



ART ALLIANCE of the Riverside Art Museum



President: Debra Johnson

OCTOBER 2022

October was off to a quick start as Art Alliance held our Off the Wall Gala in-person for the first time since 2019. It was a sold out affair and it was great to see the Art Alliance gallery filled with people sharing their love of art, rekindling friendships, and making new friendships. Thanks go to all of you for supporting this fundraiser through sponsorships, gala tickets, as well as your time and talents.

I especially want to extend my most sincere thanks to Emmanuelle Reynolds and Tami Fleming-Maio for their leadership, along with their many committee members, who worked to put on this wonderful event. I thank all of the artists who participated and created such wonderful pieces of art, many of whom attended the Gala as well. Seeing their work come “off the wall” was a thrill for them. Finally, I would be remiss if I did not recognize the tireless work of our RAM staff who were with us before, during, and after the event making everything run so smoothly.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next General Art Alliance meeting on October 20th at 6 pm. Please note that this meeting will be held at The Cheech in the second floor Auditorium. Bring a friend!

Debra Johnson, *President*

PROGRAMS

Sant Khalsa: *Artist as Activist*

Sant Khalsa's artworks develop from her mindful inquiry into the nature of place and complex environmental and societal issues. She will discuss her creative practice - photo works and installations produced over the past four decades with a focus on critical water issues including “Paving Paradise,” about our Santa Ana River and Watershed and “Western Waters,” documenting retail water stores in the southwest, currently featured in her RAM solo exhibition.



Sant Khalsa is an artist, educator, and activist whose artworks are widely

exhibited, published, and acquired by museums including the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Nevada Museum of Art, Center for Creative Photography in Tucson, UCR California Museum of Photography, and National Galleries of Scotland in Edinburgh. Khalsa is a recipient of prestigious fellowships and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, California Arts Council, California Humanities and others. She was honored as the inaugural recipient of the Society for Photographic Education *Insight Award* for her significant contributions to the field of photography (2012). Khalsa is a Professor of Art, Emerita at California State University, San Bernardino. Her second monograph of photographs “Crystal Clear II Western Waters” is forthcoming from Minor Matters Books in December 2022.

Denise Kraemer, *Programs Chair*

OFF THE WALL

A HUGE thank you to all who helped make Off the Wall 2022 another successful event for the Art Alliance and RAM. We had almost 100 local artists represented and just short of 300 entries.

We were sold out on tickets and the excitement of the sponsors wanting to rush in to see and purchase art was exhilarating. The food was plentiful, the music charming, the art of great quality, and everyone had a great time chatting with old and new friends alike. And the best news is that we sold 130 pieces of art, one of the best years so far. So great job everyone and congrats.

Emmanuelle Reynolds and Tami Fleming-Maio, *Co-Chairs*

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to New Member **Daniel Teeter**. Actually, we should say Welcome Back Daniel! Daniel is a long time Riverside resident and RAM supporter, who as an Art Alliance member was very important to our Art Alliance fundraising efforts a

few years ago. But alas, Daniel took a new and very demanding job and needed to stop his volunteer efforts for a while. Well lucky us, we have him back and we are very GLAD! Not only is Daniel an extraordinary volunteer, but he is also an accomplished artist with a focus on photography and printmaking. You will see him at our meetings with a camera. Lucky us.

Also welcome **Angela Eaton**. Angela comes by her love of art and crafting naturally. She has an expert seamstress and quilting mother, a prolific painting 101-years-young grandma, and expert woodworker uncles. One sister is a cake decorator and another sister makes gorgeous paper creations. Angela's husband plays guitar and her son is a musician. She quilts, knits, crochets, embroiders, paints and enjoys learning new techniques. She loves mixed media, pottery and interesting art. Maybe we'll see some of her creations at some of our events!

Angela's husband of 30 years is Brad. They have two children, and two beautiful granddaughters. She is impressed by our projects and is excited about The Cheech.

Anne Deem, *Membership Co-Chair*

BLUE DOOR MUSEUM STORE

Store sales for the first three months following the Cheech opening have been totally phenomenal and unprecedented. Sales from those three months resulted in the store profit for the fiscal year ended August 31 to be over \$21,500, more than double our budgeted amount for the entire year! The credit for keeping up with this volume of sales goes to a small but dedicated group of committee members who have purchased and priced merchandise, worked with artists to place their goods in the store, arranged for featured artists, dusted and arranged, and coordinated with the ever-expanding Visitor Services staff.

