

ART ALLIANCE of the Riverside Art Museum



A Message from the Art Alliance President

Dear Members,

I can hardly believe it's November already — 2025 has flown by!

ARToberfest was a huge success thanks to **Patti Funder** and her amazing committee. Everything looked effortless, but we know how much hard work it took — and what a village of volunteers it takes! Thank you to each and every one of you! You know who you are and we know how hard you worked! You are all amazing! Our sponsors had a

spectacular time and didn't want to leave — a true testament to the welcoming, joyful environment you all created.

If you missed ARToberfest, don't worry — our 11th Annual Art Market is coming April 11! Planning meetings start November 20, so be ready to join the fun and support co-chairs **Kathy Christmas, Pam Kaptain, and Krissy Parker.**

Coming up before the end of 2025:



Nov 11 – New members decorate the museum tree.



Nov 12 – Blue Door Holiday Sale Opening
Shop unique, artful gifts while supporting the museum we love.



Nov 20 – Final General Meeting of 2025
Celebrate our accomplishments and look ahead to 2026.



SUNDAY, Nov 30 – Annual Holiday Event: Luncheon 11:30 at the Riverside Woman's Club. Enjoy live music, a 17-singer chorus, specialty cocktails, gingerbread houses and fabulous opportunity items!



We'll take a short December break and return with our **January Potluck Luncheon on Jan 15 at noon.**



Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter and gratitude. Thank you for making the Art Alliance a vibrant, creative team!

With cheer,

Tami Fleming-Maio

2025-2026 President, Riverside Art Alliance

ARToberfest 2025



Hello Art Alliance members,

October's ARToberfest is a memory now. I am very grateful that I had the greatest committee! Our subcommittees: sponsorship, silent auction, art activity, fun, entertainment, marketing, volunteer recruiter and logistics all did their jobs spectacularly well.

Just some of the RAM staff who were wonderful problem solvers and helped in innumerable ways: **Valerie Found, Beth Kollmyer, Jen Kanter, Laura Lomas, and Kisbel De La Rosa!**

A very special thanks to Art Alliance members who weren't on the committee:

Andy Schulte: emailed me out of the blue and offered his help. He helped moved the art sale items to RAM on Friday, helped clear out on Sunday, and rented the trailer to deliver the unsold art on Monday. His positive "can do" attitude made our work fun.

Elisa Lopez: pursued East Side Rotary and got them to sponsor and to volunteer! She also helped with spreading the word. She was a one-woman booster club!

Kathy & Gary Christmas are so generous with their help and their truck! They helped move art and numerous other items to RAM and to remove those items on Sunday.

Dana Hart-Nibbrig also called out of the blue and asked how she could help. She joined the Friday afternoon team that got the art to RAM. **Dana** recruited her brother **Ric**, his wife **Michelle**, and their truck for the Friday art move.

I am always amazed at the strength, professionalism, and "sure, why not" attitude that Art Alliance members bring to our fundraisers and membership events. This is an amazing group to belong to.

A special thanks to two women who are not members:

Cyndi Malsed got me started with the beer part of the ARToberfest. She and her husband **Mike** are home brewers, who also help at All Points Brewery. All Points was the first brewery to sign up for the event. **Cyndi** and **Mike** were invaluable in helping me write the agreement between the breweries and RAM. Also, **Cyndi** distributed our letter, and other documents to local breweries and **Mike** introduced me to the Home Brew Clubs.

In case you missed it, here are the breweries and brew clubs that poured their liquid gold at our event and deserve our patronage: All Points Brewery, Carbon Nation Brewing, Euryale Brewing Co., GreyWolf Brewing Co., Packinghouse Brewing Co., Storytellers Brewery and Meet House, Hangar 24, and Inland Empire Brew Club and Brew Me Brew Club. It added to the fun component of our event to tell our guests that there was free beer being offered on the rooftop by the brew clubs.

Jen Patten was introduced to me by **Cyndi**. She is responsible for getting the wine to us at a discount. This helped a great deal in keeping costs down.

Thank you to all who volunteered your time the night of the event and over the

weekend. We could not have pulled it off without you!

Cheers!

