

MISSION STATEMENT

The Vail Valley Art Guild is dedicated to enriching lives by promoting and fostering artistic growth by building awareness of the visual arts in Eagle County. We do this by:

Connecting local visual artists to an artistic community through exhibitions, gallery opportunities, local projects, membership meetings and workshops.

Supporting visual arts education for our youth, seniors and underserved.

Spotlighting artistic talent in the Vail Valley.

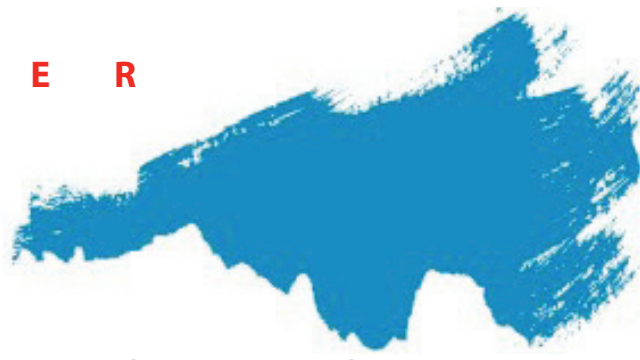
Vail Valley Art Guild is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit charitable organization.

www.vvagco.org



Art Guild at Avon Gallery
137 Benchmark Rd., Suite C2
Avon, CO 81620

Our new gallery space in Avon opened earlier this year. If you haven't visited it yet, please attend a First Friday show & reception... you will be impressed!

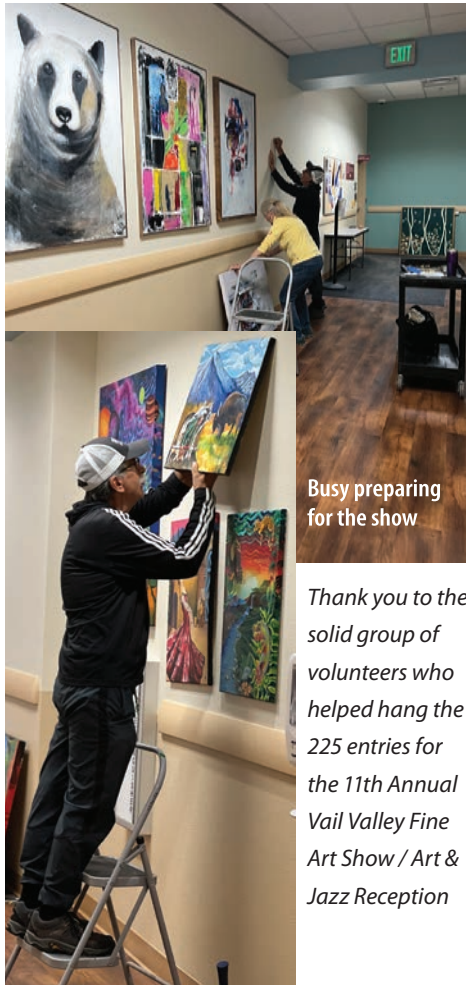


VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD

ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH VISUAL ARTS

The 11th Annual Vail Valley Fine Art Show / Art & Jazz Reception was held September 20 at the Colorado Mountain College campus in Edwards. The show featured works from the Vail Valley Art Guild, as well as from Colorado Mountain College students and faculty. Artwork will be hanging through October and many pieces are available for purchase.

the big event!



Busy preparing for the show

Thank you to the solid group of volunteers who helped hang the 225 entries for the 11th Annual Vail Valley Fine Art Show / Art & Jazz Reception

Turnout for the reception was fabulous! Entertainment included Los Hermanos, a 4-piece Latin jazz band, backing up a flamenco performance by Jessica Pinto. (Jessica taught the Vail Valley Art Guild's bilingual kids' music and visual arts summer program).

Pollyanna Productions catered the event; music, food, and libations were generously underwritten by former Vail Valley Art Guild president Rosalind Reed, now living in New York. Rosalind's work is hanging in the show.

Thanks goes to the El Pomar Foundation for its support by providing the event catalog and to the Eagle County Lodging Tax Committee for its marketing and promotion assistance.

The Guild is thankful for another successful year in what has become a legacy event that showcases and promotes local artistic talent – topped off with a fusion of music, dance, food and drink... our lively and talented community!

FIRST FRIDAY GALLERY NIGHTS: ART GUILD AT AVON

5:00 – 8:00 pm • Art Guild at Avon Gallery, 137 W. Benchmark Rd., Suite C, Avon

NOVEMBER 1 • DECEMBER 6 • JANUARY 3

Congratulations to the 11th Annual Vail Valley Fine Art Show / Art & Jazz Reception Award Winners!

