



President's Message

Me: I don't think I'll decorate this year.
Joe: Why?
Me: Who's gonna see it?
Joe: Us.
Me: Oh.

So, I decorated. And every time I look at these decorations, I smile. It's easy to get into a rut. It's easy to give up since things are so weird. But we need to make the effort to do things that make us feel good. A positive frame of mind strengthens our immune system and we know how important that is right now.

This means we need to take opportunities to increase positivity. There are some positives about this alternative universe we currently inhabit. I "attended" an on-line gala for the DC Shakespeare Theater Company. This is an event I would never actually get to attend. I watched a family in Africa sing Shakespeare's Sonnet 69 set to African music, how cool is that? And I watched a couple perform the balcony scene from Romeo and Juliet signing the words, beyond beautiful.

The recent Scavenger Art Hunt was such a positive opportunity. I was happy when my 20-year-old nephew asked "Aunt Annie, are you guys going to have another scavenger hunt? We had a lot of fun." He's the young man in the pictures sporting a Carlos Santana look :)

I look forward to our Off-The-Wall opening night as another opportunity for positivity. Kudos to the committee for planning an interesting virtual evening for us at a reasonable price. The art that has come in for this event is terrific. If you are able to sponsor the event, that is fabulous. Regardless, get a ticket and join us for the evening! Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Anne

PROGRAMS

As we negotiate our path forward this year, your President Anne Deem has supplied us with short and sweet virtual moments during our monthly meetings. Be sure to tune in via zoom to see the slide show of the fantastic Riverside Art Scavenger Hunt!! Thank you Anne and Scavenger Hunt Team!!

Kathy Bocian, Programs Chair

OFF THE WALL

Dear members, Off the Wall is coming soon and we are all excited about your participation. You can become a sponsor to get first choice at the virtual art sale or you can purchase a \$25 ticket to view the zoom presentation on Friday October 23, at 6:30pm, and get the link for the virtual sale before the public gets in on Saturday morning.

Our zoom presentation will feature our favorite artist Greg Adamson doing one of his amazing celebrity painting demonstrations upside down, interviews with some of our local artists, videos from RAM art education department and children's art. So a lot of entertaining for the evening and a great opportunity to buy some new art. And if the county gives us the ok this week we might even be able to open the museum for three short days of an Off the Wall pop-up exhibit. So stay tuned and click on the link below for the latest information.

<http://www.riversideartmuseum.org/events/specialevents/virtual-wall-2020/>

Emmanuelle Reynolds, Off the Wall Chair

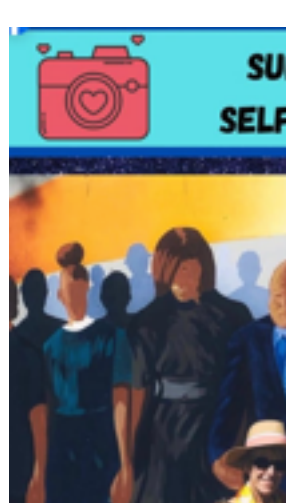
MINI FUNDRAISERS

In light of the difficulty holding major fundraisers during the coronavirus, our Art Alliance board has decided to hold a series of mini-fundraisers. We will keep you updated as we develop ideas; we encourage our members to help us brainstorm and look forward to hearing any ideas you might have.

ART SCAVENGER HUNT

If you missed out on the fun with our recent Scavenger Art Hunt fundraiser, we are including the clues at the end of this newsletter. Although the prizes have been awarded, you can still post photos to Instagram using #RivArtHunt. Have a great time! As this is a fundraiser for RAM, donations are always welcome. For those of you who participated, we thank you! We had 63 participants and raised \$1500 for our museum.

