



President's February Message

Dear RAA Members,

With Off the Wall: Last Call and the Holiday Luncheon well behind us, the Riverside Art Alliance has been busy planning our next big fundraising event. The 10th Annual Riverside Art Market is returning to White Park on Saturday, April 12th. This year's event is filled with wonderful artists who will be displaying their work for your appreciation and purchase. We have activities for the whole family and the return of several delicious food vendors as well as some exciting entertainment. Please consider sponsoring this important event as RAM relies on Art Alliance to provide financial support which largely comes from sponsors for this event. You can sponsor at many levels. We also need volunteers to help us provide visitors with the best experience. Most importantly, come out and enjoy the day!

As you will read in this issue, we recently lost two of our older members: Betty Dixon and Mary Rines. Neither of these dear ladies had attended our meetings or fundraising events in recent years and being a relatively new member myself (since 2018), I didn't have the pleasure of knowing them. However, in reading Betty's obituary and a lovely email from her daughter Tanni, I was given the opportunity to learn not only a little bit about Betty but

about the important role Art Alliance played in the early days of Riverside Art Museum. Frankly, it was a real eyeopener for me!

There was a time in our history when volunteers did it all. In addition to fundraising, members volunteered for building renovation, painting, building and yard maintenance, exhibit installation, the gift shop, education tours, and even food service.

While RAM has grown substantially over the years and now includes The Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art and Culture, the Art Alliance still has an important and vital role to play. That's why we need you more than ever to keep that tradition alive by attending our meetings and volunteering at our fundraising events.

I'll be at Art Market bright and early, pouring wine in the refreshment area throughout the day or pitching in wherever needed. There are many volunteer opportunities available and they are vital to ensuring the success of Art Market. Please reach out to the committee to sign-up to do your part.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Pamela Kaptain, President

RIVERSIDE ART MARKET 2025

SPRING FUNDRAISER RIVERSIDE ART MARKET



The anticipation is building as the 10th Annual Art Market is just 2 months away! April 12th is the day and White Park is the place.

The planning has switched into high gear and your Art Market committee has been hard at work to insure a great event. There are 80 artists who have reserved booths and our food vendors have been engaged for the day including the return of some popular vendors for your eating pleasure. Our entertainment is set with some interesting additions to last year's line up. The Silent Auction will be filled with artwork as well. Look for an article in the upcoming Artifacts magazine that will feature news of the Art Market along

with information on the history of Art Alliance and its many contributions to RAM.

Thank you to those who have generously sent in sponsorships for the event. To date we have received over \$10,000. As you know sponsorships are vital to help defray the expenses for this big event and contribute greatly to the financial success of Art Market. If you are considering sponsoring, it is not too late. This year's sponsor tent will have additional perks for your comfort and enjoyment. You can make your tax-deductible donation via check or online. We are hoping to be able to make a large donation of funds to RAM from the success of this event!

Thanks to all of you who have already volunteered to help the day of the event. As you may remember it takes many volunteer hours to make this wonderful event run smoothly so please let us know if you are willing to help and we will find an enjoyable job for you.

Save the date, share the information with friends, family, neighbors and on social media and come out to White Park on Saturday, April 12th to be part of the fun!

Thank you,
Kathy Bocian, Debra Johnson, Ruth Ann Ryan
Riverside Art Market Co-chairs

ART ALLIANCE PROGRAM



February Speaker: John David O'Brien

Our presenting artist for Thursday February 20th is John David O'Brien. He was born in Sagami-hara, Japan and he currently lives and works in Los Angeles, California and Umbria, Italy. He has worked and taught in virtually every medium of art: Fine Arts Drawing, Three Dimensional Arts, Figure and Portrait Sculpture, Bronze Casting, Sculpture/Product Design, and new 3D and printmaking. His printmaking expertise and skills include Etching, Woodcut, Lithography, Monoprints and experimental topics such as Multiples and 3D Casting.

He has exhibited in solo and group shows all over Europe (particularly Italy) and the US. His degrees are from Accademia di Belle Arti di Roma (Rome, Italy) and USC. He has taught in Rome, USC, Cal State Northridge (among many campuses) and is currently at the Art Center College in Pasadena. His passion for arts is now focused on public arts installations, of which he plays the multiple roles of artist, curator and director. Please welcome John David O'Brien.

