



# The Wonder of Art

*ART ALLIANCE of the Riverside Art  
Museum*



President: Ruth Ann Ryan

September 2023

As summer rapidly heads toward autumn I am reminded of all the new beginnings of fall-school starting, temperatures, hopefully, moderating and, this year, the beginning of my tenure as Art Alliance President. I am looking forward to the fundraising work and the generously offered support of my board and the Art Alliance membership. We do such important and valued work to support the growing Riverside Art Museum as it enjoys increased prominence and recognition in the nation.

Our fundraising kick-off this year is a novel one-ARToberfest, which will be held on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. The fundraising committee for this inaugural event has been working for months to bring you a stellar event. We need your help in the days leading up to our fundraiser so please contact Pam Kaptain and sign up to assist and be sure to buy your tickets for ARToberfest.

**Please join us at the Julia Morgan Building on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm for our first General Meeting.** Get reacquainted with friends and meet new members as we kickoff the year of The Wonder of Art and plan for the wonderful work ahead of us.

## FALL FUNDRAISER



*Art Alliance invites you to*

# ARToberfest

Local Craft Beers  
Wine Tasting  
Live Music  
German-Inspired Food  
Vintage Art Sale

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 7, 2023  
6:00-10:00 PM**

We only have ONE MEETING (September 21, 2023) of the Art Alliance before the one and only ARToberfest, Saturday October 7th! The ARToberfest committee has been hard at work for the past 6 months; please help out! Come to enjoy the Brassworks band with Dan Bernstein, German food from Gazzolo's, high end white and German wines (La Bodega), beers from our local craft breweries (Carbon Nation Brewing, Euryale Brewing Co., Packinghouse Brewing Co., Route 30 Brewing Co. and Thompson Brewing Co.) AND a chance to shop for vintage art during the art sale!!!

We need you to commit NOW for a volunteer slot so that we are sure to cover all of the help needed for the days before, during and after the event. As you can see from this link with the list of volunteers, everyone is pitching in to help!

1. Please volunteer for one or more of the tasks noted on our volunteer table linked here. Contact Pam Kaptain 951-218-5760 or [pixiekap@gmail.com](mailto:pixiekap@gmail.com) for questions.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XvUESstKzvEXRySM5UgP6SIY8vPeILBNaMdyiFbhgyl/edit>

Even if you are not able to physically be present to volunteer for any of the tasks noted on the volunteer table, PLEASE do the following:

**2. Purchase a online ticket(s) to attend the ARToberfest**

<https://39474.blackbaudhosting.com/39474/ARToberfest>. Let Kathy Allavie know if you run into problems. You are our beta testers!!! (If you can't come, be a hero and gift the tickets to someone else !)

**3. Publish the above ARToberfest logo and information** on your own Facebook page and/or Instagram. <https://riversideartmuseum.org/events/artoberfest/>

**4. Share the Facebook of RAM and Art Alliance pages** for ARToberfest on any social media platform you use.

**5. Purchase an ARToberfest t-shirt at the Art Alliance General Meeting September 21st** for \$20.00 plus tax. Purchases can be made through the front desk.

Many thanks!

Kathy Allavie and the ARToberfest Committee

## ART ALLIANCE PROGRAM

### September 21st 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.

Camilla Taylor [camilla.a.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:camilla.a.taylor@gmail.com)  
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Born in 1981 in Hayward, California, and raised in Provo, Utah, Camilla Taylor attended the University of Utah and received a BFA in 2006, and an MFA from California State University at Long Beach in 2011,

both with an emphasis in printmaking.

Taylor is recognized for their monochromatic and intensely introspective works on paper and sculpture which utilize figurative and architectural forms. Taylor's artworks reflect the viewer's internal lives as well as collective issues we experience as a society. Taylor uses a variety of materials, working in ceramic, printmaking, glass, and fiber, allowing

the work to dictate the medium it should be realized in.

An accomplished artist exhibiting in traditional gallery spaces, they also create installations in intimate and unusual locations, such as site-specific works in a swimming pool, desert garden, and other locations.

