

Aug/Sep 2025 Newsletter

From the President

A warm welcome on this hot, but beautiful, summer day. I am so proud to announce that our new website and Facebook page are up and running! The website <u>artguildrvag.com</u> and our new Facebook page <u>River Valley Artists Guild</u> can be accessed by everyone.

We request members send a picture, small blurb about yourself, and 2-3 images/pictures of your artwork. If you are a writer, please add a sample or a picture of your book or books. Please email to our website coordinator, Sheila Barger, at memberRVAG@gmail.com with Attn: Sheila in the subject line. Thanks to those who provided their gallery information for initial rollout of the new website.

In addition to our **Member Gallery** area, you can view/download our **calendar**, view past **newsletters**; sign up for **workshops and classes**, the monthly **Bistro lunch**, and other events; renew your **membership** and even **donate** to RVAG. Please check it out and let us know if you like it or even have a suggestion to make it better. <u>www.artguildrvag.com</u>

I would like to thank **Penny Peeters** for developing and managing the RVAG Facebook page for over two years! Thanks also go to **Sheila Barger**, **Tammy Flanagan**, **and Mallory Dagon** for their work to make sure the website became a reality. I know many of you attended meetings and helped in putting this all together; your feedback is invaluable and appreciated.

Peanuts is celebrating its 75th Anniversary and RVAG was asked to head up the celebration in the tri-state/Colorado River area. We've hosted several events for children and provided drawing sheets in restaurants in the Bullhead City and Needles areas. If you would like to participate, please send us an email or pick up the official Peanuts drawing page at Quality Marble on Hwy 95. **On August 12th** we will be at the Needles Medical Center/Hospital on Bailey Ave between 10 am and 12 pm painting permanent murals for the hospital! Come paint with us; all ages welcome! For more information on festivities, see the attached press release from the City of Needles.

I know how time flies, but we need to begin getting ready for the **Annual Black Mountain Art Show** in November. Flyers and applications will be available to download on the website in September, as well as available at Let's Talk Art workshops. Please read the application carefully when determining the category for judged art. I know I get confused sometimes by the categories, so if you have a question, please call and check in with us or send an email. Together we can make this the biggest and best art show ever!

We have a new phone number **928-577-1899**. . **RVAG Secretary, Angela Guyette**, will be answering the phone and fielding text messages to provide improved communication to both members and non-members. Thank you, Angela.

We have always had wonderful volunteers, but as we grow, we need even more member involvement. If you would like to teach a class, facilitate a workshop, we'd love to hear from you. Want to design a BHC Utility Box paint scheme or get on a painting team? We always welcome help for Let's Talk Art or our Pop-Up Art Sales events, and other area shows/sales. This is an opportunity to get involved, make new friends, and help us turn our local area into an vibrant and thriving Arts community. I've made so many friends since joining the guild and the thought of getting to know all of you better is very exciting. Call or email, if interested.

Hope to see you all soon, Victoria Valdemar, President River Valley Artists Guild vmeyersvaldemar@yahoo.com Mobile/Text: 951.334.8454

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RVAG, 1812 Hwy 95, Suite 14236, BHC, AZ 86442

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/artguildrvag

Website: https://artguildrvag.com/home

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 Business

New Officers and Directors (2025-2027)

Officers
Victoria Valdemar, President
Bea Munoz, Vice President
Becky Leisle, Treasurer
Angela Guyette, Secretary

Dorothy Campbell
Jake Crawford
Malloury Dagon
Cathy Farrell
Becky Parker
Patti Schwartz

- Let's Talk Art See our RVAG web page for upcoming events and sign up.
 - o 6 Aug 10:00 am, BHC Parks & Recreation Building, 2285 Trane Road, BHC

Richard Valdemar Bonnie Wright

- o 19 Aug 10:30 am, Laughlin Library
- o 3 Sep 10:00 am, BHC Parks & Recreation Building, 2285 Trane Road, BHC
- o 16 Sep 10:30 am AZ, Laughlin Library
- Peanuts Celebration and Mural Painting August 12th (see attached)
- Open Art Wednesdays, for members only. BHC Parks & Recreation Building, 2285 Trane Road, Bullhead City, AZ. Bring your own materials and work on projects. Or do your own thing! All Wednesdays except first one of the month.
- Artist of the Month Black Mountain Bistro POC: Cindy Stair (cynthiastair@yahoo.com)
 - Aug Artist Eddie Avelar
 - Sep Artist Angela Guyette
 - Oct Artist Leslie Affeldt
- Second Friday @ the Bistro Location: Black Mountain Bistro, 1595 Mohave Dr, BHC. See our RVAG web page to sign up.
 - Meet the artist of the month and view their works on display
 - Have lunch with fellow artists and members (pay for your own lunch)
 - o Join us at 11:30am on:
 - 8 Aug
 - 12 Sep
- 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 <u>vmeyersvaldemar@yahoo.com</u>
 - Ongoing: BHC Utility Box Art CALL FOR ARTISTS! POC: Sheila Barger (she50barger@yahoo.com)