



ART ALLIANCE of the Riverside Art Museum



President: Kathy Christmas

November 2019

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and we in Art Alliance have a lot to be thankful for! We just finished the highly successful Art Bark in the Park Fundraiser. Thanks again to all of those members that assisted with this project! At our last meeting we were lucky enough to celebrate Evie Guin's 100th birthday. Doris Morton was also present. We are thankful to have had these ladies as members all of these years. They both helped to set the

direction of Art Alliance in the early days, and we value their wisdom. The Blue Door Museum Store had a wonderful grand opening this last week. Thank you to all of the Blue Door Museum Store committee members. The store looks beautiful and there is a lot of new unique items to choose from. This store is my go to place for holiday gifts, and I invite you all to make it your first stop!

We will be very active over the rest of the month. Please come to our November meeting as Michael Skura will speak about his new Riverside Art Museum exhibit: *Tendrils*. His artwork features blown and molded glass. Our new members have been meeting to create Art Bark related ornaments for the RAM Christmas tree. They will be decorating the tree on November 24th. The Art Alliance Holiday Luncheon will be on November 30th at the Canyon Crest Country Club. I know this conflicts with the Thanksgiving weekend, but please make every effort to attend. If you have out of town guests, bring them with you. It will be one meal that you won't have to cook!

Art Alliance goes dark during the month of December, but we are all invited to attend three events at RAM:

- December 1st, 1 – 4 pm is Las Posadas with Cultura Con Llantas. The whole family is invited to this event featuring hot chocolate Mexicano, arroz con leche, and the making of star pinatas. You will also learn about Las Posadas.
- December 5th, 6 – 9 pm. Robb Hernandez, UCR professor of English will share his new book, *Archiving an Epidemic: Art, AIDS, and the Queer Chicana Avant-gard* (NYU Press, 2019) with a 1980's flashback party.
- December 8th, 1 – 4 pm. Greg Adamson has invited everyone to his home for his "Lighten the Load Art Fundraiser". He will soon be moving out of state, and plans to sell most of his artwork in an "off the wall" fashion. Half of the proceeds will go to RAM. Light refreshments will be served. Greg's studio is at 2242 Karendale Circle, Riverside, CA 92506.

Thank you for making Art Alliance such a special organization! I hope you all have a happy Thanksgiving and a peaceful and relaxing holiday season.

PROGRAMS

Michael Skura, *October Featured Speaker*

Please make a special effort to attend the November 21, Art Alliance general meeting. Our program speaker is Michael Skura, the artist featured in the RAM exhibition "Tendrils," which is part of RAM's contribution to the Festival of Lights. In Michael's own words:

Michael Skura's work explores materials and technologies with minds of their own, and celebrates conventional defects as opportunities for expression of the essence of materials. Working primarily with blown glass and video projection, Skura is most interested in "coaching" glass to assert itself through distortions, bubbles, debris, stress marks and chemical reactions.

Originally from Toronto, Canada, Michael Skura is based in the Los Angeles area. He has permanent installations across North America, Europe and Asia.

For a preview of his wonderful artistry, visit his website: michaelskura.com

Here is a link to his glass art wall with lighting effects:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jo0pcaFvs4s>

Michael Skura's talk will begin at 6:30pm.

Patti Funder, *Programs Chair*



Photo courtesy of Eric Minh Swenson

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Our Holiday Luncheon is November 30, at 11:30 am, at Canyon Crest Country Club, 975, Country Club Dr., Riverside. If you have not signed up yet, please do so by either sending me an email at frenchconnection1231@gmail.com or give

me a call at 951-538-5212. Then you can send a check, made out to RAM, to Emmanuelle Reynolds, 1231 Flemington Road, Riverside, CA 92506 or you can bring it to the general meeting on November 21, as long as I have you on the list. (My deadline for the final count to the club is also the 21st.)

If you have sent me a check and did not indicate your choice of entree: blackened **salmon** with lemon, honey and thyme, served with rice pilaf and broccolini, or a spinach stuffed **chicken** breast with herb stuffing, goat cheese, walnuts, golden raisins, and Port wine reduction, served with wild rice and roasted root vegetables, or a **vegetarian** dish, please send me a quick email and let me know your choice or give me a call.