Taylor lives in Los Angeles, CA, with their partner and 3 cats, and teaches printmaking and sculpture at UCLA and Occidental College.



**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.

r. mike nichols is a Riverside institution and a former longtime employee of the main branch of the Riverside Public Library. His artist

biography <https://mnico.weebly.com/> indicates Signature or Master Membership in 17 different watercolor societies across the nation, and entries into eight different international shows. There is only room to include one of his watercolors here, which was recently shown in Newport Beach. We encourage you to read his newsletter to see more of his watercolors <https://mnico.weebly.com/august-2023-newsletter.html>



Although r.mike nichols no longer resides in Riverside, he is well remembered for his watercolors, and his ability to capture both the irony in many everyday scenes and the wisdom of his own dog, Quorra. Thank you mike so much for your generosity to our members!

You may also see some of his work in the following permanent collections.

#### **Permanent Collections**

Riverside Art Museum-"White Monsta"-2008 & "Top Dog"-2018

Riverside Community College-"Reflective Floating"-2013

City of Fontana-"Floating Tangerine Suit"-2013

Inland Empire Museum of Art-"Fresh Squeezed

Lemonade", "The Ascension of Blanca", & "Floating Swine"-2014

Orange County Fair-"Blue Koi"-2014

Redlands Community Hospital-"There's Goldfish in Them Hills"-2015, "Shadow Patterns 2"-2016

## **SPRING FUNDRAISER ART MARKET**

**Save the Date: Saturday April 13th at White Park!!!**

## **BLUE DOOR MUSEUM STORE**

The Blue Door Museum Store is pleased to announce the current featured artist, Gwen Melby. Gwen is a printmaker and mixed media artist, born and raised in Morris, Illinois. She moved to Riverside County in 1976, and after many years of enjoying art museums and galleries, Gwen began to explore making her own art. She joined the 52 Project at Riverside Art Museum and began taking classes and workshops. Gwen has taken workshops from Chick Curtis, Adeola Davies-Alyeloja, and Denise Kraemer, and she fell in love with printmaking, especially monoprinting. Gwen has shown her work at the Riverside Art Museum, the Riverside Community Arts Association, and Division 9 Gallery.



Gwen stated, "I approach both viewing and creating art with a sense of curiosity and questioning. I love the process of making a monoprint. It provides the opportunity to explore and experiment in an endless number of ways, and there is always an element of surprise. I approach printmaking with a sense of play and experimentation. I may start with an idea, a feeling, a color, or a shape and see where it can take me. I'm constantly asking myself questions. What can I explore? What can this become? What hidden colors will come out? What's next? I hope viewers will bring their own questions to my works and explore their own feelings and interpretations."



Store sales continue to be strong, and the store will once again have its traditional Holiday Sales Event. Mark you calendars for November 3-4 for art intake from artists, The committee needs your assistance the morning of November 7 to decorate and display merchandise. The sale will begin on November 8 and continue through the holidays.

We invite all Art Alliance members interested in working on this committee to join us for lunch at our next meeting, Tuesday October 8 at noon at the home of Kathy Arthur. Please contact me for more information and/or to confirm your attendance.

Kathy Arthur, Blue Door Museum Store Chair

**MEMBERSHIP**

Hello all, I am so pleased to introduce you to our newest members.



**Pat Ryan** joined the Art Alliance in June of 2023 as an active member. I am going to let her own words speak for her.

“Twelve wonderful and active Art Alliance members, who comprise my book group, drew me into the Art Alliance. Over fine wine, food, and books, we also discuss Art Alliance projects, such as Off-the-Wall, the new Cheech museum, the floating big balls in Fairmont Park, Art in the Park and the 2020 art scavenger hunt around the city of Riverside.

I have always been fascinated by the art of communication through language, history, culture, and travel. Antarctica, which is a bit too cold for me, will remain the only continent that I have not explored. Through my travels and life experiences, I have come to appreciate geometric textile art, the art of storytelling, culinary art, impressionist art, and string musical instruments. The art and science of yoga have been part of my practice for 25 years. You can often find me sharing local history through Docent Tours at the Mission Inn. Through Art Alliance membership, I look forward to sharing local art with the community!”



