



The Wonder of Art

ART ALLIANCE of the Riverside Art Museum



NOVEMBER 2023 Art Alliance President's message

The 2023 holiday season is fast approaching. At this time for gathering with family and friends to give thanks and celebrate the wonders of this time of year, I am reminded that there are many thanks to give all of you. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as your president and particularly want to thank the Art Alliance board members for their efforts on behalf of RAM. I am grateful to the members who support our fundraising efforts and participate in our events. You all contribute to RAM and the Riverside community. THANK YOU!

After the wonderful success of ARToberfest we have some upcoming opportunities to celebrate and add to the support of RAM. Don't forget to do your holiday shopping at the Blue Door store, which is stocked with artistic gifts from our community of artists. Please consider attending our Holiday Event at The Cheech on December 10th for delicious food, good company, and musical entertainment.

I hope to see you all at our last general meeting of the year on Thursday, November 16th at 6pm in The Cheech Auditorium for libations and vegan snacks. Our speaker will be the glass blower Katharine Gray from Cal State San Bernardino and 'Blown Away' on Netflix.

I hope you enjoy healthy and happy holidays.

President: Ruth Ann Ryan

November 2023

FALL FUNDRAISER

ARToberfest Wrap-Up!

Beer, Art and Fun for all!

By Kathy Allavie

On Saturday, October 7th, 2023, over 350 guests sipped beer, bought art and enjoyed a warm autumn evening of conviviality at the Riverside Art Museum's enclosed front yard "beer hall" at our first-ever ARToberfest. Several important goals were met! First of all, we made our projected profit

plus some—close to \$30,000. Secondly, we expanded the age span of our audience. Many people have commented on how much fun it was to see young and older guests, happily mixing and enjoying the event. Finally, we sold a LOT of artwork—thanks to your donations! Because of our reasonable prices, many guests happily took home treasures. All in all, ARToberfest was a big success!

At our wrap-up meeting on October 24th the committee made the following positive comments about the event:

- The ambiance and décor of the event (including stringing white lights across the lawn) was terrific. People seemed to enjoy themselves!
- The food was terrific (thanks Emmanuelle Reynolds & Tami Fleming-Maio)!
- The breweries in attendance (Euryale, Carbon Nation, Route 30, Packinghouse, and Thompson's Brewery) all said they would be happy to be involved again, and three breweries ran out of beer.
- Art sales were busy and went well (thanks Selina Bremenstuhl, and Pam Balys and Lucile Arntzen on sales).
- Sponsorship response was outstanding.



- The music was good, and it seemed like a “classy” beer party! Several people mentioned a good “vibe”.



These are some of the constructive ideas for improving the event:

- Check-in was congested and could have been organized better.
- More tables and seating were needed for guests.
- We could have had more breweries and offered non-alcoholic beer.
- Volunteers were a little light.
- Tee-shirts were unnecessary.
- Organization with RAM staff was a bit rocky at times.
- More music was needed in the “Beer hall” gallery.



There were many more comments, pro and con, but I have condensed them for brevity).

On a personal note, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and help putting on this event. I have worked with the Art Alliance on many, many fundraisers---and each one succeeds because of our committed members who contribute their time, talent and donations (either monetary or art). THANK YOU, everyone!

Kathy Allavie, Artoberfest Chair

ART ALLIANCE PROGRAM

November 16th 2023 The Cheech

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

Katherine Gray

<https://talkingcoutyourglass.com/katherine-gray/>

Artist Biography



Gray received her undergraduate degree from Ontario College of Art in Toronto, and her MFA from Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, RI. Her work has been exhibited at Heller Gallery in New York City, Urban Glass in New York, and most recently in solo shows at the Craft Contemporary (formerly the Craft and Folk Art Museum) in Los Angeles and the Toledo Museum of Art. Her work has been reviewed in the New York Observer.com, Artforum.com and in the cLA Times. Images of her glasswork have also appeared in the New York Times Design magazine. In 2017, she was the recipient of the Libenský/ Brychtová Award from the Pilchuck Glass School for her artistic and educational contributions to the field; she has also been inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Craft Council and the Corning Museum of Glass. Gray can be seen in the ongoing Netflix series *Blown Away* as the Resident Evaluator.