Our **Annual Holiday Sale** is being arranged. Mark your calendars for Member Opening Day, November 9, with the Public Opening Day on November 10. We urge you to shop early for holiday gifts and decor as the store sales have been so amazing. But first, you can submit items for the sale.

The Holidays are Coming
and
we would like your artistry, your ornaments and gift items
in the
Riverside Art Museum
Blue Door Museum Store.

Let your creativity shine and let the BDMS be the venue where you sell your holiday themed and artistic gift items this holiday season. We have found that items priced around \$20 sell best.

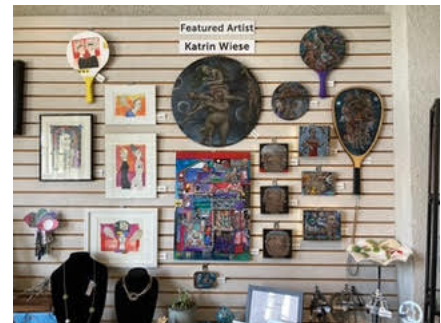
Artists receive 60% of the purchase price, while 40% goes to RAM.

The art intake days will be Friday and Saturday, November 5 and 6, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Unsold merchandise may be picked up starting on January 5th.

Please contact Patti Funder at plmfunder@gmail.com for more information.

Our Featured Artist is Katrin Wiese. Currently she is immortalizing an archive of her work on Instagram: www.instagram.com/katrin.wiese

Kathy Arthur, *Blue Door Museum Store Committee Chair*



ART MARKET



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 1, 2023

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

White Park, Riverside

The Riverside Art Market Committee is beginning work in planning for the 2023 event. It will be held on April 1, 2023 in White Park. With over 100 artists, children's art, entertainment, and a silent auction, the day promises to be fun for the whole family.

Our goal for this year's event is to double the amount of attendees. To further this goal, we have a special team of volunteers working on enhancing publicity. A call to artists will be going out to artists this month and booth sign-ups will begin in mid November. At the October Art Alliance meeting we will call for volunteers to participate in planning this special event. Please consider joining our committee.

Thank you,

Barbara Holshouser, Karen Karlsson, Kathy Christmas, *Co-Chairs*

TREASURER'S TALK

With the October Board meeting early in the month, I do not have the completed September financials report for you to review. I can say that we started off our 2022-23 fiscal year with a \$10,000 donation to RAM---the remaining profit earned from Art Market held last spring-- and we enter the new fiscal year financially sound.

Our donations to RAM continually exceed our fund raising budgets. Our current Off the Wall Fundraiser is doing exceedingly well and is expected to exceed our budgeted profit of \$20.000.

The treasurer's job is to keep track of the income and expenses involved. As treasurer, I realize how much more goes into the actual numbers. I am so privileged to experience how much Art Alliance volunteer energy, commitment, talent, and friendship work together to create such successful fundraising events for RAM.

Pam Balys, Treasurer

Are You An Artist

Art Projects for Art Alliance Members 2022-23



Sighting interesting designs on our journey in life.

The old saying is “don’t forget to stop and smell the roses.” This is a reminder to take time from our busy days to enjoy life. While the rest of the world are smelling roses, the artist is taking time out to find interesting designs on their journey in life. This week’s assignment is to do a rubbing:

1. Find something interesting.
2. Get a piece of paper and a pencil, crayon, chalk or any other utensil that will leave a mark on your paper.
3. Rub the utensil over the paper slowly several time to transfer your discovery.
4. Cut away the extra paper. and take a photo of it with the area around it so we can see how your work fits into the journey.
5. Upload the image (make sure that you have your name on the email) and email it to Kathy Bocian kathleen.bocian@gmail.com
6. Last but not least – Join us for the Oct. 20th meeting and bring your journey with you. We can't wait to see what inspires you!

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Thursday, Oct. 13	5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	<i>Night of Art and Innovation, Downtown Riverside</i>
Thursday, Oct. 20	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	<i>General Meeting - The Cheech</i>

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, Nov. 1	5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 9	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	BDMS Holiday Sale Opening



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