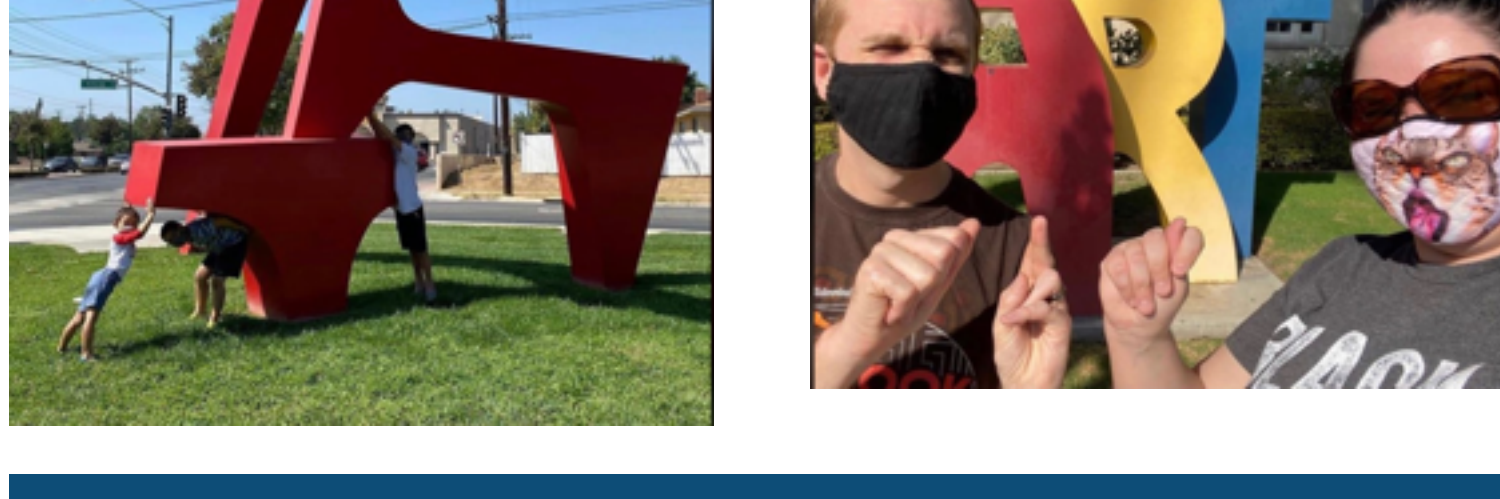
Scavenger Art Hunt Committee



GARDEN BANNER SALE
Are your Garden Banners faded or have they fallen apart? Have you wished that you could replace them or order different ones? Well soon you will be able to do just that. As a mini fundraiser, we will be placing all 120 banners on-line. The Garden Banners will be available to order in two sizes, the normal sized small banner that fits on a garden stake and the larger one that hangs from a flagpole. Ai Kelley is working hard to get the banners on-line so that you can see them, and then place your order. Our goal is to have these banners at your home in time for the holidays. Watch for emails from us with all the details, as soon as the banners are available.

Patti Funder, Art Banner Mini Fundraiser Chair

WINNERS OF THE ART SCAVENGER HUNT



ART MARKET

ART Market 2021
Saturday, April 11, 2021
Back up date, Saturday, September 26, 2021

While we were disappointed that the 2020 Art Market was cancelled, both Shannon Murphy, Kathy Bocian and the 2020 Art Market Committee created a comprehensive plan that will be utilized to assure a successful 2021 Art Market. Monthly planning meetings will begin in October. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Art Market Committee, please email or call either Ruth Ann Ryan or Kathy Christmas. Support is needed in obtaining sponsorships, organizing volunteers, planning entertainment, logistics, marketing, and organizing the silent auction. Please join us in planning for this fun-filled day!

Ruth Ann Ryan and Kathy Christmas, ART Market Co-Chairs

Many thanks to Art Alliance members who have pledged to leave their 2020 sponsorships with Art Alliance so that they can be donated NOW to RAM! We have \$12850 from these generous sponsors, and an equally generous starter fund of \$3250 for the 2021 Art Market. Thank you all and be ready to pitch in with Chairs Kathy Christmas and Ruth Ann Ryan as they gear up for our next Art Market!

Kathy Bocian, 2020 ART Market Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Just a reminder to all... the upcoming Off The Wall Gala is just around the corner. We would encourage our members to make an effort to invite a friend, a co-worker, a neighbor or a family member to the event. What a terrific way to introduce the Art Alliance to a prospective member by including them in such a fun-filled activity and supporting the arts at the same time!

Teresa Chamicie, Membership Chair

BLUE DOOR MUSEUM STORE

We are tentatively planning our annual Holiday Sale for Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6. We are awaiting confirmation from RAM regarding the possibility of opening for a sale given the county's tier status. We will keep you posted.

Thanks.
Kathy Arthur, Blue Door Chair

MUSEUM GUIDES

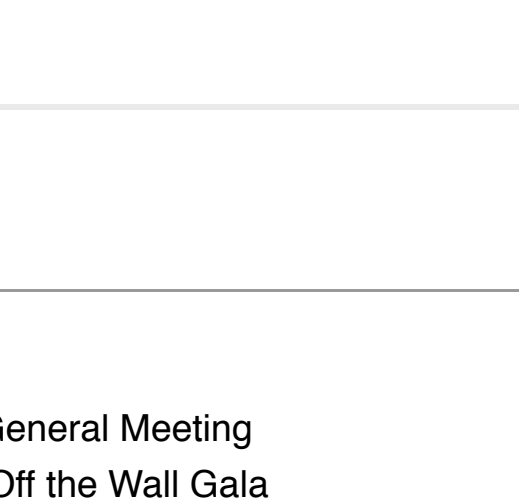
Dear Museum Guide friends, I miss seeing you and I know we all miss interacting with visitors at RAM. At this time, we have no definite date for the reopening of the museum and when it reopens it will take some time to figure out a safe way to have guides return. In the meantime, I want to encourage all of you who are able to volunteer for other Art Alliance projects. We will return. It is just going to take a bit longer than we ever imagined.

Anita Silvestri, Museum Guide Chair

SCHOLARSHIP

Art Alliance budgets \$3,000 annually for RAM to award as Arts Education scholarships. So far \$900 has been given out.

Over the winter 10 children received scholarships for the following Art Education programs: Preschool, Monster Making, Saturday Morning Club, and Mixed Media Books. The image that you see is a really cute monster made by Melody G. During the summer the Education Department held virtual classes. 6 children ages 5 to 11 received scholarships for the following classes: Animals, Watercolor, Painting, Paint/Twist/Sculpts.



Good going Art Alliance. Your annual gift to RAM's Education Department helped keep 16 children engaged and creative in these times of social distancing, and will keep on helping.

Stay well,
Patti Funder, Scholarship Chair

I SECOND THAT!

Technically a motion should be seconded prior to discussion of the motion. A second does not signify agreement with the motion, only acknowledgement that the motion should be discussed. It is not necessary to include in the minutes the identity of the person who seconded the motion. If discussion of the motion occurs without a second, the fact that there was no second is of no consequence. And there you have it!

Jackie Hopper, Parliamentarian

CALENDAR

Thursday, Oct. 15, 6:30pm.....	Zoom General Meeting
Friday, Oct. 23, 6:30pm.....	Virtual Off the Wall Gala
Thursday, Oct. 29.....	Off the Wall Discount Sale
Friday, Oct. 30-Sat., Oct. 31.....	Art Pick Up
Tuesday, Nov. 3, 5:30pm.....	Zoom Board Meeting