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ART ALLIANCE of the Riverside Art Museum



President's Message

As our busy and beautiful year comes to a close, my heart is truly full. This has been a year “For the Love of Art”, a celebration of creativity, connection, and community that I will always cherish.

We’ve shared so many memorable moments together. From our Fall fundraiser, ARToberfest at the historic Julia Morgan building—an incredible event that began as a

vision last May and came to life through an amazing team—to our new members decorating the RAM tree with thoughtful, handmade creations (with the help of **Emmanuelle Reynolds** in her studio), each gathering reflected the spirit of our organization.

Our Gingerbread Holiday Brunch at the Riverside Women's Club was another highlight, featuring beautiful gingerbread houses created in advance by our members (and yes...a few irresistible desserts along the way!). In January, we came together again for our luncheon meeting, enjoying delicious salads and sweet treats prepared by our talented members.

We proudly celebrated **Lucille Arntzen** at the Top Dog Award Dinner, and the 11th Annual Art Market at White Park was a tremendous success—made possible by the many hands and hearts behind it, showcasing talented artists and bringing joy to our community.

The Blue Door Store continued to shine, highlighting a variety of artists throughout the year. And behind the scenes... that's where the magic really happens. From our detail-loving recording secretary to our tireless treasurer (who somehow keeps us all in line), from the hospitality team who made sure no one ever went hungry, to our wonderful newsletters, directories this year with our member pictures, membership, social media, and events, this organization runs on dedication, creativity, and a whole lot of love (and maybe a little wine, too!). If I've missed anyone, please know it's only because there are so many of you giving so much. It truly takes a village, and I adore this one.

We now look ahead to our Annual Dinner Meeting on May 21st, where we will celebrate all we've accomplished, recognize those who have given so generously, and warmly welcome our incoming 2026–2027 President, **Karen Karlsson**, along with the new board.

Serving as your President has been a true honor. Thank you for your trust, your support, and your shared passion for the love of art.

As we head into summer, I wish you all a season filled with creativity, joy, and inspiration. Please remember to renew your membership by the end of May. I look forward to all that lies ahead.

With sincere appreciation,

Tami Fleming-Maio
2025–2026 President

ANNUAL MEETING



Cheers!

LET'S ALL GET TOGETHER FOR THE ART ALLIANCE
2026 ANNUAL DINNER MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 21ST, 2026
JOIN US AT 5:00 PM
ROOFTOP OF RAM

RSVP By: May 14, 2026
Please make checks payable to:
RAM
Mail checks to:
Patricia Reed
2751 Wildcat Ln. Riverside
CA 92503
Email:
gma.reed2013@gmail.com
951-378-3809

\$45.00 PER PERSON
CATERED BY: TWO TREES KITCHEN
MENU:
PEPERONATA OVER CHICKEN WITH RICE
BUTTERNUT SQUASH RAVIOLI
SALAD WITH GREEN GODDESS DRESSING
DINNER ROLLS
POUND CAKE WITH BERRIES AND CREAM
AND A SIGNATURE COCKTAIL, RED & WHITE WINE

For the love of ART

Celebrating you!

BLUE DOOR MUSEUM STORE

Featured Artist: Le Anne Pietrantonio



At the heart of my practice is a simple priority; to find joy in the art of creation.

I have been an artist for as long as I can remember, beginning at the age of two with finger-painted rabbits and trees. As grew, I gravitated toward pencil drawing while

continuing to develop my foundation in painting.

I attended California Polytechnic University, Pomona as a graphic design major, where I first discovered a love for abstract expression. Although I later shifted my studies to psychology, my connection to art remained constant. I found ways to weave creativity into every stage of my life through teaching, raising my children as a young mother, and volunteering during their school years. It wasn't until I became an empty nester, however, that I fully embraced my role as an artist with intention and enthusiasm.

This body of work was born not from my own ideas alone, but from my mother's. Her love of vintage jewelry and her inventive ways of displaying it inspired my first jeweled painting. In fact, I used pieces from her personal collection in my earliest works, making the foundation of this series deeply personal.

My work explores themes drawn from birds, nature, history, and the ocean—subjects that consistently capture my attention and imagination. Through these themes, I seek to create work that is both visually engaging and materially expressive.

I believe that meaningful work cannot exist without passion. That passion is embedded in every element, from the materials I choose to the final composition that brings each piece into focus.

Le Anne Pietrantonio



Mindy Griffith
Blue Door Museum Store

PAST PRESIDENTS TEA



The Past Presidents Tea was held Thursday, May 7, 2026 at the Cheech. **Pam Kaptain** and **Ruth Ann Ryan** hosted this beautiful and delicious event. Past Presidents present at the event included the following: Front Row from left **Debbie Philips, Anne Deem, Suzy Clem, Ruth Ann Ryan, Helen Bell**; Back Row from left **Kathy Christmas, La**

Vonne Dodge, Selina Bremenstuhl, Emmanuelle Ryan, Lucile Arntsen, Jean Aklufi, Jackie Hopper, Kathy Allavie, Pam Kaptain and Tami Maio. All these women enjoyed their time as president and contributions to Art Alliance. Thank you for your service!





MEMBERSHIP

Dear Art Alliance Members (current or prospective),

To begin with, many, many thanks to all of our Art A members who have stepped up for our fundraising and welcoming efforts in the Blue Door Museum Store, Hospitality, ARToberfest, Holiday sales and décor, and Art Market. Our year for “The Love of Art” under the leadership of **Tami Maio** is almost over and we will be celebrating the year at our Annual Dinner on the RAM Rooftop on May 21st. All members are welcome but seating is limited so please contact **Pat Reed (Gma.Reed2013@gmail.com)** or **Anne Deem (JAAJDeem@aol.com)** with your request for reservation and your payment.