Photography:

1st Place Wildlife/Animal Photography
Kristen Garry – *Buffalo Wings*



1st Place Landscape Photography
Janet Burmeister – *Secret Falls*



1st Place Figure/Portrait Photography
Norm Vogel – *Netmaker #2*



1st Place Still Life Photography
Carol Cirkovic – *Nantucket Boat*



1st Place Abstract Photography
Ken Neubecker – *Ice Abstract*

Painting:



1st Place Landscape Painting
Jami Nix Rahn – *Wynwood Sofa*



1st Place Figure/Portrait Painting
Andrew Pranger – *Life Has Become Better Since I Have Been Forced to Stop Taking It Seriously*



1st Place Abstract Painting
Amy Dose – *Spontaneous Glint from Beyond*

1st Place Wildlife/Animal Painting
Willow Murphy – *Mas Cencerto*

1st Place Still Life Painting
Hazel Murray – *Peonies*

3D:

1st Place Sculpture
Joseph Staron – *Metal Sculpture*

1st Place Functional 3D Ceramics
Willow Murphy – *Bol Blanc Sur Noir*

1st Place 3D
Willow Murphy – *Vase Blanc Sur Noir*



1st Place Fiber Arts
Jennie Wahrer – *Fall Seeds Make Spring Flowers*

Best in Show:



Lucy Gonzalez – *The Tourist*
Screenprint

Jurors Choice:



Jami Nix Rahn – *Le Tub*
Oil, Alkyd Resin on Canvas

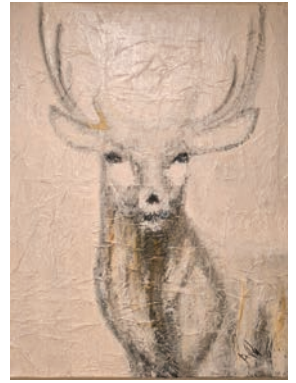


Terri Jeppson – *Memories of Summer*
Mosaic



Melissa Nelson – *Alone with My Thoughts*
Mixed Media

Peoples Choice:



Bibiano Rivero – *Blue Deer*
Mixed Media

Honorable Mention:

Mio Cirkovic – *Joufflas Ranch*

Kathy King – *Center Stage*



Julie Andriansen – *Backstage at a Willie Nelson Concert*
Watercolor



Lucy Gonzalez – *Am I a Checklist?*
Screenprint



Cindy Kelleher – *Grandpa's Window*
Watercolor



Monica Kryser – *Bessie*
Quilt



Madison McCaulley – *Green*
Acrylic



Jacqueline Oakley – *Trust the Process*
Acrylic on Canvas



Paul Rodarte
Moving Forward
Canvas Substrate



Richard Spitzer
Bull Elk at Sunrise
Photograph

RECEPTION!



ARTSHARE | Rosalind Reed |



PRESENT

11th Annual Vail Valley Fine Art Show

ART & JAZZ RECEPTION

2D | 3D | PHOTOGRAPHY

SEPTEMBER 20 5-8pm

CMC VAIL VALLEY 150 MILLER RANCH RD EDWARDS



October First Friday: Side-by-Side



The October First Friday show and reception featured the ever-popular Side-by-Side concept that paired an artist with a photographer. The artist rendered his/her interpretation of a photographer's image.



Time for giving....



December 3 is National Day of Giving. When considering your end of year 2024 donations to local nonprofit organizations please consider the Vail Valley Art Guild in your giving.

The VVAG is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that enriches lives through visual

arts in Eagle County.

We are the area's only nonprofit working in the arts and could use your donation. While performing arts are well-staffed and funded in Eagle County, the visual arts have long been neglected.

We do our very best with an all volunteer organization to meet our mission statement: **VVAG promotes and fosters artistic growth and builds awareness of visual arts in Eagle County.** Please direct your correspondence to: Vail Valley Art Guild, P.O. Box 9733, Avon, CO 81620

Vail Valley Art Guild Welcomes...

Russell Frederickson who will be serving as director of the Art Guild at Avon Gallery.

Russell brings to the Guild an extensive background in telecommunications, multimedia production, marketing, and design. We are excited to have him on board!

Volunteers Needed

As an all-volunteer organization we can always use volunteers at any of our events. If you are displaying art in a monthly show, you will need to give 2-, 4 hour shifts or one full day (10-5) in the gallery that month. We will have a sign up calendar available soon. We also request that if you exhibit in the gallery, you bring an appetizer or wine for First Friday.

Community Programs

Post dinner holiday art projects for kids, siblings and parents-Gypsum (Dec 13) and Edwards. Details to be announced soon! Please sign up to volunteer.

ARTIST MEMBER MEETINGS

Social: 5 PM | Meetings start at 5:30 | Bring a dish to share.

Please check: vvagco.org/events for up-to-date information on all activities as locations/dates are subject to change.

Avon meetings will be at our location in the Seasons Bldg. Unit C 2.