**Karen Kauffman** joined the Art Alliance in August 2023 as a supporting member.

She states that “I’ve known about Art Alliance for years, but recently, Denise Kraemer (who I met at RAM many years ago and who has become a dear friend over the years) has been prompting me to join, so I decided to go ahead this year.”

She is a painter who has worked in watercolors, acrylics on large canvases and wood panels, and printmaking. More recently, and I quote “I am learning encaustic techniques and am excited to

add that luscious medium to my work as well.” Many of us already know Karen and have pieces of her work, because she has presented paintings at “Off the Wall” over

many years. She has also sold her work at the BDMS.

Karen's history with RAM goes back many years, as she says, "RAM has been my art home base for over 20 years. (I was particularly involved at RAM when Bobbi Powell & Anne Alfred were there, then also later when Daniel Foster, Andi Campognone, Denise Kraemer & Peter Frank were working together there.)"

In 1978 Karen and husband moved to Perris where they live on 5 acres and where they built their home, an art studio for her, and a woodworking/cabinet shop for him. She has 3 sons and 2 grandsons. She has been kept very busy the last 2 years as her youngest son is building his home in Temecula wine country and she designed the floor plans for the house. She worked as an A.S.I.D. interior designer for many years. Her husband is a retired Fire Captain in East Los Angeles and is currently building the cabinets for their son's home.

In September she and her husband will be traveling, to some of her "bucket list" cities, Budapest, Vienna & Prague.



**Shahla Mansouri** joined on September 7, 2023 as an active member.

Our newest member, she is friends with many Art Alliance members, but it was Ruth Ann who finally convinced her to join. She is an artist who describes her art "as mainly representational and also some Impressionist". Her media are oil and acrylic. She and her husband have lived in Riverside for more than 35 years. Shahla is a retired RN Family Nurse Practitioner. She has worked at several different settings including Loma Linda, Riverside County health Dept., and UCR clinic. Shahla states, "I enjoy meeting and working with people, reading, walking and painting."

**PLEASE ADD Shahla Mansouri to your directory**

Shahla Mansouri

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Please say hello to Pat, Karen, and Shahla at the September Art Alliance Meeting

Patti Funder:

Membership chairwoman

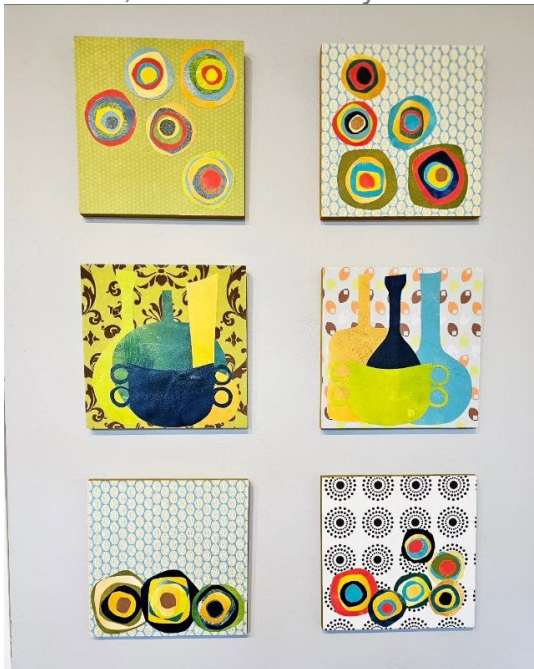
## UPCOMING ARTIST EVENTS

Art Alliance Member Denise Kraemer has several shows happening this Fall. The first of many is noted here.

**"That Midcentury Vibe" September 2- 30, 2023**

Claremont Arts Walk Studio C

[260 W. Bonita Ave, Claremont, CA, 91711](#) Open Tuesday through Sunday, closing at 6:00 PM, 4:00 PM Sunday



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.

Elizabeth Carr

Elizabeth Carr is a painter, printmaker and jewelry artist who consistently finds new expressions of her imagination in uncharted directions.

