

VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD

ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH VISUAL ARTS

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

GALLERY HOURS:
Thursday / Friday / Saturday
1 - 6 PM

Art matters.

As we launch into 2025, we are excited with anticipation as to what the Vail Valley Art Guild can bring to our membership and the community at large this year! We are lining up a strong workshop season for spring, summer, and early fall. Many of our popular workshop presenters will be back this year, offering a variety of media and techniques. (Members, sign up early as classes fill up fast!)

Our mission to elevate the visual arts in our locality has flourished since our founding over a decade ago. The challenge, however, has been competing with the performing arts in terms of being on the receiving end of grants and donations. As a VVAG member, or as someone who appreciates the visual arts, we hope you understand the value of joining and/or supporting our community of artists and have experienced the benefits the Vail Valley Art Guild offers to the public.

We established the guild in 2014 and through the efforts of our volunteer board and guild volunteers we have worked diligently to make an impact with our many year-round activities: photography and artist meetings, monthly First Friday gallery exhibits, our annual all-member exhibit at CMC every fall, the Charter and Jet Center exhibits and sales, our workshops and mini-workshops, local public library exhibits, seminars, field trips, community outreach projects and children's classes. All of these activities – and more – take funds to orchestrate successfully. This is in addition to the operating costs associated with our gallery, business fees and expenses, non-profit accounting, maintenance and insurance costs. We could use a little help.

After trying for many years to find a permanent location (humbly starting out in Chapel Square, followed by temporary gallery space in Minturn and Eagle), with the help of the Town of Avon we now have a permanent location in the Seasons Building in Avon. If you have not been by to see us please stop by and attend an activity. Our newsletter is sent to all members via e-mail and is also available on our website where you can always find our current activities.

The sign of a thriving community is its healthy and vital arts community. Please consider Vail Valley Art Guild in your gift giving.

Your donation, whether large or small, will make a difference for us. To donate please donate on our website, or mail to: Vail Valley Art Guild, PO Box 9733, Avon, CO 81620. Your donation will be very much appreciated.

FIRST FRIDAY GALLERY NIGHTS / AVON ART WALK: ART GUILD AT AVON

5:00 – 8:00 pm • Art Guild at Avon Gallery, 137 W. Benchmark Rd., C-2, Avon

FEBRUARY 7 (wear red in celebration of Valentine's Day!) • MARCH 7

ARTIST MEMBER MEETINGS

Social: 5 PM | Winter meetings start at 5:00 (social) | Bring a dish to share

Meetings and discussions start at 5:30. Please check: vvagco.org/events for up-to-date information on all activities as locations/dates are subject to change. Meetings will be at our location in the Seasons Bldg., Unit C2

February 17	Ai and Art Today Presented by Margo Thomas. This discussion is of interest to artists and photographers alike. RSVP online: vvagco.org/events
March 17	Intro to Abstracts: á la Christian Dore During this interactive meeting, participants will learn how to make a mini abstract. All levels. RSVP online at vvagco.org/events . There is a short list of supplies if you have them: a container for water, a paint brush, a pencil or gel pen, a piece of paper, black acrylic paint and 2 - 3 colors of your choice (no more). What color is really needed is unbleached titanium. Mini boards will be supplied, but if anyone wants to work larger, bring your own canvas, no larger than 12" x 12". <i>Plan to attend even if you do not have supplies! We have plenty to go around.</i>

PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP MEETINGS

All meetings *unless otherwise noted* will be held at the Avon Gallery from 7-9 on the last Thursday of each month.

WORKSHOPS!

We are in the process of organizing spring/summer workshops for 2025

Registration for members will open March 1.

Non-member will be able to register starting: March 8.

Our workshops fill up quickly : look for information on our website or contact Joann Carhart Levy if you have any questions. (970) 471-0853

Confirmed for 2025: **Joan Fullerton** and **Don Sahli** in June; **Christian Dore** and **Lorenzo Chavez** in July; **Kim Casebeer** and **Randall Case** in August; **Christian Dore** round II in September.

