



The Wonder of Art

ART ALLIANCE of the Riverside Art Museum



Well, here we are in the midst of autumn - though you wouldn't know it by the warm Southern California temperatures. However, the pumpkins and Halloween decorations are a give-away!

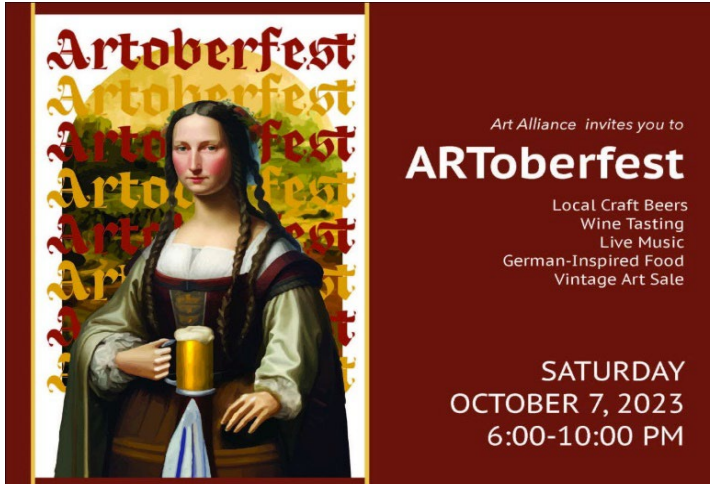
The Art Alliance is busily at work with our fall fundraiser and plans for the remainder of the year. By the time you read this, we will have had our wonderful ARToberfest that will have been a success enjoyed by all, I'm sure.

Next, we will be setting up the Blue Door Store for the holiday sales. Congratulations are in order for the Blue Door's record-breaking profit and donation to RAM in the last fiscal year. Remember to do your shopping at the store when it opens for the holiday sales on November 8th!

Please join us at the Julia Morgan Building on October 19th at 6pm for our Art Alliance General Meeting. Enjoy some socialization, snacks and libations and listen to our featured speaker, Charles Bibbs whose art work will amaze you.

Happy Halloween and Feliz Dia de los Muertos! **October 2023**
President: Ruth Ann Ryan

FALL FUNDRAISER



To say that the ARToberfest was a tremendous success is a tremendous understatement. Sponsorships totaled approximately \$ 31,000. We sold or offered to sponsors 296 presale entry tickets, sold 70 walk-up tickets, and had to turn people away. Drink ticket sales are estimated at \$3000. We 'licked the platter

clean' in terms of food, beer and wine; the craft breweries were emptied out and thrilled with the crowd size and tastings. We sold 235 pieces of donated art for \$2670, which means that not only are our closets neater, but treasured art has found a new loving home. Several casual strollers stopped to hear the music from the Brassworks Band and as you can see from the pictures, it was a beautiful evening of art, beer and wine, German inspired food and FUN that spilled outside of our beloved Julia Morgan RAM building. The crowd included LOTS of people who were young and new to Art Alliance/RAM events. WIN, WIN, WIN!!

The dust is still settling at the time of this newsletter, but tremendous thanks are due to Kathy Allavie and her committee for ARToberfest, RAM staff (including Drew, Val, Caryn, Laura, Annie and others too numerous to mention), La Bodega, Gazzolo's Sausage Company and Restaurant, Brassworks Band and the craft breweries: Euryale, Carbon Nation, Packinghouse, Route 30 and Thompson. Check later newsletters for definitive fiscal reports. Umpah!



ART ALLIANCE PROGRAM

October 19th 2023 RAM Art Alliance Gallery

Please join us at 6:00 PM for a social hour and from 6:30 -7:00 for a presentation from our featured artist.

Charles Bibbs

<https://www.cbibbs.com/pages/about-bibbs>



CHARLES A. BIBBS

ARTIST STATEMENT

“For me, I feel a deep sense of responsibility to create pieces that eloquently speak to the soul and convey powerful messages.

“I have always said “that my most important goal as an artist is to make profound aesthetic art statements that are ethnically rooted and at the same time, arouse spiritual emotions in the viewers. I want to tell stories in my art that mirror the Black Experience while maintaining a unique and personal artistic style; therefore, I am constantly developing my own art language, the “Bibbs” language, which promises to take the viewer on an extraordinary journey and leave them with a distinctive and unforgettable experience.”

Charles Bibbs Exhibition Dates: November 3, 2023 – March 10, 2024



SACRED SPACES:
The Work and Collection
of Charles Bibbs

Presenting sponsor
PNC BANK

Please join us at the
exhibition reception:
Friday, November 3, 2023
6:00–8:00 p.m.

