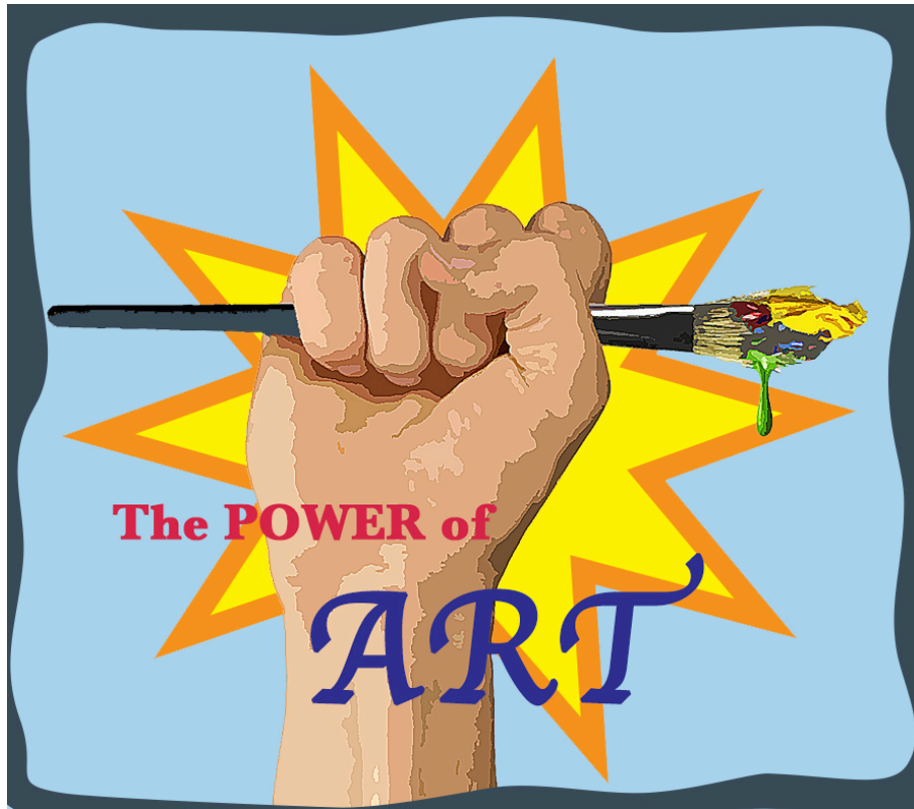


ART ALLIANCE of the Riverside Art Museum



President's Message

Welcome Aautumn! (Well, almost - this is Southern California after all!). The working committees of the Art Alliance have shaken off their Summer break and are busy planning for a host of upcoming events. First up is our fabulous Fall fundraiser "The Art of Celebration!" coming up on Saturday November 7th. I encourage you to buy your tickets now and volunteer at the event if you can. Our Holiday event will follow shortly after and then it will be time for Art Market! On October 2, Art Alliance Board Members had the opportunity to attend a reception welcoming the new Executive and Artistic Director of RAM, Vivian Zavataro. We welcomed Vivian with a small gift on behalf of the Art Alliance and also thanked Valerie Found for taking on the role of Interim Director for an entire year, in addition to her regular duties as Director of Fund Development. Vivian will be speaking briefly at our upcoming General Meeting on October 15th, giving all members a chance to meet her as she begins her work at RAM. Speaking of our General Meetings, we have

received great feedback on the new, enhanced sound system provided for our use by RAM. It will be used to full advantage by our October speaker, artist and poet Tammy Greenwood.

“Painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt, and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen.” -- Leonardo da Vinci

Karen Karlsson

2026 - 2027 President

FALL FUNDRAISER: ART OF CELEBRATION



November 7, 2026, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

Just one month away and the Fall Fundraiser event will take place at RAM. Tickets are \$50.00 and \$40.00 for designated drivers. Sponsorship donations are still coming in and with your help we can achieve our \$28,000 goal!

The committee is working hard to put this event all together.

Just confirmed from **Lori Pendergast** is “Beer from Carbon Nation and Route 30 breweries will be served” Here is a brief overview of what more to expect as you come to the event, either as a volunteer or a guest.

The Art Alliance Gallery will host the Wine & Beer Bar, the Art of Appetizers with a demonstration, the Silent Auction, and the Art of Flowers. The Members Gallery will feature the Art of Brewing, the Art of the Art Alliance, Printmaking, the Art of Craft Beer, and a designated sponsor area. The Atrium will hold the Art of the Cocktail demonstration, and in the Lobby will be the music, the cashier, and check-in. Because all activities will take place on the first floor, the second floor will be closed. The Blue Door will also remain closed during the event.

CBU students will serve as volunteers along with the Art Alliance members. Please sign up with **Pat Reed** if you have not already done so.

Silent Auction items received to date include four art works, one wine basket from Middle Ridge Winery featuring wine labels from local artists, a printmaking workshop for four adults from **Denise Kraemer** and an art lesson (details pending) from **Violet Evergreened**. Additional items have been requested and responses are pending.

