

ART ALLIANCE of the Riverside Art Museum



President's Message

Tami Maio – October 2025



Fall is finally here—and while it's not exactly cold, we can all appreciate these cooler

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the feel of the evenings lately. It's the perfect time of year to cozy up, get creative, and enjoy all the wonderful things the season brings.

🍷 Our Fall Fundraiser 🍷 ARToberfest is in full swing and just around the corner! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 18th at the Riverside Art Museum. If you're available to volunteer in any way, please reach out to Kathy Bocian. Every helping hand makes a huge difference, and we'd love to have you involved.

And would you believe—it's already time to talk about our Holiday Brunch! Time flies when you're having fun. This year's theme is extra sweet:

🎄 You're Invited to a Gingerbread Wonderland!

We're stirring up something special with a gingerbread-inspired afternoon that's sure to warm your heart and tickle your taste buds! Join us for delicious food, great company, and a touch of holiday sparkle.

Formal invitations will be going out shortly, but here's a sneak peek so you can save the date:

Date: Sunday, November 30th

Time: Doors open at 11:30 AM | Lunch served at 12 noon

Cost: \$55 per person

RSVP by: November 22nd to Pat Reed

2751 Wildcat Lane, Riverside, CA 92503

If you'd like to be seated with specific friends, please let Pat know when you RSVP.

On the Menu:

Chicken Marsala – tender and savory

Cannelloni Florentine – cheesy, dreamy, and oh-so-good

Wild Rice Medley – a festive favorite

Fresh Fruit & Mixed Greens – crisp and refreshing

To Sip & Savor:



Cranberry Lemonade



Iced Tea with a Twist



A Signature Holiday Cocktail (shhh... it's a surprise!)



And of course, plenty of wine to keep spirits bright!



And don't miss our delightful Opportunity Drawings, from charming gifts to festive

surprises, you might just leave with a little extra holiday magic.

I hope to see you all at our ARToberfest, it's going to be a fun celebration of the season. And if I don't get a chance to see you there, have a safe and happy Halloween! Enjoy the kids and all their adorable costumes... and hopefully you'll wear a fun one yourself! 🎃

Take care,

Tami Maio

President, Riverside Art Alliance 2025 - 2026

ARToberfest 2025



Hello all,

The **ARToberfest** will be a wonderful festival of **ART and BEER**, just as the name suggests!

Date: Oct 18th

Time: 6:30-10:00 PM. Sponsors will be admitted at 6:00 for a reception on the roof. General admission will start at 6:30

Price: \$45.00 presale, \$50.00 at the door, \$35.00 designated drivers. The price includes a souvenir glass and a drink ticket.

ART: SilentAuction, Huge Art Sale, and Art Activity and Henna tattoos by **Debi Varvi!**

BEER: We now have Hangar 24 to add to our list of Breweries!

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RIVERSIDE ART MARKET 2026



APRIL 11, 2026 • WHITE PARK • RIVERSIDE

April 11, 2026

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

White Park, Riverside, California

Riverside Art Market 2025 11th Annual

Save the Date!

The Riverside Art Market is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

and will once again be held in beautiful White Park in downtown Riverside. Mark your calendar!

Artist applications will be released mid-November. Applications must be completed online. Please note that this is an outdoor, rain-or-shine event.

The Art Market Committee will begin monthly meetings in November and If anyone would like to join the committee, please let us know.

Additional information will be forthcoming shortly. Please address any questions to: Kathy Christmas (Kathy.M.Christmas@gmail.com), Pam Kaptain (PixieKap@gmail.com) or Krissy Parker(KWozniak1126@icloud.com) Thank you.

PROGRAMS

October Speaker - John Sumner



This month's speaker is artist **John Sumner** who hails from Lake Elsinore. **John** was born in England and raised in Canada. He studied and worked in hotel and restaurant management before moving onto the business end of artwork: production, distribution and publishing. Over time, **John** expanded his focus internationally and transitioned to art dealing in the Soviet Union (Russia).

In 2003, he made a dramatic change away from the business of art and started painting on his own. His initial artwork was largely "representational" and has transitioned to being more graphic in style. In addition, he has progressed from solely acrylic work to oils with occasional incorporation of wax. The addition of wax

gives the work a sensuous texture and **John** feels like he's sculpting a picture. Adding to his repertoire of working in the field of art, **John** has added sculpting. His first works have been in granite and alabaster which he found in the Anza Borrego Desert.

Presently, **John** is writing a memoir of his art experiences called "A Painter's Palette: Confessions of an Art World Insider."

Teresa Chamiec & Elisa Lopez
Programs Co-chairs

BLUE DOOR MUSEUM STORE - FEATURED ARTIST



Hello everyone,

I'm excited to announce our new featured artist:
Ron Caraway!

Ron Caraway became interested in art at a young age. Mostly self-taught, his high school art teacher recognized his talent, placed his work in shows outside the school, and arranged for him to attend Otis/Parsons School of Design in Los Angeles on a scholarship and school grant (1980–82), where he excelled in the top third of his class.

