year ends in an odd number please bring any salad of your choosing. If it ends in an even number please bring something sweet. I will be doing wine inventory this week. If you don't hear from us...we should be good. That being said, if you have any wine you would like to bring please feel free to bring it. Red wine is no longer allowed at the museum. It can always go into our inventory for the next meeting.

See you soon!

Andrea , Heidi & Belen

BLUE DOOR MUSEUM STORE

Raymond Fernandez, the featured artist for the Blue Door Museum Store, was born and raised in Santa Monica, CA. Raymond had done art shows and commissioned work throughout Southern California. "My urge to create is a need to bring up from the depths of some otherly intelligence or higher self; a point of view that would only die alone with the walls of my skull if it weren't for the spiritual journey and expression of my art. My style varies but my heart is steady in my hope to convey a vision of love, beauty, joy and mystery. i do what I do as a form of healing expression of love that I hope translates to others."



MEMBERSHIP

Hello Art Alliance members

Happy New Year!

Please welcome new member Yvette Dubel. Yvette is a supporting member. She describes herself as "an Artist-Researcher who has applied her broad knowledge to many aspects of social innovation. She is currently focusing on the launch of a progressive think tank that advances prototyping social solutions using art based methodologies. The first target, exploring the intersectionality of domestic violence and homelessness prevention by

supporting survivors because 50% of unhoused women in Riverside is due to DV. As a Personal Innovation Mentor she supports creative change agents on making how you are work for you to maximize and redefine productivity and success.” Yvette’s response to the question of “are you an artist?” was a “interdisciplinary art as inquiry”

Please add to your directories:

Yvette Dubel

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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



It was a lovely way to usher in the holidays with our annual Holiday Luncheon! On Sunday December 10th, 75 Art Alliance members and guests gathered at the Cheech for a wonderful meal catered by Blackberry Farms with music provided by the UCR Jazz Combo. An amazing number of prizes for the opportunity drawing were provided, as noted here:

1. Tahitian Pearl set in 14K gold by Sandy Schnack
2. Bracelets by Pam Kaptain
3. Painting by Gary Rainsbarger
4. Fused glass necklace by Lucile Arntzen
5. Painting by Chick Curtis
6. 'Worn Out' Painting Mike Nichols
7. Santa Claus Painting by Helen Bell
8. Painting by Denise Kraemer
9. Cut and Style by Marie Peacock
10. Dan Bernstein’s book and his appearance at your book club
11. Music from Stephen and his partner at your event (2 hour) Chimera bag
12. Garden sphere by Cyndi Phelps
13. Charcuterie board from Emmanuel Reynolds

14. The Nature of Things \$100 gift certificate
15. Fused glass piece by Judy Davies
16. Vintage Mini Chest from Anon
17. A variety of four appetizers for up to 12 people at an event of your choice from Kathy Bocian and Patty Funder
18. \$50 gift card from Art's Bar and Grill
19. Painting by Shala Mansuri

With the generous participation of our guests in the opportunity drawings, Anne Deem, Pam Kaptain and Phyllis Crabtree were able to report a good profit (\$600 approximately) from the luncheon. A fun fund raiser!

UPCOMING ARTIST EVENTS

Please stay posted for upcoming exhibitions featuring Art Alliance artists!

MINUTES: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes from the November 2023 General Meeting were submitted by Teresa Chameic, Secretary. These will be reviewed and approved at the January 2024 meeting. Please email kathleen.bocian@gmail.com if you cannot read this file. Thank you.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Talk January 2024

2024 started off on a very positive note. The Board approved the attached November and December financials. The December financials show the Art Market reconciliation transfer. This brought the profit from Art Market 2023 to just under \$27,000. We gave RAM

\$15,000 in May in projected anticipation of the profit. The Board approved the additional donation of \$12,000. Congratulations to Kathy Christmas and her team on a very successful event.

The Holiday Event held at the Cheech on December 10th also proved to be very successful on several levels. Not only was it beautiful and enjoyed by all that attended, but the very generous donations for the Opportunity Raffle also meant that the event ended up over \$600 in the black. Kudos to Pam Kaptain, Anne Deem, and Phyllis Crabtree for all their work.

Reconciliation for ARToberfest is well underway and close to finishing. My hope is to be able to realize the profit this month and make our donation to RAM in February.

To a prosperous 2024 for Art Alliance and RAM.

Pam Balys, Treasurer

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CALENDAR

- Art Alliance General Meeting and Potluck Luncheon: The Cheech, Thursday, January 17, 2024 12:00 to 1:30. Presentation by Lisa Henry, Curator, Riverside Art Museum.
- Art Market Committee Meeting: The Cheech, Thursday, January 17, 2024, 2:00 - 3:00
- Riverside Arts Walk: Riverside Art Museum: The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Thursday, February 1, 2024, 6:00 – 9:0
- First Sunday: The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Sunday, February 4, 2024 1:00 – 4:00 PM.
- Art Alliance General Meeting: Julia Morgan Building, February 15, 2024 6:00 – 6:30 (Social) 6:30-7:00, Presentation by Dan Bernstein, 7:00 – 7:30, Business meeting

OFELIA VALDEZ-YEAGER

- Dear Art Alliance members,

As some of you may know by now, Ofelia Valdez Yeager passed away on January 7th. She had been ill, according to her family, since April with a rare form of anemia. Ofelia, in addition to being a warm and wonderful woman and immediate past president of the Board of RAM, was the force behind so much of the fundraising that resulted in the opening of The Cheech. She was a good friend to the Art Alliance and a passionate supporter of the arts in Riverside. She will be missed beyond measure. I hope you will join me in honoring her.

Thank you,
Ruth Ann Ryan
President, Art Alliance

Friday January 26th
10am Mass
St Francis de Sales Catholic Church
4268 Lime Street, Riverside

12pm Memorial Service
UCR Student Recreation Center
900 University Avenue (corner of Linden and Aberdeen)

“In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Riverside Art Museum and The Cheech Center to honor Ofelia’s legacy.”

<https://riversideartmuseum.org/ofelia/>

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