So far, **Karen Karlsson, Denise Kraemer, Debi Vari, and Kathryn Baca Llano** have committed work to the Art of the Art of the Alliance sale. A reminder message will be sent out this week, and additional art pieces will be solicited at the October General Meeting.

Thanks to each of you, as an Art Alliance member, for contributing your time, energy and MONEY to this event.! See you there!

Judith Runyon
Chair

BLUE DOOR MUSEUM STORE

Riverside Art Museum

invites you to place your ornaments and holiday gift items in the
Blue Door Museum Store

Holiday Sale.

Consignment split is 60% to the artist, 40% to RAM.

Art intake will be on Friday and Saturday,

October 30 - 31

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Contact kathrynsarthur@gmail.com
for more information.

PROGRAMS

Speaker: Tammy C. Greenwood

Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, California poet and printmaker, **Tammy C. Greenwood's** work encompasses the heavy influence of her Southern roots and her newfound connection to the West Coast. Returning to academia later in life, she graduated summa cum laude from Cal State San Bernardino earning her BA in Studio Art studying printmaking, sculpture, painting, and creative writing. She identifies as both a poet and printmaker, seamlessly moving between these two disciplines. Her connection to the natural world is apparent through her use of iconic subject matter richly woven in symbolism as she explores themes of infertility, motherhood, life, death, and immortality.



She is a Pushcart Prize, Best Spiritual Lit nominee and a finalist in the 2026 Mississippi Review Poetry Prize. Her work appears or is forthcoming in *Bellevue Literary Review*, *Greensboro Review*, *Mississippi Review*, *New Ohio Review*, *Rattle*, *Pinch*, *SWWIM*, *Whale Road Review*, and elsewhere.

She is currently an MFA student of Poetry at San Diego State University and her chapbook, "The Winged and the Horned," debuted in 2026 by Finishing Line Press. You can find more of her work at www.tammygreenwoodart.com and her Instagram @tgreenwoodart

Teresa Chamiec & Denise Kraemer
Program Chairs

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



ART MARKET 2027



MEMBERSHIP

We are delighted to welcome in 7 new members to Art Alliance for this year (so far!) **Rhonda Tomale** and **Jeanne Ball** actually joined in June of 2026 and **Vicki Holloway** and **Kathy Pitchford** have just joined this month.

1. **Vicki Holloway**
2. **Kathy Pitchford**
3. **Pat Robertson**
4. **Patti Cotton**
5. **Curtis Doherty**
6. **Jeanne Ball**
7. **Rhonda Tomale**

We hope you appreciate the upgrade in the sound system for our general meetings. Thank you to RAM and to **Judith Runyon** for suggesting the obvious... there must be a way that we can all hear!

You will be receiving emails with attachments and reminders if you still need to:

- Renew your membership with RAM (this is separate from Art Alliance).
- Complete your Liability statement and your emergency contact information. We want this on file in case of any trips, falls or accidents while you are volunteering with us.

We will be decorating the holiday tree and mantle piece after the Fall Fundraiser:

Celebrating the Art of....on Saturday November 7th. With the party festivities, it would be

too crowded to add in additional decorations. You can marvel at the tree after Tuesday November 10th!

We hope to treat our new 2026-27 members to a tour of the Julia Morgan Building as soon as we can pin down a date for these busy people (both members and staff!)

Here are two of our new members for 2026-27

Patti Cotton

I have loved art for years, although, for much of that time, I was better at admiring other people's work than sitting down and creating my own. These days, I'm working on changing that!

My professional journey has included diplomatic relations, leadership both stateside and abroad, and for the last 15 years, my own firm providing executive coaching and organizational consulting. Riverside has been home for a significant part of my life. I have raised three sons here, and over the years my husband and I have become deeply connected to this community.

Now I'm making more room for another part of myself: the artist. Working with oils and moving from still life, I am learning to embrace landscapes and settings that capture light, atmosphere, and mood. I own my own business so am still learning to slow down and really see, and trying to spend more time actually painting than thinking about painting. As a recovering perfectionist, this is excellent therapy.

I joined the Art Alliance because I want art and a community of people who love making it to have a bigger place in this chapter of my life. I'm looking forward to learning, creating, and making some new friends along the way.

Pat Robertson

I grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area and became interested in art while taking elective classes on art history in college at UC, Berkeley. They were much more interesting than my major!!

Recruited after graduation by the Social Security Administration, I began my 40-year career working in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Imperial County and, finally, in Riverside in 1989. I retired in 2013 and have been a volunteer for local organizations, including the UC Riverside Master Gardener Program, the Old Riverside Foundation Home tour, the Mission Inn Foundation Museum store, and Victoria Elementary School library.