Kathy Bocian and Denise Kraemer, Programs

BLUE DOOR MUSEUM STORE

For your Valentine!



Sue Richards



Sandi Evelyn

The store has some lovely new stained glass from two artists. Returning artist Sue Richards has these cute pieces plus hanging raincross oranges and flowers. New artist Sandi Evelyn has these whimsical cacti and birds plus some hanging pieces.

**Kathy Arthur,
Blue Door Museum Store**

MEMBERSHIP

Greetings members!

We were so fortunate this month to have four individuals join the Art Alliance.
Please update your directories with the new members' information...

Leticia Rosales (Supporting)
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Leticia "became a member of the Art Alliance in 1980 and it was a whole different world then!" She's not "an artist but has a great appreciation of art works, museums and seeing art around us in beautiful Nature!

Susan Freeman (Active)
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**Regards,
Teresa Chamiec and Pat Reed
Membership Co-Chairs**

IN MEMORIAM

We honor two long-time members of Art Alliance who recently passed on:

Mary Rines, a long-time Riverside Art Alliance member (1980-2021), passed away at the age of 94 on November 5, 2024.

Mary was the consummate southern lady: a gracious hostess who enjoyed cooking for and entertaining family and friends. During her 50+ years in Riverside, she remained active with traveling, playing tennis, golfing, and walking, together with volunteering for the Riverside Art Alliance and Assistance League. She enjoyed attending philharmonic performances in Riverside and Los Angeles and the Hollywood Bowl. Mary attended Calvary Presbyterian Church and was an active supporter there. She loved and was loved by many wonderful Riverside friends.

In lieu of flowers, Mary's family asked friends to consider a donation to the Riverside Art Alliance or Riverside Philharmonic on her behalf.



Betty Dean McMath Dixon, another long-time member (1981 - 2025), passed away on January 10, 2025, just shy of her 97th birthday.

Betty worked as a teacher for 50 years. She volunteered along side her husband, who was also an Art Alliance member and RAM Board Member, on innumerable Art Alliance Fundraisers and RAM building projects. Some of the projects included "Art Fun in the Sun" and the many "Designer Showcase

Houses" in the 1970's and 1980's. Betty was known for her beautiful smile and warm, positive nature. Because of this she frequently was in charge of obtaining volunteers for Art Alliance activities. She was well known for supplying homemade fudge and gifting chocolates as a way of thanking people for their help and support. Both she and her husband were past recipients of RAM's Top Dawg award.

For the last 20 years, Betty lived near her daughter Tanni and son-in-law Robert in Ft. Belvoir, Va. At our January meeting, we toasted Betty with a piece of chocolate!



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating committee has been hard at work getting the Executive Board positions filled for 2025-2026. All Board positions are important, and our deepest gratitude go out to those Art Alliance Members who have stepped up and volunteered. We have four very important positions that need Your consideration:

President Elect

Chair Blue Door Museum Store

Chair Spring Project: The Riverside Art Market

Co-Chair with Ann Goldberg with the Fall Project: The Artoberfest

As you can see, 3 out of 4 open positions are our fundraisers. Our purpose as Art Alliance members is to support RAM financially and physically. These fundraisers are critical to that purpose.

Please contact me, by text, email or phone and let me know that you are willing to take on the Chair responsibilities of one of our fundraisers or be Tami Flemming-Maio's right hand and be the President Elect.

All the Best,

Patti Funder

Chairwoman-Nominating

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DIRECTORY

For next year's directory, I would like to include a headshot of each member next to their contact information. If you have a photo of yourself that you can share with me, I would very much appreciate it. The photos will be printed in black and white, but feel free to send me a color photo. LKieding1963@gmail.com

I also plan to take headshots at our general meeting of people who aren't able to send me

a photo. I am TERRIBLE with names – I will have you write your name on a piece of paper, which will be included in the photo, but cropped out for the directory.

Linda Kieding, Chair

SOCIAL MEDIA / MARKETING

The Art Market is coming up! Help me spread the word via Facebook, Instagram, and NextDoor.

For Facebook, please comment with at least 5 words before you share a post. Share with any groups you are a member of! If you need help learning how to do that, let me know.