This landmark exhibition will present a range of works from acclaimed artist Charles Bibbs' personal art collection as well as the artist's own original paintings and drawings. Sacred Spaces displays Bibbs' life-long love of contemporary art and artists in order to share his creative values with the public.

A majestic series honoring Black women, Civil Rights paintings and The Gift 4 are among the works Bibbs' will spotlight in Sacred Spaces.

Image: Charles Bibbs, *The Gift 4*, 1995

CLICK HERE TO RSVP
Please RSVP by October 23rd

RAM THE RIVERSIDE ART MUSEUM
Riverside Art Museum
3425 Mission Inn Avenue
Riverside, CA 92501

This landmark exhibition, filling three galleries of the Riverside Art Museum, presents a range of works from Charles Bibbs' personal art collection as well as the artist's own original paintings and drawings. Through *Sacred Spaces* Bibbs shares his life-long love of contemporary art and the creative values that guide his own work.

Several of Bibbs' iconic works celebrating the black community are presented throughout the Members' Gallery and the Bobbie Powell and Devean Galleries. Highlights include the totemic work *Power & Glory*, the wistful *Bagman* paintings, and a majestic series honoring Black women.

Among the pieces from Bibbs' personal collection are classic humanist works by Samella Lewis and John Biggers, vibrant compositions by Synthia Saint James, and works of gentle spirituality by Frank Howell. All these artists have been part of Bibbs' development as an artist, advocate, and self-validating entrepreneur, and have helped shape Bibbs' unique vision and perspective.

Through *Sacred Spaces*, Bibbs' seeks to not only share this artistic journey but send a message about the power of art in everyday life. He believes in a vital connection between the art that people see in public spaces and the lives they live in the spaces they inhabit every day. *Sacred Spaces* brings together these concepts in the hope that visitors will experience a connection with art that they take back into the sacred spaces of their own homes.

This deep acknowledgement of the link between one's own experience and a piece of art, and how that can be reflected and expanded on in one's own home, is a living pathway that Bibbs aims to spotlight in this carefully curated installation of his works.

Save the date! The exhibition celebration will be on Friday, November 3, 2023, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

r.mike nichols

Enter an opportunity drawing for Art Alliance General Meetings!!

We are delighted to announce that r. mike nichols has 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. Last month Suzy Clem was the lucky recipient!

SPRING FUNDRAISER ART MARKET

Hold the date for the 9th Annual Riverside Art Market

Saturday, April 13th, 2024

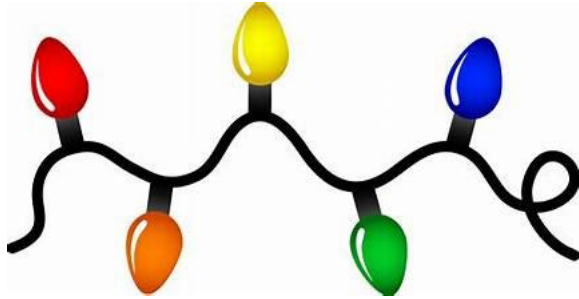
10 am – 4 pm

White Park in downtown Riverside

Plans are underway for the 9th Annual Riverside Art Market. White Park and rental equipment have been reserved, and a request for Riverside city sponsorship has been submitted. Artists will be able to begin registration in November. The Riverside Art Market Committee will begin meeting in November. If you are interested in serving on this committee, let us know. We will have sign ups at the October meeting.

Thank you, Debra Johnson and Kathy Christmas
Riverside Art Market Co-chairs

BLUE DOOR MUSEUM STORE



Holiday Sale

The committee is preparing for the store's annual Holiday Sale, and we need your help on two dates. On Tuesday, November 7 we need help decorating labeling, and arranging displays from 9:45 am to 1 pm. On Tuesday, January 2 we need help cleaning up from 9:45 to 1 pm. Please contact Kathy Arthur if you can come. Thank you!

Featured Artist Pauline Geerlings NWS



A Riverside artist from the 1960s to the early 2000s, Pauline stated, "As an early artist, I have been a participant and an observer of the evolving nature of my paintings. From years of very early representational works, my desire to create has taken me into the uncharted waters of attempting to project feelings, memories, and moods into my work."

In the 1960s and 70s Pauline studied watercolor painting with OK Harry and Rex Brandt as well as photography and ceramics at RCC. She became a signature member of the National Watercolor Society during this time. As a mid-century painter Pauline made her most iconic work in oil and watercolor. She had solo and group exhibitions at the Edward Dean Museum and the Riverside Art Center (as RAM was then called).

