



Dec 2025/Jan 2026 Newsletter

From the President

Seasons, greetings everybody!

This is the season to be grateful and I, for one, am grateful for many things. I'm grateful for a wonderful board that listens, participates, and supports me and the guild as a whole. I'm also grateful for the many members that have supported us this year and continue to invest in our mission and participate in events and fundraisers.

The **Black Mountain Art Show** was the most successful show we've had in the history of RVAG. We had more art than we've ever had. Thank you to all the wonderful artists that entered the show. The accolades we got this year from people visiting the show was unbelievable. People really enjoyed Friday night! **Aimee Douglass** was named **BEST IN SHOW** and Maddie Walker was named **PEOPLE'S CHOICE**. Congratulations to you both; you deserve these highest awards of the show. I also want to thank each and every person who donated to the baskets. A special thank you to **Lisa Wagner and Malloury Dagon** who worked diligently making sure our flyers were widely distributed, information provided to local businesses, and donations received from numerous venues and service providers. A big round of applause goes to Chef and teacher at Desert Star Academy, **Craig Pinkard**, catered our event and brought his daughters to support us. Their service and menu raised our event to a new level.

The annual art show brings our year to a close; we've had a very successful 2025. **Highlights include:**

- Facilitating the delivery of more than \$5000K in local grants for the arts in our schools.
- Hosting two major art shows featuring works from more than forty local artists
- Providing prizes and/or scholarships and judging for TriState Highschool and Junior High art shows
- Over two dozen free classes provided to the tristate community
- Expanded free classes to include art education for homeschool students
- Membership hits a high of more than 100 artists and supporters of the arts
- Guild was awarded contract to paint utility boxes in the city and members painted several in 2025 with more scheduled in 2026
- Improving our online presence with the establishment of a new website
- Donating time and talents to community celebrations, such as Peanuts anniversary and Home and Garden show
- Partnering with cities of Needles CA and Bullhead City AZ hosting art events and exhibitions
- Distributing holiday cards hand-painted by members and workshop attendees to senior living centers

- **Exclusively for our Members:**

- Monthly showcasing of member artists at Black Mountain Bistro
- Established “Open Art Wednesdays” for members providing space, support, and social time for local artists
- Announced “call to artists” for numerous projects and art display opportunities in the tristate area
- Coordinated and hosted “Pop Up” arts and crafts sales
- Conducted membership survey for new arts center
- Held inaugural town hall meeting reviewing state of the organization and strategic direction

Our board has worked very hard to facilitate the happenings this year and 2026 plans are underway. If anyone is interested in helping us work on any project next year, please feel free to contact me or any board member. RVAG is a commitment and it takes everyone: officers, directors, and guild members, to keep our standards high.

It's that time again: don't forget to register as a new member or **renew your membership**. All memberships are up for renewal in January. Many of you have been registering and renewing your membership since September. Please know that your membership goes through until 2027 in January. You can renew online or request a membership form from a board member.

I wish each and every one of you a wonderful and safe holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

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RVAG Let's Talk Art venues

Arizona: BHC Parks & Recreation Building (Senior Enrichment Ctr), 2285 Trane Road, Bullhead City, AZ
Nevada: Laughlin Library, 2840 Needles Hwy, Laughlin, NV 89029

RVAG Business

- **Show and Sell! Tri-State Home, Garden, and Lifestyle Show** - Bring your artwork for sale to the Anderson Field House for the Home Show on January 29th with tear down on February 1st. We're also looking for volunteers to help staff the booth and support kids painting/craft activities.
- **Get Ready for the 100th Anniversary of Route 66!** Our Needles Spring "Art in the Park" Arts and Crafts show is coming up fast. Save the dates: March 25-29th. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for art show entry forms and information.
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- **Let's Talk Art** - See our RVAG web page for upcoming events and [sign up](#).
 - 3 Dec – 10:00 am, BHC Parks & Recreation Building, 2285 Trane Road, BHC
 - 16 Dec – 11:30 am AZ/10:30 am NV, Laughlin Library
 - 7 Jan – 10:00 am, BHC Parks & Recreation Building, 2285 Trane Road, BHC
 - 20 Jan - 11:30 am AZ/10:30 am NV, Laughlin Library
- **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. RSVP here: <https://artguildrvag.com/calendar>
- **Artist of the Month** – Black Mountain Bistro POC: Cindy Stair (cynthiastair@yahoo.com)
 - Dec Artist – Penny Peeters
 - Jan Artist – Carol Russell
- **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)
 - Join us at 11:30am:
 - 12 Dec
 - 9 Jan
- **Artist Show/Sell Opportunities**
 - January: **Tri-State Home, Garden, and Lifestyle**. Email memberRVAG@gmail.com to express interest.
 - 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)

Comments or feedback on the Newsletter?

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