

ART ALLIANCE of the Riverside Art Museum



The Wonder of Art

President: Ruth Ann Ryan

February 2024

February brings exciting new exhibits to RAM! Please check out the highly anticipated Judith Hernandez exhibit and bring your family and friends.

The Art Alliance has been busy planning our next big fundraiser. Art Market #9 is returning to White Park on Saturday, April 13th. This year's event is filled with wonderful artists who

will be displaying their work for your appreciation and purchase. We have activities for the whole family and the return of several delicious food vendors as well as some exciting entertainment. Please consider sponsoring this important event as RAM relies on Art Alliance to provide financial support which largely comes from sponsors for this event. You can sponsor at many levels. We also need volunteers to help us provide visitors with the best experience. Most importantly, come out and enjoy the day!

We look forward to seeing you at our next general meeting on February 15 at 6pm at the Julia Morgan building. Our speaker will be Dan Bernstein who will share his work and experiences with us.

Sincerely,
Ruth Ann Ryan
President, Art Alliance

SPRING FUNDRAISER



Riverside Art Market is just 2 months away!

Art Market planning is in high gear now. Artists and vendors have reserved over 80% of the booths. Entertainment is set. The food vendors have been selected. Your Art Market Committee has been doing all it can to assure a successful and fun-filled day!

Thanks to those of you that have generously sent in sponsorships! To date we have received over \$6,000. These funds go a long way to help defray our expenses. If you are thinking about sponsoring, it's not too late. You can make your tax-deductible donation online or via check.

Thanks to all of you that have already volunteered. We need help at the beginning and end of the day to assist in the park's set up and break down. We will need to staff the park entrances, assist the vendors, children's crafts, food sales, and the silent auction. You will enjoy the work!

Finally, remember to hold this date, share information about it with your friends, family, and neighbors, and come for the day!

Thank you,

Debra Johnson

Kathy Christmas

Riverside Art Market Co-chairs

ART ALLIANCE PROGRAM

**February 15,
2024**

**RAM Julia
Morgan
Building**

Please join us on Thursday, February 15th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM for our program presentation, followed by our general business meeting. Our program will be presented by Dan Bernstein.

Dan Bernstein got his first blat out of a trombone when he was in fourth grade. Now in his seventies, the retired newspaper columnist is still playing his sax — still for little or no money at all. *He Kept His Day Job* is what one reviewer called a “love letter” disguised as a memoir. It takes readers on a musical joy ride through bumpy, challenging and exhilarating terrain: the hate-to-practice years, “frightfully flat” solo contests, high school bands and orchestras, Stanford’s purported ‘marching’ band, a community college jazz band, a perfect-chemistry brass quintet, an assisted-living center and a hospital’s ICU and oncology units. This Fanfare for the Common Musician is meant to be contagious, inspiring young musicians to keep playing and adults, particularly those with day jobs, to take their instruments, tap shoes and paint brushes out of the attic and fall in love all over again. Dan will be available to sign his latest book: ***He Kept His Day Job*** if you bring a copy!



r.mike nichols

Your attendance qualifies you for an opportunity drawing for Art Alliance General Meetings!!

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 may be found at <https://mnico.weebly.com/>

HOSPITALITY FEBRUARY 15 2024

Hello Art Alliance members,

Thank you all for always contributing to our refreshments! We can celebrate belated Lunar New Year, Super Bowl, Mardi Gras and Valentines Day... choose your theme! Wine to share is always welcome as long as it is white. Please contact Andrea at fry1627@gmail.com if you would like to contribute.

See you soon!

Andrea , Heidi & Belen

BLUE DOOR MUSEUM STORE



Featured Artist February and March 2024: Report from
Kathy Arthur, Chair

From Barbara Simpson-Lara.

I was raised on Day trips traveling every inch of Southern California. I love the quirky little corners hidden away from tourists and those moving too quickly through life to enjoy them. These places where the obscure meets reality are the things I want and share with the world with my art and photography

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MEMBERSHIP

Hello Art Alliance members,

Please welcome new members Lana Liata Manzo, Kathryn Baca Llano, Charlotte Dye and Robyn Rogers to our group.

Lana Liata Manzo heard about the Art Alliance from her mom. Lana is an artist and a new mom who loves art! In her own words:

“My art is mixed media with emphasis on soft sculpture. I work in large weaving pieces that combined different elements and project a bright and energetic pallet. My work is heavily influenced by nature as well as my family and my dog! Just this year I became a mom to our absolutely amazing daughter that is determined, loving, silly and exploring the world in a way that truly inspires me as an artist. My dog is a silly, wild little man that loves to jump, and cucumbers is his favorite snack.”

Kathryn Baca Llano is a supporting member who has volunteered to help with the BDMS. Thank you, Kathryn. She heard about the Art Alliance while participating in the Arts Walk. She is a self-taught artist who enjoys creating watercolors. In her own words, Kathryn “Recently retired. I enjoy spending time with my family, my dog Tux (the cutest Border collie mix ever) and working on my art.”