Patti

RIVERSIDE ART MARKET 2026



APRIL 11, 2026 • WHITE PARK • RIVERSIDE

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 11th, 2026

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

White Park, Riverside

Planning for the Riverside Art Market is now in full swing! The artist application process begins this week. The White Park venue map has been updated, utilizing input from last year's artists and volunteers. The Riverside Art Market Committee will begin meeting this month. If you would like to serve on this fun event, let us know. Thank you to all of you that volunteered to be on this team!

This is our 11th Riverside Art Market! Be prepared to have fun!

Thank you,

Kathy Christmas

Pam Kaptain

Krissy Parker

PROGRAMS

November Speaker: Jonathan Godinez



The featured speaker for the November Art Alliance general meeting will be **Jonathan Godinez**.

Jonathan is an interdisciplinary Mexican-American artist born and raised in Tijuana, Mexico. At the age of eleven, he and his family moved to Riverside California in search of a better future. He attended Norco and Riverside City College for his foundational studies before transferring to California State University, Long Beach, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Studio Arts in 2021. **Jonathan** continued his art education and earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from Claremont Graduate University in 2024. Presently, **Jonathan** is teaching at Scripps College in Claremont, CA.

Jonathan's interest in art was first sparked by the vibrant graffiti murals that decorated the streets of his childhood neighborhood. This early exposure fostered a deep appreciation for street art, which continues to influence much of his work today. While studying at Cal State Long Beach, he was introduced to woodworking and sculpture, discovering a passion for creating with his hands that rivaled his love for drawing and painting. This newfound interest led him to explore 3D modeling and printing, where he found he could design intricate sculptures on the computer and bring them to life as physical 3D prints. Halfway through his master's degree, Jonathan decided to pause his painting work to focus on digital 3d scanning and modeling, resulting in an impressive collection of 3D-printed sculptures that added up to his Thesis.

Teresa Chamiec & Elisa Lopez
Programs Co-chairs

BLUE DOOR MUSEUM STORE - FEATURED ARTIST



MICHAEL J. ELDERMAN

Michael J. Elderman first knew he might be a good photographer when his aunt, who never liked anything, told him she admired a portrait he had taken of her with his Brownie Hawkeye camera when he was 11 years old.

Jump ahead to **Michael** in his 30s, starting a photography business with a friend, but always keeping an artistic component going as well. His first exhibit, at the Inland Empire Gallery in 1978, was *Wedding Nights and Other Fantasies*—semi-nude portraits of friends that celebrated **Michael** himself getting married that year. In 1982, a solo show of his series of portraits of creative friends and others appeared at the Riverside Art Museum. Shortly after that, he had a solo show at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art of his Xmas à la SoCal work—humorous and wry photos of how Southern Californians treated Christmas in a warm climate.

In this mix was a series of portraits of writers done at UCR and elsewhere, shown at *Back to the Grind* and on permanent exhibit in the halls of the Creative Writing Department at UCR. Next came *The World's Playground*—photos which darkly portrayed the transition to casino gambling in **Michael's** hometown of Atlantic City,

NJ. It showed at the Atlantic City Museum in New Jersey, as well as in group shows in Everett, Washington, and Riverside.

Finally, two solo exhibits of **Michael's** Fox Theater work, based on his book about the restoration of Riverside's Fox Theater, showed at the Riverside Art Museum and the Brandstater Gallery at La Sierra University. His Urban Dance Riverside work began in 2010 or so and continues into the present. Images have been shown at Division 9 Gallery, RCAA Gallery, The Makery in Los Angeles, and several others.

Michael is known for his commercial and art photography in Riverside as "The Eyes of Riverside."



Mindy Griffith, Blue Door Museum Store

MEMBERSHIP

Membership

Upcoming Event: Tuesday November 11th 1:00 – 5:00 PM Julia Morgan

Building. Christmas Tree and Mantel decoration. We will be hanging origami ornaments

created with **Denise Kraemer** and Resin ornaments created with **Emmanuelle Reynolds**. Thanks to both of our instructors!