The meal will also include an hour of complimentary wine, beer and a cranberry vodka cocktail, then a champagne toast served with homemade cookies and brownies. And the best part is that we are able to provide all this for \$40.00 per person. YOU CAN ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL PROGRAM OF MUSIC WITH THE OLD TOWN RASCALS QUARTET.

Looking forward to seeing you all and getting in the Holiday Spirit.

Emmanuelle Reynolds, *Chair*

BLUE DOOR MUSEUM STORE

The Blue Door Museum Store is ready for your holiday shopping needs. Please make it your first stop! There are many new gorgeous original pieces from local artists, scads of Riverside-themed products, and absolutely adorable holiday wares.

For the dog lovers on your gift list, look no further. We are featuring classy door mats and pillows, little dog pouches perfect for gifting cash or gift cards, and other stocking stuffer treats. Our children's area is well-stocked with many fantastic Melissa and Doug products and art supplies and books to stimulate creativity in our next generation of artists.

Thank you to the many reliable committee members who continue to share their expertise with art intake, pricing, decorating, buying, and rearranging the

store for the Holiday Sale.

Kathy Arthur, *Chair*

MEMBERSHIP

We have a wonderful and creative group of ladies who have joined our ranks this year. They are busy making Christmas decorations with an Art Bark in the Park theme for the Museum Lobby tree we plan to have up and decorated before Thanksgiving.

Robyn Ready Voth

Welcome Robyn Ready Voth. Robyn moved to Riverside in 2015. Since she was six years old and discovered a brush and a jar of water she began painting and drawing images. Horses are her muse and in 2011 she won 1st place for her piece “Equus Rising” at the National Orange Show in San Bernardino. Her piece is now part of their collection. Robyn says, “Art is everything; it is my whole world.” Her work is inspired by the “Blue Rader Group” and the post modern era. She is currently working on her Fine Arts degree and has future plans to open a school for Art and Science once she graduates. She was very excited recently to learn about Art Alliance and looks forward to participating in our organization.

Erin Christmas

Welcome Erin Christmas. Erin was born and raised in Riverside and attended J.W. North High School. She left the area due to work but moved back to Riverside in 2016 to work as the assistant Library Director. Since September 2018 she took on the position of Library Director for the City of Riverside. She says that she loves all types of art and media such as painting, sculpture, jewelry and print making. As a librarian she is a Romance Novel expert. She is also a “mom” to two dogs, Hemingway and Shakespeare. She is active in the community and especially enjoys her participation with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Empire. Erin is very familiar with Art Alliance as her mother is an active member and also President this year. Now Erin looks forward to being a part of our organization.

Suzanne Rice

Welcome Suzanne Rice. Suzanne claims she is not an artist (although she



sews beautifully!) and has always appreciated the arts. She believes life without art leaves a void in our lives. Her husband, Jeff, of 27 years, is an artist and her daughter, Elli Smith, was an art major in college. Riverside has been her home since 1988 where she had a 26 year

career as an English teacher at Gage Middle School. She enjoyed incorporating art into her classroom activities whenever possible and found that students were so much more engaged when allowed to use their creative talents through artistic projects, especially Story Boards. Suzanne, now retired, has been helping out with some of our projects over the years such as the Spheres and Art Bark in the Park. We are delighted she now feels the time is right to “officially” join our organization.



Vicki Snyder

Welcome Vicki Snyder. Vicki was born and raised in Redlands but has been a resident of Riverside for the past 25 years. She has enjoyed doing crafts and pottery over the years as well as taking several classes at the Riverside Art Museum. She is very interested in expanding her artistic abilities in other mediums. Vicki

is now retired after 25 years working at Kaiser as a social worker. She now has time to devote to her volunteer activities and enjoys her work with medical students at UCR and various projects for the Assistance League. She is ready to expand her volunteerism to include the Art Alliance and is an active new member ready to help with our projects. She heard about Art Alliance from several friends in the organization and has also helped out with various Art Alliance functions this past year. Vicki's hobbies include running, palates and yoga.