Her work can be found in the collections of the Corning Museum of Glass, the Toledo Museum of Art, the Asheville Museum of Art and the Museum of Glass in Tacoma, WA, among others. Gray has written about glass, curated and juried multiple exhibitions, and has taught workshops around the world. Currently, she lives in Los Angeles,



CA, and is a Professor of Art at California State University, San Bernardino.

www.katherine-gray.com

r.mike nichols **Enter an opportunity drawing for Art Alliance** **General Meetings!!**

We are delighted to announce that 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. Last month Kathy Allavie was the lucky recipient!

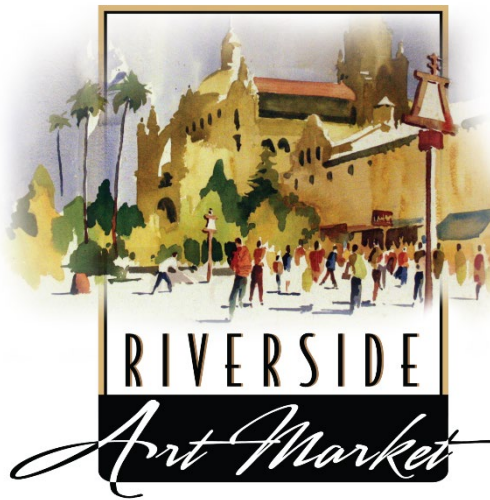
SPRING FUNDRAISER ART MARKET

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 November meeting meeting. Planning continues for the 9th annual Riverside Art Market. Early Bird registration opened on November

10th to vendors that participated in 2022 & 2023. Registration will be open to all on November 15th. The committee formed and will have its' first meeting will be on November 30th.

There will be enhancements to this year's events based on the feedback from our 2023 volunteers and vendors. Some of the changes include: expanded recognition for our sponsors, expanded children's offerings, art demonstrations, and adult art making activities. There will be additional signage throughout the park and more portable toilets. An event program will be available for all visitors highlighting the vendors and their location, map, art demonstration and entertainment times, and listing our sponsors.

After the first of the year, we will be needing your help with sponsorships and with volunteering for the event. Save the date and join the fun!

Thank you,

Debra Johnson and Kathy Christmas

Riverside Art Market Co-chairs

BLUE DOOR MUSEUM STORE

Blue Door Museum Store

The Blue Door Museum Store committee wishes to thank Art Alliance members who came to beautifully arrange and reorganize the store for our annual Holiday Sale. We couldn't have done it without you!

The holidays are quickly approaching, and the Blue Door Museum Store has some adorable one-of-a-kind decorations for your home and your tree including a new selection of citrus garlands and potpourri from new store artist Maria Price and her beautiful large citrus colored rain cross mugs. There are memorable gift items for everyone on your list. Shop here first while supplies last.

Kathy Arthur

Blue Door Museum Store Committee Chair



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



Art Alliance's A White Christmas Holiday Luncheon

Sunday December 10

Catering by Blackberry Farms

Music by UCR jazz combo

We will have some wonderful opportunity drawing pieces available at the luncheon, including paintings by Chick Curtis, Helen Bell, Mike Nichols, Denise Kraemer, Gary Rainsbarger and Emmanuelle Reynolds! On top of that we have fused glass by Judy Davies, a live music performance at your home, Dan Bernstein at your book club, beautiful jewelry and more.

Seating is limited. Send reservations to Phyllis Crabtree. If for some reason you did not receive an invitation, email Anne at jaajdeem@aol.com.

