



Let's Talk Art: Wire tree on stone

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BULLHEAD CITY — Seasoned and aspiring artists alike had the opportunity on Wednesday to create their very own wire tree on stone at this month's "Let's Talk Art" class hosted by the River Valley Art Guild.

The class was held June 4 at Bullhead City Recreation Department. All materials were provided by the guild free of charge.

Angela Guyette, RVAG secretary and this month's class instructor, has been with the guild two-and-a-half years. Her 13-year-old son, Adam Tejeda, an artist himself, was there as her helper.

Although this was the first RVAG class he's participated in, he said he liked it.

"It's something new," he said.

Tejeda made quick work creating what he called, "A friendly tree" with crosses and leaves, "just like a regular tree you see in a park."

Guyette is also involved in many forms of art to include ceramics, resin art and more.

"(It) just depends on my mood, like I'm creative and I gotta get it out so that's what we do," she said.

Cindy Johnson left early that morning from her home in Kingman to attend the class.



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Cindy Johnson was hard at work at River Valley Artists Guild's June 4 "Let's Talk Art" wire tree on stone class. Johnson, who likes her western stuff, decorated her wire tree with cactus, horses, guns and cowboy boots with a heart leaning against the base of the tree. "I don't know what I'm doing," she said. "I'm doing all my branches first and then I'm going to figure out what to do with my tree."

Johnson said she attends RVAG classes in Bullhead City every month unless something else is going on.

"I like going to Laughlin, too," she said. "Sometimes it was a different class, sometimes the same but I don't care. It's fun and I can do

something different."

Johnson and her husband were from Ohio originally, she said. "We used to full-time RV and then we ended up here."

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It also gets you out of the house, she added.

The RVAG Let's Talk Art classes are held at 10 a.m. every first Wednesday of each month at Bullhead City Recreation Department, 2355 Trane Road.

Another class is held at 10:30 a.m. every third Tuesday at the Laughlin Library, 2840 Needles Hwy., in Laughlin, Nevada.

All classes are open to members and non-members.

For more information, visit River Valley Artists Guild Facebook page at facebook.com/rivervalleyartist.



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Adam Tejeda, middle, and Jim Ahle, right, work side-by-side on their wire tree on stone projects at River Valley Artists Guild's June 4 "Let's Talk Art" class. Ahle said he's creating something similar to Tejeda's tree. "He's helping me because I'm kind of fumbling around," Ahle said. "This is kind of intricate work for an old man ... but it's therapeutic."