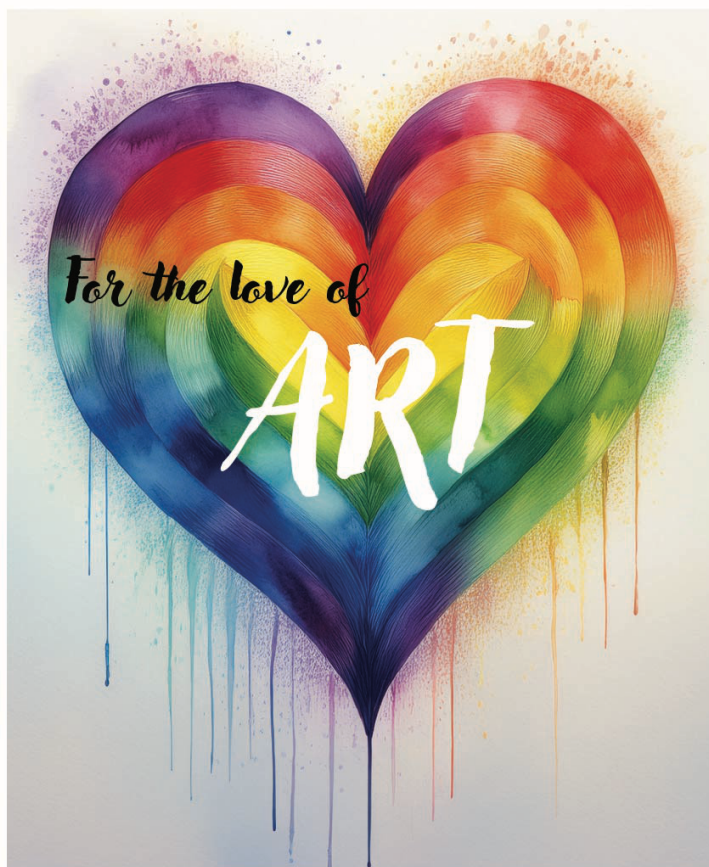


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# *ART ALLIANCE of the Riverside Art Museum*



## **President's Message**

They say April showers bring May flowers 🌸 and I'm especially grateful those showers waited just one extra day to arrive!

First, I would like to give a huge shout-out to our Art Market Committee! Our Spring fundraiser, the 11th Annual Riverside Art Market, held on Saturday, April 11th at White Park, was an incredible success.

This truly was an “all hands on deck” event, and our Co-Chairs and their committee did an outstanding job planning, organizing, and bringing everything together seamlessly. They even secured a record-breaking amount in sponsorships, an amazing accomplishment and a true testament to their dedication and hard work.

The weather couldn't have been more perfect, and the energy throughout the day was simply wonderful. Vendors were thrilled, the turnout was fantastic, and our volunteers worked tirelessly, it truly showed. Everywhere I walked, I saw smiling faces, busy booths, and people joyfully supporting the arts and listening to music in the background. It was a pleasure to witness and something that made my heart incredibly full.

Thank you all for your energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to making this event so special. A very special thank you to our Co-Chairs—**Kathy Christmas, Krissy Parker, Pam Kaptain** and your committee. You are truly amazing. Your leadership, vision, and dedication made this day not only possible, but beautiful.

It's hard to believe how quickly this year has flown by. As we approach our final program and general meeting, we are also looking ahead to our Annual Meeting Dinner and the transition of officers. I want each and every one of you to know how grateful I am, you made this year meaningful, memorable, and truly special. I will carry these memories with me for many years to come.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Annual Dinner meeting on May 21st. Invitations will be available at the April 16th meeting.

And a quick reminder—our upcoming meeting will be held at The Cheech due to our location change this month.