I am a member of A LOT of groups on Facebook, and I share with them. However, I am able to be a member of only ONE NextDoor group. **If you are a member of a NextDoor group (there are a lot of them in Riverside), please share information about the Art Market!**

In addition, be sure to FOLLOW the Art Alliance on both Facebook and Instagram. If you would like help learning how to do this, let me know. The two sites are listed on the back cover of your directory:

Facebook: Art Alliance of the Riverside Art Museum

Instagram: @RiversideArtAlliance

Many people receive information about our events through social media. Thank you, in advance, for helping to spread the word!

Linda Kieding Chair

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING

Minutes from the January 2025 General Meeting were submitted by Robyn Rogers, Secretary. These will be reviewed and approved at the February meeting. Please email kathy.m.christmas@gmail.com if you cannot read this file. Thank you.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Talk - February, 2025

Attached are the January financials. A cursory glance would reveal that little happened, but closer inspection reveals the hard work that Art Alliance does for RAM. The Income reflects the beginning of Art Market sponsorships made by checks. The Expenses are payments for the Holiday Event and our greater than expected \$40,000 RAM donation (profit from OTW + \$2,000 extra). A great way to start off 2025!

With the payments for the December Holiday Event now complete, this event netted just over \$5,500. This was due in large part to the amount raised by the generous raffle items and the added donation of a live auction bid for week's stay at a condo in Hawaii. While this event is not intended to be a fundraiser, the Board voted to donate \$3,000 of this now to RAM Education/Scholarship.

We close with a balance of \$19,395.90.

Pam Balys, Treasurer

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If you are unable to read this file, please contact Kathy Christmas or Pam Balys

CALENDAR

Exhibits

- Joel Sternfeld: On this Site, Now until July 6, 2025 at RAM
- Wild Seeds on the Beach. Now until March 16, 2025 at RAM
- Eve Wood: Mostly Birds (and a Few Humans). Now until March 30, 2025 at RAM.
- Kandy G Lopez: (In)visible Threads. Now until March 2, 2025 at RAM.
- Andrew K. Thompson: The Pleasure of Being Wrong. Now until March 2, 2025 at RAM.
- Keliy Anderson-Staley: Dueling Gestures in the Archive. Now until January 12, 2025 at RAM.

- Desde los Cielos (From the Heavens). Now until March 16, 2025 at the Cheech.
- Shifting Perspectives: Cheech Collects. Now until May 11, 2025 at the Cheech.

Meetings

- **Art Alliance General Meeting, The Cheech, Thursday, February 20, 6:00 - 7:30 PM**
- **Art Alliance General Meeting, RAM Julia Morgan Building, Thursday, March 20, 6:00 - 7:30 PM**

Events

- First Sunday: The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Sunday, March 2, 2025 12:00 - 5:00 PM. Free Admission.
- Riverside Arts Walk: The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Thursday, March 6, 2025, 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Free Admission.
- Riverside Arts Walk: The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Thursday, April 3, 2025, 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Free Admission.
- First Sunday: The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Sunday, April 6, 2025 12:00 - 5:00 PM. Free Admission.
- **Riverside Art Market - 10th Anniversary, Saturday, April 12, 2025, 10:00 - 4:00 PM. White Park. Free Admission.**

Classes

- Adult Classes:
 - "Paper Doll" Collage, February 22, 2025, 10 - 1 PM. \$40.50 RAM members.
 - Watercolor Marker Abstracts and Florals, March 29, 2025, 10 - 1 PM. \$40.50 RAM members.
 - Sharpie Tie Dye, April 26, 2025, 10 - 1 PM. \$40.50 RAM members.
- Youth Classes:
 - After School Classes (ages 6 - 15), Tues., Wed. or Thurs. 4 - 5:30 PM. 5-class session: \$99 - \$110.
 - Home School Classes (ages 6 - 15), Tues., 10 - 11:30 AM. 5-class session: \$99 - \$110.
 - Saturday Art Club (ages 5 - 12), 10 - 11:30 AM. 5-class session: \$72 - \$80.
 - Spring Break Classes: Creativity is a Wild Mind, Monday, March 24 - 28, 2025, 9:00 - 12:00 PM or 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Early Bird Pricing prior to March 2: \$202.50 - \$225. Regular Pricing: \$247.50 - \$275.00.





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