Sally Mazzetti

Welcome back Sally Mazzetti. Sally is a native of Riverside where she raised her daughter and now enjoys spending time with her two grandchildren. She has been designing and making jewelry for some years which kicked off her interest in creating mosaics. She has now expended her artistic endeavors to copper enameling and fused glass. Sally was a member of the Art Alliance for about 3 years before allowing her membership to expire awhile ago. She thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this organization and is excited to now

renew her membership. She is currently a member of RAM and is looking forward to being a part of the Art Alliance team again.

To include with the new art alliance pictures of members working on the Christmas decorations for the Museum Lobby tree:

Madelyn Warner and Denise Stevens, Membership Committee

Art Market

Save the Date: Saturday, April 4th from 10:00am to 4:00pm for the ***Riverside Art Market***

Plans are moving forward for the Riverside Art Market! We are taking it to the streets and will be providing venues for about 82 vendors this year. We will utilize the Art Alliance Gallery and the Atrium within RAM, and the stretch of Mission Inn Avenue from Lemon to Lime. Children's crafts will be on one half of the RAM front lawn, and a food court area with early morning coffee, and afternoon wine and beer will be at the other end of the street. Music performances will be continuous throughout the day, interspersed with demonstrations from local artisans on stage.

This is a huge step forward in the presentation and the prestige of the Riverside Art Market and the hard working committee welcomes your thoughts. We will not be seeking sponsors until after January 1, in coordination with RAM.

Please share your excitement about these plans with potential artists, share the social media info that we will be sending to you (Facebook and Instagram), and share your thoughts about potential sponsors with our committee.

Thank you... we look forward to this ever growing annual event!

Shannon Murphy, *Art Market Committee Chair*

MUSEUM GUIDES

Happy Holidays Art Alliance Members!

Katie Hernandez has shared much new material for the year with the Art Alliance Board. The Board suggested that we ask for feedback from members (Art Alliance Members) who are currently experiencing being a museum guide. In this, the November Newsletter, we would like to share a couple of our Art Alliance Museum Guides quotes.

“I have been surprisingly gratified being a Museum Guide. I have been introduced to the exhibits in detail, mastered the history of the museum building itself and shared this with guests in an informed conversational way. I am proud to be part of sharing art and local artists through RAM.” *Georgia Anders-Kutch*

“For me, being a Museum Guide at RAM means a welcoming smile, giving information on the exhibits, sharing our Julia Morgan building history and giving RAM a personal dimension.” *Suzanne Clem*

Please join us for our November Museum Guide Meeting on November 14th, from 4-5:30pm at RAM. Call Katie Hernandez (951) 684-7111 or Brightie Dunn (951) 233-1854 for more information.

Brightie Dunn & Katie Hernandez, *Co-Chairs*



Art Bark Wrap-Up Meeting

Monday, November 18, 4:00pm, at Kathy Allavie's house.

Come if you want to throw your 2 cents in!

All are welcome.

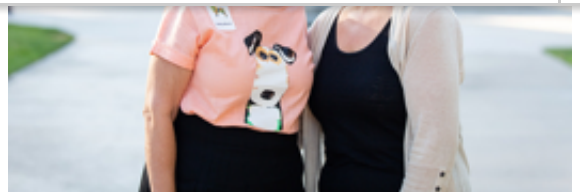
A few pictures from ART BARK in the Park,
October 4, 2019



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CALENDAR

November

Thursday, Nov. 21, 6:00 pm	General Meeting <i>RAM</i>
Thursday, Nov. 21, 6-8:00 pm	Opening Reception - "The Tendrils" <i>RAM</i>
Saturday, Nov. 23 1-2:00 pm	Inland Talks with Tim Musso & Pavel Acevedo
Saturday, Nov. 30, 11:30 am	Holiday Luncheon <i>Canyon Crest Country Club</i>

December

Sunday, Dec. 1 1-4:00 pm	First Sunday <i>RAM</i>
Tuesday, Dec. 3, 5:15 pm	Board Meeting <i>6540 Blackwood St.</i>
Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6-9:00 pm	Book Launch of Archiving an Epidemic <i>RAM</i>
Sunday, Dec. 8, 1-4:00 pm	Lighten the Load Art Fundraiser - Greg Adamson art sale - <i>2242 Karendale Circle, Riverside</i>