Some of his teachers included **Gary Panter, Arnold Mesches, Betye Saar**, and sculptor **Peter**

Alexander. Ron also attended El Camino College in Torrance, CA, where he earned an associate degree in drafting in 1985. He went on to work as an illustrator for Northrop Aircraft Corporation (1985–1993) and later became a Senior Standards Designer at the Northrop Aircraft Division in Hawthorne, California.

Since then, he has exhibited throughout Southern California and was featured on Channel 13's Best of LA with producer **Bruce Ellington** (2023). **Ron's** work is in private collections, and he has gained the attention of collectors.

Instagram: @roncaraway

His art draws from historical narratives of African American themes, interwoven with imagination, irony, and human emotion. One of his ongoing series respectfully parodies **Norman Rockwell's** works by reimagining them with African American subjects.

Mindy Griffith, Blue Door Museum Store

BLUE DOOR HOLIDAY ART SALE



The holidays are coming.

**We would like your artistry, ornaments, and gift items consigned
in the
Riverside Art Museum
Blue Door Museum Store.**

Let your creativity shine and let the BDMS be the venue
where you consign your holiday-themed and artistic gift items this year.

We have found that items priced in the \$20-25 range
are the best sellers.

Art intake days are Friday and Saturday,

November 7 and 8, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.
at RAM, 3425 Mission Inn Ave. Riverside.

Artists receive 60% of the purchase price, while 40% stays with RAM. RAM finance sends the checks about 45 days after the end of the month.

Unsold merchandise may be picked up starting on January 7.

For more information, please contact
kathrynsarthur@gmail.com.

HELP NEEDED:

The Blue Door Holiday Artist Intake will take place on Friday Nov. 7th and Saturday Nov. 8th from 10am to 2pm.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the intake. Shifts will be from 10am to 12pm and 12pm to 2pm.

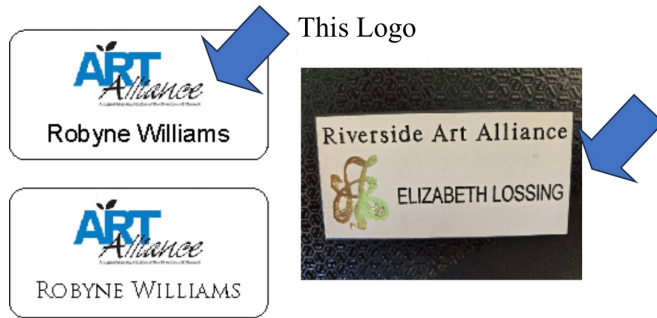
Contact Kathryn Baca Llano for volunteer availability.

MEMBERSHIP

THANKS TO THE WORK OF **TERESA CHAMEIC** AND **PAT REED**, 2024 - 2025
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRS. They have gifted Art Alliance with 13 new members this year!

Important Dates for New Members to the Art Alliance of the Riverside
Art Museum Please contact **Elizabeth Lossing** or **Kathy Bocian** for info.

Thursday, October 16th, 5:45 - 6:15 PM, RAM, 2nd floor classroom: New members meeting. Review expectations, answer questions, discuss plans for crafting ornaments for RAM holiday tree and decorating tree and mantle in RAM by new members on Tuesday November 11th. Art Alliance badges for new members will be distributed at this time. With the agreement of the executive board of Art Alliance, all badges for this year and in the future will have the Art Alliance Logo (see below) rather than the stylized A. The stylized A will be reserved for the President's medallion.



Saturday, October 18th, 6:00 - 10:00, RAM: Artoberfest. Purchase tickets online at the RAM website. <https://riversideartmuseum.org/event/artoberfest/> or in person on the RAM front lawn. Designated Driver tickets available also for \$35.

Thursday October 30th, 4:30 PM – 7:00, **Kathy Bocian's** home: Ornament Crafting. Denise Kraemer creating origami ornaments from used ARTifact newsletters for the RAM Holiday Tree with new members (and others who sign up!).

Thursday November 5th, 4:00 PM – 7:00, **Emmanuelle Reynold's** home: Ornament Crafting. **Emmanuelle Reynolds** creating resin heart ornaments for the RAM Holiday Tree with new members (and others who sign up).

Tree Décor will also include a community ornament which guests can 'purchase' by donating an item or the \$ cost for items commonly used in Arts Education

Tuesday November 11th 1:00 – 5:00 PM Julia Morgan Building. Christmas Tree and Mantel decoration.

Sunday November 30th 12:00 – 3:00 PM Riverside Women's Club Art Alliance Holiday Luncheon

Thank you.

Kathy Bocian & Elizabeth Lossing
Art Alliance Membership Co-Chairs

DIRECTORY

If you don't yet have your directory, PLEASE PICK IT UP at the October 16 General

Meeting.

If you are not able to attend, ask one of your friends to pick up your directory for you.

HELP: I would like volunteers to help deliver the remaining directories. If you are willing to do this, email me at LKieding1963@gmail.com THANK YOU!