Nov. 18	Holiday Craft Project Prep for La Vida outreach programs
Dec. 8	Pot Luck Holiday Party at Lynn and Woody's in Minturn RSVP Annual election of VVAG Officers
Jan. 20, 2025	Intro to Abstracts Interactive meeting: Learn to make a mini abstract

We will be volunteering with La Vida Foundation again this holiday season. Please sign up to volunteer. We will post as soon as we obtain correct dates.

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP MEETINGS

All meetings *unless otherwise noted* will be held at the Avon Gallery from 7-9 on the 4th Thursday of each month. At the October 24 meeting, dates will be set for (holiday season) November and December meetings.

Snapshots from late summer workshops...

Randall Case

"Exploring Oil Pastel with Your Medium"
August 21 – 22



Workshop attendees busy creating; Randall Case reviewing final pieces



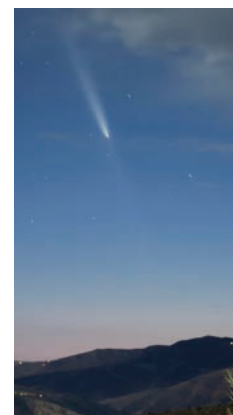
**Peggy McGivern/
Margy Foertsch**

"Collage and Composition"
September 5-7



One of most popular workshops was held several times over the summer and early fall: **iPhone Mini-Workshop** taught by the Guild's very own **Rick Spitzer**. Who knew an iPhone camera could do all the things it can do?! Stay tuned... this workshop will be offered again on October 19, Art Guild at Avon Gallery, 9 am to noon; register at vvgco.org.

★ **Just sayin' [!]**

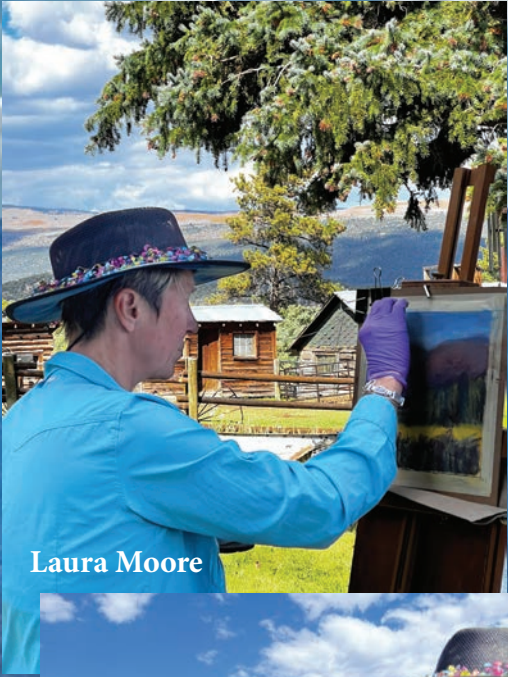


Still don't think an iPhone has a good camera?? Check the comet image.

Comet Tsuchinshan-Atlas shot with an iPhone 15, night

mode, at 30 seconds, 5X. Shot from Wildridge at 7:42 PM, Monday (Oct. 14). No editing!

– Rick Spitzer



Laura Moore

A Day at Gates Ranch

Raymond Bleez made arrangements for photographers and artists to visit the Gates Ranch on Sunday, September 29th. The weather cooperated with blue skies and beautiful vistas.



Joann Carhart Levy

Wonderful fall colors, horses, scenic views in every direction for miles, and rustic barns and outbuildings provided a great fall experience.

Leslie and Kip Gates opened the barns, corrals, boneyard, main house and the old homestead and pastures for artists and photographers to visit, paint, photo, look about.



Beth Levine



Chris Sena



Gates Champion Breakaway Roper by Raymond Bleez



Event emcee Erik Williams and Vail Valley Art Guild president Melissa Nelson

On August 29, 2024, Vail Valley Cares held a breakfast at 4-Eagle Ranch where it awarded grants to 63 Eagle County-supporting nonprofits. The Vail Valley Art Guild was an honored recipient of funds that will help VVAG carry out its mission to promote visual arts in the local community.



Joann Carhart Levy, Chris Sena, Lynn Feiger, Melissa Nelson



On an early October weekend, the VVAG photo group made a trek to Piney Lake to take advantage of the great fall weather. They were joined with photographers from Victoria, Texas and Orlando, Florida. The Piney Lake photo shoot was organized by Michelle Cawood.

Looking for that perfect holiday gift?




Now you can support your local non-profit art community by giving the gift of art.

And bonus: your recipient can pick exactly what they'd like!

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VVAG Gift Card

Library Shows

In collaboration with area public libraries, VVAG artists have the opportunity to display their works.

The following artists have scheduled month-long shows, so please visit and support your fellow guild members and encourage friends and family to visit their installations.

Gypsum Public Library
October / Rick Spitzer photography

Avon Public Library
November / Kristin Garry

Vail Public Library
December / Group exhibit: Mountains and Winter



Become a VVAG Member

Become a member now, or renew your membership, to be eligible for entering your works into shows! Check out membership and donor levels. www.vvagco.org