Charlotte Dye is a supporting member, and directly quoting her:

“I heard about the Art Alliance from Elizabeth Lossing. On several occasions, she talked about the Art Alliance and how much she enjoyed the members (women), and she thought I would enjoy being a part of the organization.

At the present time, I am not familiar with the Art Alliance projects, but I look forward to learning more about the projects as time goes on.

I am not an artist, sorry to say. I have always felt my role was to enjoy art, and in the past, acquire when able to do so.

I have been a resident of Riverside for over 60 years, having moved here with my parents and sister in the summer of 1955. My husband, Don and I, resided in San Clemente for 18 months, and Rancho Santa Fe for 7 years before moving back to Riverside. I feel Riverside is and always has been my home.

Please be sure to update your directory with our new members from 2023-2024!

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UPCOMING ARTIST and ART RELATED EVENTS

Please show your support for upcoming exhibitions featuring artists and friends from Art Alliance and RAM!


The Eye of the Beholder

Morgan Hyatt Tammy Greenwood
Debra Varvi Cosme Cordova
Chick Curtis
Todd Smith
John Greco
Elisabeth Grike
Matthew Luther
Hilary Cervantes
Frankie Gutierrez

The Tale of Beauty and the Beast.
A group printmaking exhibition,
with a contemporary twist
on an age-old tale,
using the
interchangeable, collaborative
premise of
the Exquisite Corpse.


Riverside City College
Quad Art Gallery
Opening Reception
March 7, 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Exhibition Dates
February 22 - April 5 2024


RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE

Gallery Hours:
Monday-Thursday 10 am-5 pm
and Friday 10 am-2 pm

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QUAD
ART
GALLERY

Mayor's Ball for the Arts

Riverside Arts Council announced the Mayor's Ball for the Arts has returned with a new look and purpose.

The event will showcase and honor the hardworking, dedicated, and talented artists who have made an impact in our community over the past year. Artists nominated and voted for by the community (**PLEASE NOTE THAT MANY ART ALLIANCE MEMBERS AND EVENTS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS LIST OF**

NOMINEES) will receive their award at the event where the winners will be announced. The event will also include a silent auction with artwork created by local artists, food, drinks, and entertainment.

The Mayor's Ball for the Arts will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 6-9 pm, at the Riverside Main Library, located at 3900 Mission Inn Avenue in Riverside.

Click here to vote for nominees and for more information about the event: <http://riversideartscouncil.com>

MINUTES: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes from the January 2024 General Meeting were submitted by Teresa Chameic, Secretary. These will be reviewed and approved at the February 2024 meeting. Please email kathleen.bocian@gmail.com if you cannot read this file. Thank you.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Talk February 2024

Attached are Board Approved January Financials. January was a busy month. As you can see, the remaining \$12,000 donation to RAM from the profits of Art Market was made. Art Alliance made a \$500 donation to the Ofelia Valdez Yeager Memorial Fund in recognition of her support of both RAM and Art Alliance. In addition, reconciliation of the ARTberfest was completed and the credit/square money was transferred.

Congratulations to Kathy Allavie and her hardworking team for coming up with

Artoberfest – this successful first time event fundraiser. It exceeded expectations on many levels and financially made a profit of \$30,820.72. Cheers (Prost!) to this! The Board approved \$31,000 to be donated to RAM this event.

We close out January with a balance of \$47,238.29

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Balys, Treasurer

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CALENDAR

- Exhibit Opening and Reception: The Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art & Culture, Saturday February 10, 2024 6:00-9:00 PM. Judithe Hernández | Beyond Myself, Somewhere, I Wait for My Arrival.
- Indigenous Futurism . Exhibit at the Cheech. <https://riversideartmuseum.org/exhibits/indigenous-futurism/>
- Art Alliance General Meeting: RAM, Julia Morgan Building, Thursday, February 15, 2024 6:00 to 7:30. Presentation by Dan Bernstein
- Art Market Committee Meeting: RAM Julia Morgan Building, Thursday, February 15, 2024, 5:00 - 6:00
- Reception for Rico Gatson on Feb. 16, 6:30 at Julia Morgan Building
- Riverside Arts Walk: Riverside Art Museum: The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Thursday, March 1, 2024, 6:00 – 9:0
- First Sunday: The Cheech and the Julia Morgan Building, Sunday, March 3, 2024 1:00 – 4:00 PM.

- Art Alliance General Meeting: Julia Morgan Building, March 21, 2024
6:00 – 6:30 (Social) 6:30-7:00, , 7:00 – 7:30, Business meeting

OFELIA VALDEZ YEAGER

Dear Art Alliance members,

Ofelia Valdez Yeager passed away on January 7th. She was a good friend to the Art Alliance and a passionate supporter of the arts in Riverside. She will be missed beyond measure. I hope you will join me in honoring her.

“In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Riverside Art Museum and The Cheech Center to honor Ofelia’s legacy.”

<https://riversideartmuseum.org/ofelia/>