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Thank you

Patti Patti Funder, Chairwoman of Membership

HOSPITALITY

A big thank you to all the help for offerings during Charles Bibb's talk program in October. We will be having another vegan speaker in November. A vegan dish can be as easy as salsa, hummus, fruit plate or veggie kabobsup to the maker!! A hard copy sign up list was passed around at the October meeting, but we are always open to additional treats. 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. No speaker meeting in December (Holiday Lucch) and in January we will have our annual potluck lunch. Watch for news if you are to bring a dessert or a salad.

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

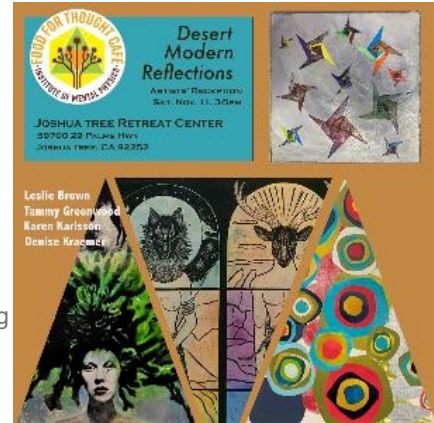
Art Alliance Members Denise Kraemer and Karen Karlsson have both in an upcoming show in Joshua Tree.

Denise Kraemer

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.

Karen Ruth Karlsson

Karen Ruth Karlsson is a painter and printmaker whose work aims to bring structure and order to a chaotic world. Growing up within the grid that is New York City informs her geometric abstractions rendered in layers of wax, resin and pigment. Karlsson's encaustic paintings, monoprints, collagraphs, and mixed media works have been curated into group and solo exhibits across the country and can be found in the permanent collection of the The Chaffey Community Museum of Art.



Hello Everyone. I wanted to take this opportunity to invite all of you to my upcoming solo art show "Lost Child". I haven't shared a collection of work with the public in nearly ten years so I'm deeply grateful for this opportunity to exhibit and share this with all of you. This series of paintings explores the concepts of being raised by Emotionally Immature Parents in an unhealthy household and the effects that childhood traumas continue to have in my adulthood. Full disclosure, most of these works are centered around grief, substance abuse, suicidal ideation, futility, sickness, death, and finding peace with these realities.

I'm also happy to be sharing the space with two very talented artists: Alexa Vazquez and Estrella Martinez.

"girlhood" by Alexa Vazquez is a collection of photographs that explores and confronts. The idea of reclaiming one's "girlhood". Revisiting innocence and femininity portrayed by "this white dress". Reclaiming one's own body after feeling as though it was "taken" from you long ago.

"Give me back my girlhood it was mine first".

"That One Time" by Estrella Martinez is an interactive multimedia installation that recreates childhood and adolescent experiences of joyful gathering.

We'd be happy for you join us at All Eyes Gallery in Downtown San Bernardino. All Eyes is located at 395 N E San Bernardino, CA 92401. Thank you for time in reading this and I look forward to seeing you there.

Take care.

All the best,

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MINUTES: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Talk November 2023

Attached are the Financials for September and October.

Income and expenses for these two months focused mainly on ARToberfest. We have yet to completely reconcile Art Market Spring of 2023, but look forward to having this completed by the end of the month so we can donate the remaining proceeds to RAM.

ARToberfest far exceeded expectations profit wise. We hope to have exact numbers by the end of this calendar year.

Pam Balys (Treasurer)

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CALENDAR

- Blue Door Museum Store Holiday Sale: November 7 – December 23rd.
- November 15: Registration opens for 2024 Art Market
- November 16: Art Alliance Program and General Meeting at the Cheech 6:00 PM Social, 6:30 PM Program. Glass Blowing Artist Katharine Gray from 'Blown Away' Netflix series.



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

January 18th Thursday at noon. The annual Art Alliance Potluck Luncheon. At the Cheech Marin Center 12:00 - 1:30 PM General Art Alliance Business Meeting and Potluck.