Linda Kieding, Chair

SOCIAL MEDIA / MARKETING

Both the ONLINE ART AUCTION and ARTOBERFEST need a BIG push this week! I am posting frequently, but I NEED your help in sharing, commenting, liking.

You should have received an email flyer regarding the Online Art Auction, and a separate flyer regarding ARToberfest. Please share those!

In addition, you can help by sharing on Facebook, Instagram and NextDoor, and giving postcards and flyers to friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

1. **Nextdoor** – feel free to ask me for a photo/info to put on your Nextdoor page
2. **Instagram** (please follow us: @RiversideArtAlliance, and share posts)
3. **Facebook** (please follow us: Art Alliance of the Riverside Art Museum, and share posts)

All of the above apps can be downloaded from App Store, Google Play, or similar platforms.

Linda Kieding, Chair

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING

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

Robyn Rogers, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Talk - October 2025

Attached are the August financials which close out our fiscal year which runs September 1 – August 31. Our balance stands at \$26,556.29.

A quick recap of the 2024-2025 fiscal year donations we made to RAM are as follows:

\$34,000 (the proceeds from Art Market 2024)

\$40,000 (the proceeds + \$2,000 from OTW Last Call)

\$ 3,000 (for Art Education/Scholarship)

\$30,000 +/- (Blue Door Museum Store)

As you can see, the work done from a fundraiser in one fiscal year often shows up as a donation in the following fiscal year. That being said, September 2025 financials will show the \$35,000 + \$3,000 additional from Art Market 2025. It will also show Art Alliance's \$5,000 donation to RAM for the Ophelia Valdez Yeager Auditorium Plaque at The Cheech.

RAM is so appreciative of these unrestricted funds that Art Alliance volunteers raise for them. Not only is the monetary amount that we donate vital, it is also the Art Community involvement that we support by providing artists opportunities for displaying and selling their talent.

Pam Balys, Treasurer

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CALENDAR

2025 - 2026 Art Alliance Calendar

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Exhibits

- **Soy de Tejas: A Statewide Survey of Latinx Art**, Now until January 11, 2026 at the Cheech
- **A Look at Our Collection**, Now until January 11, 2026 at RAM
- **Fancy Forest Friends**, Now until January 4, 2025 at RAM
- **I.E.H.C**, Now until November 2, 2025 at RAM
- **Cheech Collects IV**, Now until May 3, 2026 at the Cheech
- **Electrolyte Printmaking Workshop Invitational with Bernard Hoyes**, Now until October 12, 2025 at RAM
- **The Versatility of Pulp**, Now until October 12, 2025 at RAM
- **Eclipse: What's Your Perspective?**, Now until November 2, 2025 at RAM
- **Hecho en Park Avenue**, Now until October 26, 2025 at the Cheech

Meetings

- **Art Alliance General Meeting, October 16, 2025, 6:00 - 7:30 PM at RAM.**
- **Art Alliance General Meeting, November 20, 2025, 6:00 - 7:30 PM at RAM.**

Events

- **ARToberfest, October 18, 2025, 6:30 - 10:00 PM (sponsors 6:00 - 10:00 PM) at RAM.**
- **First Sunday: The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Sunday, November 2, 2025 12:00 - 5:00 PM. Free Admission.**
- **Riverside Arts Walk: The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Thursday, November 6, 2025, 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Free Admission.**
- **Blue Door Holiday Sale Opening, November 12, 2025 from 10 AM, Julia Morgan Building**
- **Holiday Event, Sunday, November 30, 12 Noon - 3 PM, Riverside Women's Club**

Classes: Sign Up On Line

- **Adult Classes:**
 - **Mix Media and Art Journaling with Tina, Saturdays, 10 AM - 1:00 PM, Each**

session: \$35 - \$45. October 25th: Intermediate Portrait Drawing, November 22th: Watercolor for Relaxation.

- **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), Saturdays, 10 - 11:00 AM, 5 - class session: \$72 - \$80.
- New Saturday Afternoon Class, October 11 & 18th or December 6 & 13th, Saturdays, 12:30 - 3:00 PM, 2 class session: \$58.50 - \$65.
- Minicamp - Thanksgiving Week, Monday, November 24 - Wednesday, November 26th:
 - Morning session Mon - Wed: 9 AM - 12 PM.
 - Afternoon session Mon - Wed: 1 PM - 4 PM.
 - Early Bird Price: Sign up by November 3, 2024: 3 - class session, Mon - Wed is \$103.50 - \$115.
 - Beginning November 4, 2024: 3 - class session, Mon - Wed is \$148.50 - \$165.
- Minicamp - Holiday Break, Monday, December 29 - 31 and Friday, January 2, 2026 (no class on Thursday, January 1)
 - Morning session Monday - Wednesday & Friday: 9 AM - 12 PM
 - Afternoon session Monday - Wednesday & Friday: 1 PM - 4 PM
 - Early Bird Price before December 1: 4 Class session - \$138 - \$153
 - Regular Price after December 1: 4 Class session - \$148.50 - \$165



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