



June/July 2025 Newsletter

From the President

Dear RVAG Members,

*'Tis the season of graduations, weddings, and vacations – but there's always more to get done! The RVAG needs your time and effort for our approved and funded **BHC Utility Box project**. Currently, we have six design-approved utility boxes which must be complete painted by June 30 – if you can hold a paintbrush, we need you! No additional skills required. We start painting at 6 AM because it's so much cooler. Check out the box at the intersection of Highway 95 and Mojave Drive for work in progress. If you'd like to volunteer for painting duty, please call or text me at 951-334-8454.*

*Do you have a creative concept that meets the design scope of the **BHC Utility Box project**? We have an additional 23 boxes which need a design plan. We would love to see what you come up with! Per our contract with the city, the subjects will highlight different areas of the city: recreational areas, sports; historical areas, BHC history; the river, water activities; and/or natural beauty, plants and local animals. Please email Sheila Barger for info: she50barger@yahoo.com.*

*I'm pleased to announce the launch of **our new website** scheduled to "go live" by the end of May. Members will be able to go to the website to view the RVAG event calendar, bistro information and list of presenting artists, call for artists and volunteers, and keep up on RVAG projects and plans.*

***Let's Talk Art** is excited to announce our current Secretary and member Angela will be teaching how to build stone and wire trees at both classes in June.*

*Don't forget **Open Art Wednesday** every Wednesday except the first Wednesday of the month.*

*Coming up in August! The world is celebrating **Peanuts® 75th Anniversary** this year. Did you know Snoopy's oldest brother, Spike, lives in Needles? It's the 50th anniversary of the first appearance of Spike and the RVAG has been asked to facilitate the painting of mural canvases for the hospital and the City of Needles. Per the Charles M. Schultz Museum: "Spike is Snoopy's older and much skinnier brother who lives in the desert of Needles, CA—a setting influenced by Charles Schulz's experience of living there as a child." <https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/spikeday>*



*We are installing new **Officers and Directors** in June. Ballots were distributed at the beginning of May and **must be received by May 30th** to be counted. The RVAG Board will announce the new board soon via email, our Facebook page, and the new website. Our board meetings are open to all the membership and are held on the third Tuesday of every month at the college in room 201 at 4:15pm AZ. I hope to see some of you there.*

My goal as president has been to get as many people involved as possible. We need members (You!) on committees to begin fundraising for the new arts center complex, the utility boxes program, several murals around town, and many other projects. I hope to see a lot of you out there joining us and being involved.

*Please stop by and see Maddie Walker's artwork at **the Black Mountain Bistro**. And don't forget the second Friday of the month at 1130am AZ is our lunch get-together and check out the new artwork at the bistro.*

I appreciate everything everyone does for the Guild.

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RVAG Let's Talk Art venues

Arizona: BHC Parks & Recreation Building, 2285 Trane Road, Bullhead City, AZ

Nevada: Laughlin Library, 2840 Needles Hwy, Laughlin, NV 89029

RVAG Recent Activities

- **2025 RVAG Member Inaugural Town Hall**
 - Presentation by Harley from *Performance Graphics and Digital Printing* about how to reproduce your art with quality.
 - Member art/supplies exchange
- **Spring Art Show in Needles** in April – Congratulations to RVAG member award winners:
 - Mayor's Choice - Cathy Ferrell
 - People's Choice - Marcia Breznay
- **RVAG on Facebook Two Year Anniversary!** In April, we celebrated the launch of our revamped Facebook page and have over 225 followers. Thanks to Penny Peeters, our amazing developer and administrator. <https://www.facebook.com/rivervalleyartist>
- **Let's Talk Art** – Laughlin and BHC – these workshops continue to grow and attract members of our River Valley Community. See our RVAG Facebook page for upcoming events. <https://www.facebook.com/rivervalleyartist>
 - April – Alcohol Ink
 - May – Rock Painting
- **Open Art Wednesdays**, BHC Parks & Recreation Building, 2285 Trane Road, Bullhead City, AZ. Bring your own materials and work on projects. A Monday email will be sent on the medium we will be featuring. Or do your own thing! (contact: Sheila Barger, email: memberrvag@gmail.com)
- **Second Friday @ the Bistro!** Lunches will continue through summer (Contact: Victoria Valdemar, email vmeyersvaldemar@yahoo.com)

RVAG Business

- **Let's Talk Art** - See our RVAG Facebook page for upcoming events.
<https://www.facebook.com/rivervalleyartist>. Must RSVP with name of attendees and email address to memberrvag@gmail.com.
 - 4 Jun – 10:00 am, BHC Parks & Recreation Building, 2285 Trane Road, BHC
 - 10 Jun – 10:30 am, Laughlin Library
 - 2 Jul – 10:00 am, BHC Parks & Recreation Building, 2285 Trane Road, BHC
 - 8 Jul – 10:30 am AZ, Laughlin Library
- **Artist of the Month** – Black Mountain Bistro POC: Cindy Stair (cynthiastair@yahoo.com)
 - May Artist – Maddie Walker
 - Jun Artist – Marcia Breznay
 - Jul Artist – JoAn Damron
 - Aug Artist – Eddie Avelar
- **Second Friday @ the Bistro** Location: Black Mountain Bistro, 1595 Mohave Dr, BHC
 - Meet the artist of the month and view their works on display
 - Have lunch with fellow artists and members (pay for your own lunch)
 - Join us at 11:30am on:
 - 13 Jun
 - 11 Jul
 - 8 Aug
- **Artist Show/Sell Opportunities**
 - Ongoing: **Call for Art: Silver Creek RV Park** – 100% of sales goes back to Guild and Artist(s). Must be hangable art. POC: Victoria Valdemar vmeyersvaldemar@yahoo.com
 - Ongoing: **BHC Utility Box Art** – CALL FOR ARTISTS! POC: Sheila Barger (she50barger@yahoo.com)
- **Member Business**
 - **Ballots!** Vote for your officers and directors – Deadline May 30th
 - **Are you showing or selling your artwork?** Email location and/or website to Tammy Flanagan for placement in our future newsletters (email: southparkwatercolor@gmail.com)

Comments or feedback on the Newsletter?

Email RVAG member Tammy Flanagan @ southparkwatercolor@gmail.com