Renewal of membership and dues has begun. Please be alert to emails from the Art Alliance email address with instructions on how to renew on line. We ask Art Alliance members to renew their RAM membership at the same time as renewal of Art Alliance dues. Art Alliance dues are \$25 for Active Members and \$100 for Supporting Members. Checks are payable to the Riverside Art Museum (with Art Alliance dues in the memo line) and should be mailed to **Kathy Bocian** 6308 Glen Aire Ave Riverside CA 92506.

Membership dues may SEEM trivial, but dues dollars provide the basis of our working budget and expenses. Please, get your dues in during the month of May. Besides your membership dues, your willingness to help plan upcoming events is so valuable. Please indicate how you want to help with fundraising efforts (Blue Door Museum Store, Fall Fundraiser, Spring Fundraiser) or celebrations for the holidays or end of year (Annual Dinner) wrap up.

With many thanks for all you do!

Kathy Bocian, Membership Co-Chair 2025-26 and Judith Runyon, Membership Co-Chair 2026-27

IN MEMORIAM

Longtime Riverside Art Alliance member, **Jan Lewis**, passed on March 10, 2026. Jan was a member from 1981 - 2019. Her involvement with the Riverside Art Museum and our Art Alliance made a lasting impact, and her contributions helped create the foundations of what we continue to build today.

We also mourn the passing of two other Art Alliance members, **Judy Berg** and **Mina Gardner**. **Mina Gardner** was an active and sustaining member from 2004 - 2025 and **Judy Berg** was an active member from 2012 - 2023.

Our sympathies go to their family and friends.

DIRECTORY

DUES INSTRUCTIONS: **May 15 is the due date for Art Alliance dues.** Once you are ready to renew, please follow the instructions on **page 3** of the directory.

DIRECTORY PHOTO: **Next year's directory will use the same photos as this year's directory.** If you prefer a different photo, please email it to me at: LKieding1963@gmail.com, or text it to me at (951)231-0778 (be sure to include your name).

NEW MEMBERS: If you are a new member this year and were not in the directory, **please send me a photo of you** to use in the directory.

Linda Kieding
Directory Chair

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING

Minutes from the April 2026 General Meeting were submitted by **Robyn Rogers, Secretary**. These will be reviewed and approved at the May meeting. Please email kathy.m.christmas@gmail.com if you cannot read this file. Thank you.

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Robyn Rogers, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Talk May 2026

Attached are the April financials. As you can see, both our Income and Expenses revolved around Art Market 2026. The Square transactions and cash received for sales made at our Art Alliance Booth, our Silent Auction, and for Beer/Wine tickets purchased are shown. The major expenses with the event are reflected as well. There are still a few minor ones to come in, but the majority have been paid. Our balance as of 4/30/26 is \$21,331.77.

Reconciliation of Art Market 2026 will occur in June/July and our final profit will not be given to RAM until September. Suffice it to say that it will be a far more than the conservative \$25,000 shown in our budget. But this does not mean that all the hard work, the enormous amount of volunteer hours spent in preparation before and the day of the event are not reflected and applauded in this fiscal year's success. Our fiscal year runs September 1-August 30 and our events occur within this time, but our contributions to RAM overlap. What matters is that we are contributing and our work is so vital and appreciated by RAM.

Pam Balys, Treasurer

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CALENDAR

Exhibits:

- **Cheech at The Cheech**, Now until August 9, 2026 at RAM.
- **Chicano Camera Culture: A Photographic History, 1966 - 2026**, Now until July 5, 2026 at The Cheech.
- **Bernard Hoyes: Out from Under the Net**, Now until October 4, 2026 at RAM.
- **A Look at Our Collection: Sandra Rowe**, Now until May 24, 2026 at RAM.
- **Chicano Camera Culture: A Photographic History, 1966 - 2026**, Now until September 6, 2026 at The Cheech.
- **Our Empire: James McClung & Marcus Mercado**, Now until October 23, 2026 at The Cheech.

Meetings

- **Art Alliance Annual Meeting, May 21, 2026, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. on the roof of RAM, RSVP, \$45 per person.**

Events

- **Riverside ArtsWalk:** The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Thursday, June 4, July 2, August 6 and September 3, 2026, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.. Free Admission.

Classes: Sign Up On Line

- **Adult Classes:**
 - **Adult Mixed Media Classes at RAM**, Jump Start Journal, Saturday, May 30, 2026, 11:00 a.m., \$40.50 - \$45 Single Class,
- **Youth Classes:**
 - **Summer Classes @ The Riverside Art Museum & The Cheech, beginning June 1, 2026. See link below for details:**
<https://riversideartmuseum.org/arts-ed/summer-youth-art-classes-2026/>
 - Lunch-time Supervision Summer 2026, beginning June 1, 2026. See link below for details: <https://ramcheech.ticketapp.org/portal/product/281/events>
 - **New!! Exploring Together - Toddler & Adult Art Program** (ages 18 months - 4 years), 2nd Saturday of every month: May 9th, June 13th, July 11th & August 8th, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., \$25 each.

- **Saturday Art Club** (ages 5 - 12), Saturdays, 10 - 11:00 a.m., Session 8: June 6 - July 11 (no class July 4th), \$72 - \$80.



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