**With appreciation and gratitude,**

**Tami**

**Art Alliance President, 2025–2026**

## RIVERSIDE ART MARKET





APRIL 11, 2026 • WHITE PARK • RIVERSIDE

### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Riverside Art Market

The Riverside Art Market returned for its 11<sup>th</sup> year with a burst of energy and community spirit! Despite spending nearly two weeks anxiously tracking weather forecasts that threatened rain, thunderstorms, and lightning, April 11<sup>th</sup> graced us with a sunny, picture-perfect day. The weather was a gift, allowing the event to unfold in full glory and bringing smiles to everyone who attended.

This year's Art Market proved to be much more than just an event—it was a celebration of creativity that strengthened the local arts community, provided valuable exposure for artists, connected residents with inspiring creative experiences, and helped fund essential art programs. By gathering artists, artisans, and art lovers, Art Market fosters lasting relationships and encourages the growth of Riverside's vibrant arts scene. The event also raises awareness and support for the Riverside Art Museum, ensuring art remains accessible to all.

Although the previous week's threat of inclement weather may have kept some people home, we welcomed just under 3,000 visitors this year. Judging by their cheerful faces, everyone had a wonderful time! Over 80 artists and artisans filled 75 booths, and their overwhelmingly positive feedback reflects both strong sales and community appreciation. Thank you to **Karen Karlsson**, who worked closely with each artist. Nearly all participating artists are eager to return next year, and we're collecting suggestions and comments from both artists and attendees to make the 2026 Art Market even better.

Our fundraising goals for the Art Market were met—and exceeded! Led by **Kathy Allavie**, **Myra Appel**, and **Elisa Lopez**, sponsorships totaled an impressive \$34,450. Sponsors enjoyed complimentary wine and beer in the exclusive Sponsor's Tent, while the wine/beer garden and snack bar, led by **Teresa Chamiec** and **Tami Maio** proved to be a very popular attraction with sales figures still being calculated. The Silent Auction, expertly managed by **Suzy Clem**, raised over \$2,000 from artwork and jewelry donated by Art Market artists. For the first time, an Art Alliance booth, organized by **Kathy Allavie** and

**Lucile Arntzen**, featured original artwork from members, friends, and families, bringing in another \$626. While expenses increased due to rising prices, we are on target to meet and exceed our goal to the Riverside Art Museum. After the receipts are submitted, we will be able to more accurately determine our net total.

Thanks to **Denise Stevens and Jean Aklufi** for organizing our entrances! Their teams made the visitors feel welcome! Our guests enjoyed a day full of creative demonstrations and family-friendly fun. Riverside Community Arts Association's **Carr Garnet and Ray Fernandez** showcased art techniques, while children's crafts were provided by **The Riverside Public Library, Barbara Wallace, La Vonne Dodge, Camille Sanders, Tom Powell, Violet Evergreene**, and **Art 2 Go**, and face painting was offered by **Emeldy Delgadillo**.

The Entertainment was great! It really set a lovely background for the day. Thank you to **Krissy Parker and her family** for making sure the entertainers had just what they needed.

Thank you to our Cashier staff led by **Pam Balys and the RAM finance staff**. Thank you to **Debra Johnson** for recruiting our food vendors and shepherding them through the Health permit process. **Valerie Found** obtained the City of Riverside sponsorship, coordinated city planning for the event. **Beth Kollmyer** organized our web presence, artist registration, sponsorships and so many posters and banners! Thank you to our marketing team: **Valerie Found, Beth Kollmyer, Jen Kanter and Linda Kieding**. Thank you to **Kathy Bocian and Pat Reed** who spent countless hours soliciting and organizing volunteers to support the Art Market efforts. The artists really appreciated all the support they received from the volunteers.

**Finally, we have to thank all of you who volunteered, donated, sponsored or spread the word about the 11th Annual Riverside Art Market. It takes a village, and our Art Alliance membership is that village!**

Thank you all,

**Kathy Christmas, Pam Kaptain & Krissy Parker**  
Co-chairs Riverside Art Market 2026

## PROGRAMS

As the end of the Art Alliance year nears, we would like to thank the speakers and attendees during the programs this past year. We have tried to provide a mix of artists from the southern California area to represent the many faces of the arts.