I started taking watercolor painting classes off and on in 2000 at UCR Extension, Riverside Art Museum, and had informal one-on-one sessions with a friend much more talented than me. I am still a budding painter. For example, years ago my art class went to Kimberly Crest Mansion in Redlands for a morning of painting. Our instructor complimented my work by saying it had “a delightful child-like quality.” I still chuckle over that comment!!

My favorite painting is Renoir’s “Luncheon of the Boating Party.” I have been fortunate to view it at the Phillips Museum in Washington, DC. I am also a huge fan of Dale Chihuly’s beautiful glass art.

Kathy Bocian,
Membership Chair

IN HONOR OF EVIE GUIN



Meet "**Claudia**"!

Diane Kwasman received her cutting of a geranium originating from Monet's Garden in Giverny (Thank you **Evie Guin**!) at the Annual Meeting. **Diane** is excited to have this living link to one of her favorite places.

Evie Guin was a long time member of Art Alliance. She loved to travel and on one trip to France, she visited Monet's home and gardens in Giverny. While touring the garden, she snagged a geranium plant. She managed to keep it alive on her journey home, and it flourished in her garden. Sprigs from this original plant have been given to Art Alliance new members since then.

SOCIAL MEDIA / MARKETING

Spread the word about the **Art of Celebration** event via:

1. Nextdoor – feel free to ask me for a photo/info to put on your Nextdoor page
 2. Instagram (please follow us: @RiversideArtAlliance)
 3. Facebook (please follow us: Art Alliance of the Riverside Art Museum)
- All of the above apps can be downloaded from the App Store, Google Play, or similar platforms.

The Facebook algorithm prioritizes “shares”, meaning that the more shares that a post gets, the more widely and prominently that post is displayed. “Share” carries more weight than “Like”. Please “share” Art Alliance posts as much as possible.

I cannot join multiple Nextdoor pages, which are geared toward neighborhood areas.

If you are able to join and share on your local Nextdoor page, I would greatly appreciate it. Many people receive information about our events through social media.

Thank you, in advance, for helping to spread the word!

Pam Kaptain, Chair

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING

Minutes from the September 2026 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.

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Robyn Rogers, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Talk October 2026

Attached are the financials for August which closes out our fiscal year 2025-2026. As you can see, there was little activity. One membership renewal comprised the Income. Expenses were the RAM Board dues for our President Karen Karlsson, an Art Market expense that resulted during reconciliation, and a charge for security during our Annual Dinner. Our balance is \$24,260.16.

Since August ends our fiscal year (September 1, 2025-August 30, 2026), this is what Art Alliance needs to celebrate. Our donation to RAM was \$29,000 for ARToberfest, \$34,000 for Art Market, and \$5,000 for the Ophelia Valdez-Yeager Auditorium equalling \$68,000. In addition, the Blue Door Museum store-- managed, stocked, and displayed by Art Alliance volunteers year round-- raised \$48,000 (pending auditor verification). If we combine all the figures, **Art Alliance's work and dedication raised \$116,000 for RAM this fiscal year!**

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Pam Balys, Treasurer

CALENDAR

Art Alliance 2026 - 2027 Calendar:

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Exhibits:

- **Janet Wheeler**, Now until January 10, 2027 at RAM.
- **California Collectives: Asian American Moderns**, 1924 - 1965, now until November 1, 2026 at RAM.
- **Naveah Marquez: SagradX**, now until January 31, 2027 at RAM.
- **We the People: Chicano Art in the U.S.A.**, now until May 23, 2027 at The Cheech.
- **Bernard Hoyer: Out from Under the Net**, Now until October 4, 2026 at RAM.
- **James McClung & Marcus Mercado: Our Empire**: Now until October 23, 2026 at The Cheech.

- **Carmen Lopez Garza: Picturing the Familiar**, now until February 14, 2027 at The Cheech.
- **Made in Coachella**, October 31, 2026 - March 21, 2027 at The Cheech.

Meetings

- **Art Alliance General Meeting, September 17, 2026, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Julia Morgan Building.**
- **Art Alliance General Meeting, October 15, 2026, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Julia Morgan Building.**

Events

- **First Sunday:** The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Thursday, October 4, 2026, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.. Free Admission.
- **Riverside ArtsWalk:** The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Thursday, October 1st, 2026, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.. Free Admission.
- **First Sunday:** The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Thursday, November 1st, 2026, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.. Free Admission.
- **Riverside ArtsWalk:** The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Thursday, November 5, 2026, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.. Free Admission.
- **FALL FUNDRAISER - ART OF CELEBRATION, November 7, 2026, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Julian Morgan Building, Fee \$50.00 - general; \$40.00 - designated driver.**

Classes: Sign Up On Line

- **Youth Classes:**
 - **Fall Classes @ The Riverside Art Museum, beginning September 12, 2026 include: Saturday Morning & Afternoon, Afterschool, Homeschool, Toddler & Adult, Special Needs, Mini Art Camps. See details at link below: <https://ramcheech.ticketapp.org/portal/product/297/events>**



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