Claremont, CA

@studiocclaremont

## MINUTES: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## **General Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 18, 2023**

**Rooftop of the Riverside Art Museum, 3425 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA  
92501**

**5:30pm to 6:00 pm: Social ~ 6:00pm to 7:00pm: Dinner ~ 7:00pm to 7:30pm:  
Meeting**

### **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

President Debra Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:11pm. She welcomed Art Alliance members and their guests to the last meeting of the 2022-2023 year.

### **MINUTES**

Minutes for the April general meeting were made available to members in the April newsletter. No corrections were offered.

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Anne Deem and seconded by Patti Funder. Minutes were approved by all. Motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Treasurer Pam Balys shared that Art Alliance board had approved a donation of \$15,000.00 to RAM at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> board meeting. The Blue Door has seen an increase in revenue with a profit from this year coming in at approximately \$36,000.00.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Co-Chairs Anne Deem and Patti Funder presented the past year's new members each a traditional gift of a geranium cutting from the Monet Garden in Giverny and their new name badges. In addition, they reminded Art Alliance members to renew their memberships for the upcoming year.

#### **DIRECTORY**

Chair Lucile Arntzen asked everyone to be timely in their membership renewals so that their information appears in the 2023-2024 directory.

#### **ARTOBERFEST**

Co-Chair Kathy Allavie provided information on the next Art Alliance fundraiser, ARToberfest. The event will take place on October 7, 2023 at RAM and will have a band, art silent auction, wine from a local winery, and beer from four local breweries. Kathy reminded members to check their closets for art treasures that they might be willing to part with and donate to the ARToberfest.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **THANK YOU TO 2022-2023 BOARD MEMBERS**

President Debra Johnson called up the board members to the front to acknowledge them and present them with a memento of thanks for their service.

### **INCOMING PRESIDENT WELCOME**

New President Ruth Ann Ryan presented Debra Johnson with a gift of thanks for her service. Ruth Ann accepted the nomination of president, shared the Art Alliance mission along with her intentions and plans for upcoming fundraising and related events. Ruth Ann's theme for 2023-2024 will be "The Wonder of Art."

### **INTRODUCTION OF 2023-2024 BOARD MEMBERS**

President Ruth Ann Ryan introduced the slate of new board members to general membership. She thanked Tami Fleming-Maio, Emmanuelle Reynolds, the Annual Meeting volunteers, the bartenders, caterers and the RAM staff who worked so hard to put together the evening's event.

### **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn the general meeting was made by Kathy Allavie and seconded by Lucile Arntzen. Approved by all. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Chamiec, Secretary

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **Treasurer's Talk**

As we do not meet during the summer, my report includes the financials for April, May, June, July and August. While we do not meet, there was a great deal of work and activity that went on. Income and Expenses for April focused mainly on Art Market and the first ARToberfest sponsorship. May and June's focus was the Annual Meeting, Membership, and ARToberfest sponsors. July and August centered on Membership revenue and ARToberfest sponsors.

As the fiscal 2022-23 year closes, our balance stands at \$25,073.83. We are still in the process of reconciling Art Market. Hopefully that will be completed soon, so we can donate the additional profit to RAM and celebrate the total earned.

Pam Balys, Art Alliance Treasurer

## **CALENDAR**

- Thursday September 21, 2023 RAM Julia Morgan 6:00-6:30 PM Social, 6:30-7:00 Artist Camila Taylor, 7:00 - 7:30 General Art Alliance Business Meeting  
PICK UP YOUR DIRECTORY
- Thursday October 5, 2023 RAM Julia Morgan and Cheech 6:00-9:00 PM Arts Walk Free
- Thursday and Friday, October 5 and 6, 2023 RAM Julia Morgan All Day Set up for ARToberfest
- Saturday October 7, 2023 RAM Julia Morgan Final Set up for ARToberfest
- **Saturday October 7, 2023 RAM Julia Morgan 6:00-10:00 PM ARToberfest Beer, Wine, Music, Food and Vintage Art Sale.**
- Sunday October 8, 2023 RAM Julian Morgan 12:00 - 4:00 ARToberfest Final Vintage Art Sale
- 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
- **Wednesday November 8, 2023 RAM Julia Morgan Blue Door Museum Store 10:00 AM - 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.

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