Per tradition, April's program will consist of six Art Alliance members each sharing a piece of artwork that they find special. Many thanks to members **Kathy Arthur, Krissy Parker, Amanda Pitchford, Tauna Mallis, Patti Funder and Kathy Christmas** for volunteering!

Thank you.

Take care,

**Teresa Chamiec and Elisa Lopez**  
Program Co-Chairs

## BLUE DOOR MUSEUM STORE



Spring is in the air and in the Blue Door Store. Stop by and browse the new spring items for special gifts and home decor. Don't wait. That special item is waiting just for you!

**Kathryn Baca LLano**  
Blue Door Museum Store  
Chair

## MEMBERSHIP

**Renewal of membership and dues** deadlines will begin in April. Please be alert to emails from the ArtAlliance email address with instructions on how to renew online. Membership dues may seem trivial, but dues dollars provide the basis of our working budget and expenses. Please, be prompt! 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.

**Kathy Bocian**

**Art Alliance Membership Co-Chair**

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE: 2025-26**

A reminder that this Thursday, at the Art Alliance General meeting, we will be voting for the 2026-27 slate of officers. I want to thank those who volunteered to accept a position this year...they are a great group of leaders!

Also, a big thanks to the Nominating Committee members who devoted their time and wisdom to creating the slate: Krissy Parker, Myra Appel, Pam Kaptain, Tami Maio, and Karen Karlsson who will be our 2026/27 president.

See you Thursday...at the Cheech!!

**Debra Johnson, Nominating Chair**

## 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](mailto:LKieding1963@gmail.com), or text it to me at (951)231-0778 (be sure to include your



sponsorships/donations, but we also saw the beginning of Art Market expenses being paid. Our balance as of the end of March stands at \$24,500. This is more than enough to pay the upcoming major expenses that will occur for Art Market.

We are Art Alliance strong due to all of you who so willingly devote your time, treasure, and talent to making our fundraisers so successful. The day at White Park could not have been more beautiful. I believe this is a sign that our profit will reflect that as well.

**Pam Balys, Treasurer**

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## CALENDAR

**2025 - 2026 Art Alliance Calendar**

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### Exhibits:

- **Our Empire: James McClung & Marcus Mercado**, Now until October 23, 2026
- **Chicano Camera Culture: A Photographic History, 1966 - 2026**, Now until September 6, 2026 at the Cheech
- **A Look at Our Collection: Sandra Rowe**, Now until May 24, 2026 at RAM
- **Noé Montes: Regional History**, Now until April 19, 2026 at RAM
- **Cheech Collects IV**, Now until May 3, 2026 at the Cheech

### Meetings

- **Art Alliance General Meeting, April 16, 2026, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at RAM.**
- **Past President's Tea**, May 7, 2026, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., at the home of Kathy Christmas, RSVP.
- **Art Alliance Annual Meeting, May 21, 2026, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at RAM, RSVP, \$45 per person.**

### Events

- **Comedy Club at The Cheech**, April 25, 2026, 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. at the Cheech, \$30.
- **First Sunday**: The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Sunday, May 3, 2026, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.. Free Admission
- **Carlos Puma: Cheech @ The Cheech** - Arts Walk and Reception, May 3, 2026, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. FREE.
- **Riverside ArtsWalk**: The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Thursday, May 7, 2026, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.. Free Admission.

### Classes: Sign Up On Line

- **Adult Classes:**
  - **Adult Mixed Media Classes at RAM**, Saturdays or Sundays 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 4/23 7 5/3, \$40.50 - \$45 Single Class,
- **Youth Classes:**
  - **Summer Classes @ The Riverside Art Museum & The Cheech**, see link below for details: <https://riversideartmuseum.org/arts-ed/summer-youth-art-classes-2026/>
  - **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., 5 - class session: \$72 - \$80.
  - **Home School Classes** (ages 6 - 15), Tues., 10 - 11:30 a.m.. 5-class session: \$99 - \$110.
  - **After School Classes** (ages 6 - 15), Tues., Wed. Thurs. 4 - 5:30 p.m.. 5-class session: \$99 - \$110.




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