Please RSVP via email or text to **Kathy Bocian** (952) 206-0928 or **Elizabeth Lossing** (951 333-2727)

Our new members for the 2025-26 year have 'seized the day', 'jumped in with both feet' and 'walked where angels fear to tread.' **Krissy Parker** is co-chairing Art Market with **Pam Kaptain** and **Kathy Christmas**, **Violet Evergreene** created and taught the popular collage class at ARToberfest, **Robyne Williams**, **Sandi Fay**, **Judith Runyon** were greeters and ticket takers, **Krissy Parker** tended bar, **Amanda Pitchford** worked behind the scenes in the kitchen, **Diane Kwasman** and **Sharene McIntyre** monitored the galleries, **Lori Pendergraft** helped set up the auction, and **Barbara Harte** helped us take everything down on Saturday. Quite the group!

Welcome New Member Robyne Williams (Active)

We asked **Robyne** to tell us a little about herself that we could share with Art Alliance. "I joined Art Alliance because I admire the hard working and personable members and the well thought out projects. I'm looking forward to meeting more members, learning more and contributing my talents to upcoming events. I was previously a docent at the Mission Inn and did tours for 20 years. I have also worked at the Old Riverside Home Tour for over 15 years. I put on the Riverside Dickens fashion show for three years. I have taught group exercise classes and enjoyed meeting and making many friends through exercise. Looking forward to getting involved in the Art Alliance."

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Thank you,

Kathy Bocian & Elizabeth Lossing
Art Alliance Membership Co-Chairs

IN MEMORIUM



Beverly Wingate Maloof, Art Alliance President 1975 - 1976

Beverly Wingate Maloof, who spent decades protecting Riverside's historic buildings and natural landscapes died on November 6 at the age of 94.

Maloof helped save the Mission Inn from demolition as a founding member of the Mission Inn Foundation. She participated in campaigns for Measures C and R, which regulated growth in the historic Arlington Heights Citrus area and along Victoria Avenue.

"Beverly was always part of the Riverside community growing up," said Riverside Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson. "I knew her name, and she was always kind and an inspiration to me as a mother and business owner."

As founding president of the Riverside Land Conservancy, Maloof worked to protect open spaces throughout the city. The organization's Wingate Maloof Award for effective environmental engagement honors her legacy.

She served as past president of the Riverside Art Alliance, supporting the Riverside Art Museum in its 1929 Julia Morgan building. In the 1970s, she chaired restoration efforts for the Museum of Riverside's Heritage House.

Maloof founded Shelter West Realty, operating from a historic Riverside home where the backyard hosted numerous nonprofit events. She performed for over 50 years with The Why Nots, a folk music group of eight women who met weekly.

"Beverly was a model for women going into business because she was determined to be of service to her clients and the community around her," said friend Connie Ransom.

In 1989, Maloof became the first woman inducted into Riverside Sunrise Rotary. She received the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce Athena Award in 1994 for creating leadership opportunities for women.

Born in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1931, Maloof cherished childhood memories of running through grass and climbing elm trees, which inspired her lifelong dedication to preserving nature. She first met woodworker Sam Maloof in 1958 at the Los Angeles County Fair, ordering a table that began their decades-long friendship. They married in 2001.

Following their marriage, she helped complete the relocation of the historic Maloof home to Rancho Cucamonga to make way for the 210 freeway. There she designed the Maloof Discovery Garden, demonstrating water-wise landscaping. She served on the board of the

Sam and Alfreda Maloof Foundation and as a trustee of the California Botanical Garden in Claremont.

She is survived by her son, Todd Wingate, and his partner, Steven Cason.

"My mother's commitment to the Maloof Foundation was an example of how she lived her life—always in service of the greater community," said Todd.

Copied From the Raincross Gazette, November 6, 2025, <https://www.raincrossgazette.com/beverly-wingate-maloof-1931-2025/>

DIRECTORY

MANY THANKS to those of you who delivered directories – **Tami Maio, Pat Ryan, Ruth Ann Ryan, Patti Funder, Debra Johnson!** And – to so many others who volunteered! Many hands make light work; thank you for lightening my load.

DIRECTORY PHOTOS: If you want a different photo in next year's directory, email or text it to me at any time.

If you did not receive your directory, let me know: LKieding1963@gmail.com.

I received a lovely **note from Rebecca Wright**, who lives in Eugene, Oregon:
"I'm so happy that I had the privilege of being a president for Art Alliance. It's such a wonderful organization filled with incredible women.... Hugs to all."

Linda Kieding, Chair

SOCIAL MEDIA / MARKETING

MANY THANKS to all of you who helped spread the word about ARToberfest!