Always involved in the community, Pauline was active in Art Alliance supporting RAM. In the 1980s Pauline was a founding member of Studio 7 at the Mission Plaza apartments next to Joanna Mersereau's studio. Other members included Sharon Wolfe, Ruth Pauline, and Ella Alvarez. These were the early days of art pop up shops, and the events and parties were hugely influential to a younger generation, including Sharon Kauffman and Mark Schooley who shaped the Riverside Community Arts Association at the Life Arts building, where Pauline had a studio in the the late 80s and early 90s alongside others, including Terry Long, Roberta Jacka, and Tim Carney. Influenced by the youthful energy of this hive of creativity, Pauline began experimenting with collage, handmade paper, and acrylics.

In the 90s and 2000s Pauline shared studio space with John Dingler and Lee Tusman in the quonset hut on Blaine, and there she made much of her last large scale paintings. Her work turned to internal, psychological themes as she became influenced by British painters including David Leapman and Francis Bacon, and her work became darker as it reflected her changing personality due to the onset of Alzheimers. She exhibited in group shows in Riverside, including Connie Ransom's gallery, The Art Works, and RAM's show, "Creative Expression, a Lifelong Pursuit."

Pauline passed away in 2021.

Kathy Arthur

Blue Door Museum Store Committee Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Hello All,

I would like you to join me in welcoming our newest member, Myra Appel. In Myra's own words, she is a "Retired librarian from University of California (Riverside and Davis), managing collections, budgets and staff. She has had a deep interest in Latin American indigenous arts with a large collection of Mexican and Guatemalan textiles. she is a former president of Davis Flower Arrangers. She has extensive experience planning events and programs, both professional and social."

Myra's contact information:

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Please add Myra's information to your directories.

Thank you very much,

Patti Funder, Chairwoman of Membership

HOSPITALITY

A big thank you to all the help with vegan dishes for our first speaker in September. We will be having another vegan speaker in November. A dish can be as easy as salsa or more complicated....up to the maker!! Remember to watch for sign up in your email about 2 weeks prior to our meetings. Here is a definition of vegan diet for those who aren't aware. I will remind everyone again in November. Thanks!

Vegan and vegetarian diets both exclude meat and seafood. Vegan diets go a step further, though, by also nixing every other food of animal origin. So, in addition to avoiding meat, vegans steer clear of dairy products, eggs, and honey. Additionally, vegan foods never contain any byproducts of animal agriculture, such as lard, whey, or gelatin.

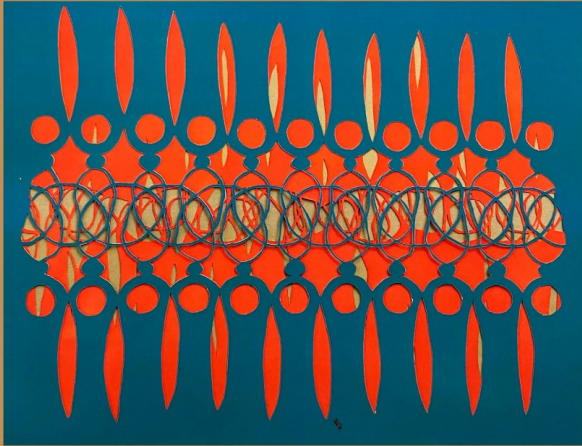
UPCOMING ARTIST EVENTS

Art Alliance Member Denise Kraemer has several shows happening this Fall. One of these is noted here.

Cutting Away the Excess

Denise Kraemer

Little Gallery of San Bernardino
September 30 - November 17, 2023



Artist Denise Kraemer is a very versatile, well known and respected member of the Inland Empire arts community. She is a professional curator, a juror, an educator and an exciting artist in her own right.

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Documents needed to complete the September financial report were not available at the time of our October Board meeting or this newsletter publication. Please see the November newsletter for an update. Thank you.

CALENDAR

- Thursday October 19, 2023 RAM Julia Morgan 6:00 - 6:30 PM Social, 6:30-7:00 PM Artist Charles Bibbs, 7:00 - 7:30 General Art Alliance Business Meeting

- **Charles Bibbs exhibition celebration will be on Friday, November 3, 2023, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Exhibition open to March 10, 2024**

Wednesday November 8, 2023 RAM Julia Morgan Blue Door Museum Store 10:00 - 4:00 PM Holiday Opening Sale



Sunday December 10, 2023 The Cheech Marin Center 12:00 - 2:30 PM Holiday Event for Art Alliance members and guests.

- Thursday January 18 2024 The Cheech Marin Center 12:00 - 1:30 PM General Art Alliance Business Meeting and Potluck.