Instagram: Please follow us at: *@RiversideArtAlliance*

Facebook: Please follow us at: *Art Alliance of the Riverside Art Museum*

Both of the above apps can be downloaded from App Store, Google Play, or similar

platforms.

Linda Kieding, Chair

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING

Minutes from the October 2025 General Meeting were submitted by **Robyn Rogers, Secretary**. These will be reviewed and approved at the November 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 - November 2025

Attached are the September financials, the first of our new fiscal year. We began the year with \$26,500 and end the month with \$20,800.

Income reflects the Membership transfer of \$7500 (credit card payments) and the remainder ARToberfest sponsorships. The majority of the expenses are the \$15,000 donation to RAM (\$10,000 proceeds from Art Market and 5,000 for the Ophelia Valdez-Yeager Plaque), the beginning of ARToberfest expenses, and the printing of the Directory.

While ARToberfest has not been reconciled and the final amount we earned for RAM still in process, I can say that it was a successful event on many levels. Congratulations to all of you who sponsored, donated, and volunteered to make this another amazing Art Alliance event.

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Pam Balys, Treasurer

CALENDAR

2025 - 2026 Art Alliance Calendar

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Exhibits

- **Soy de Tejas: A Statewide Survey of Latinx Art**, Now until January 11, 2026 at the Cheech
- **A Look at Our Collection**, Now until January 11, 2026 at RAM
- **Fancy Forest Friends**, Now until January 4, 2025 at RAM
- **Cheech Collects IV**, Now until May 3, 2026 at the Cheech
- **Noé Montez: Regional History**, Now until April 19, 2026 at RAM

Meetings

- **Art Alliance General Meeting, November 20, 2025, 6:00 - 7:30 PM at RAM.**
- **Art Alliance General Meeting, January 18, 2026, 12:00 - 1:30 PM at the Cheech.**

Events

- **Blue Door Holiday Sale Opening, November 12, 2025 from 10 AM, Julia Morgan Building**
- **Holiday Event, Sunday, November 30, 12 Noon - 3 PM, Riverside Women's Club**
- **Riverside Arts Walk: The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Thursday, December 4, 2025, 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Free Admission.**
- **First Sunday: The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Sunday, December 7, 2025 12:00 - 5:00 PM. Free Admission**
- **Riverside Arts Walk: The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Thursday, January 1, 2026, 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Free Admission.**
- **First Sunday: The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Sunday, January 4, 2026 12:00 - 5:00 PM. Free Admission**

Classes: Sign Up On Line

- **Adult Classes:**

- Mix Media and Art Journaling with Tina, Saturdays, 10 AM - 1:00 PM, Each session: \$35 - \$45. November 22th: Watercolor for Relaxation.
- **Youth Classes:**
 - After School Classes (ages 6 - 15), Tues., Wed. or Thurs. 4 - 5:30 PM. 5-class session: \$99 - \$110.
 - Home School Classes (ages 6 - 15), Tues., 10 - 11:30 AM. 5-class session: \$99 - \$110.
 - Saturday Art Club (ages 5 - 12), Saturdays, 10 - 11:00 AM, 5 - class session: \$72 - \$80.
 - New Saturday Afternoon Class, December 6 & 13th, Saturdays, 12:30 - 3:00 PM, 2 class session: \$58.50 - \$65.
 - Minicamp - Thanksgiving Week, Monday, November 24 - Wednesday, November 26th:
 - Morning session Mon - Wed: 9 AM - 12 PM.
 - Afternoon session Mon - Wed: 1 PM - 4 PM.
 - Early Bird Price: Sign up by November 3, 2024: 3 - class session, Mon - Wed is \$103.50 - \$115.
 - Beginning November 4, 2024: 3 - class session, Mon - Wed is \$148.50 - \$165.
 - Minicamp - Holiday Break, Monday, December 29 - 31 and Friday, January 2, 2026 (no class on Thursday, January 1)
 - Morning session Monday - Wednesday & Friday: 9 AM - 12 PM
 - Afternoon session Monday - Wednesday & Friday: 1 PM - 4 PM
 - Early Bird Price before December 1: 4 Class session - \$138 - \$153
 - Regular Price after December 1: 4 Class session - \$148.50 - \$165



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