Workshop Rule of Thumb

Please be set up with your supplies by starting time. Register for all workshops at vvagco.org/workshops. Workshops will have a lunch break. All workshops will be held at Art Guild at Avon Gallery in the Seasons Building, Unit C-2, 137 Benchmark Rd., unless otherwise indicated.

Non-member fee is priced at an additional \$20 for a 1 or 2-day workshop, and an additional \$30 for a 3-day workshop. Supply lists will be sent upon registration. Supply lists are also available on our website. Any questions, please call Joann: (970) 471-0853.

UPCOMING in MARCH

Mini

WORKSHOPS!

These are introductory level workshops brought to you by VVAG professional artists. See website for registration and additional information: vvagco.org. Classes will be held Art Guild at Avon Gallery in the Seasons Building, Unit C-2, 137 Benchmark Rd.

March 8: Elaine Kuntz: *Abstract Watercolor* class. \$50 per session. 10am – 3pm. with a break for lunch.

Supplies included: all levels. RSVP

March 13: Margo Thomas: *Perspective in Abstract Art*. \$50. RSVP: Bring your sketchbook. This will be an interesting seminar. Event starts at 5:30pm.

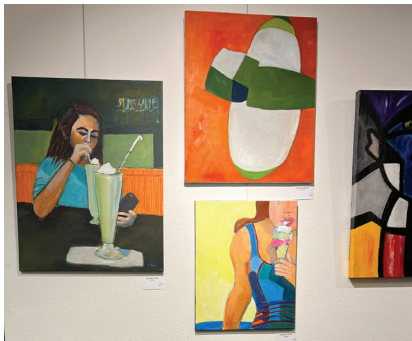
Community Outreach at the La Vida Event in Gypsum Elementary School



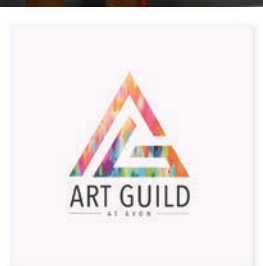
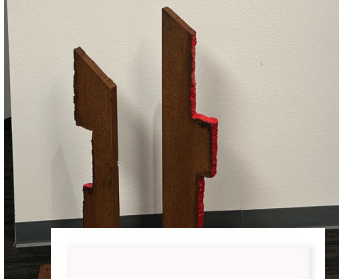
Once again this holiday season, VVAG's public outreach program partnered with La Vida Foundation and together they hosted a craft-making party for kids 5-11 years old. VVAG photographer extraordinaire, **Raymond Bleesz**, set up his gear to capture family portraits as part of the festivities.



November First Friday



On November 1, visitors joined artists gathered at the Art Guild at Avon Gallery for the November First Friday exhibit. A strong showing of recent works by Guild members was enthusiastically received by all who attended. Bring your friends and neighbors by to this monthly event where visitors are exposed to the vibrant local art scene as well as being presented with opportunities to invest in their favorite piece of original fine art, photography, or unique gift item.





FANTASTICO!!!!

Avon's Case Committee members and VVAG staff met at the Art Guild at Avon to create what has become a popular annual December event – the creation of incredible holiday ornaments. Using an acrylic pouring technique that guarantees outstanding results, the final ornaments were simply dazzling!

Meet Russell Frederickson, Executive Director, Vail Valley Art Guild

Russell is from the Great Lakes State of Michigan. Growing up he enjoyed time on the water in the summer and always explored lots of northern MI winter adventures.



Russell has always had a passion for multiple creative mediums: drawing, calligraphy, photography, video production, graphic design, writing, and storytelling. All those creative passions lead him to focus his studies on television production and graphic design at Ferris State University.

Russell brings to the Vail Valley Art Guild 30 years of solid experience in various areas of creativity within telecommunications, multimedia production, design, marketing, network television, internet, large corporate and small businesses.

Beautiful Avon Colorado is Russell's settling point and he is enjoying all CO seasons to the extreme! He is looking forward to sharing his creative passions, leadership skills, and artistic collaborations – growing the Vail Valley Art Guild.

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 donate time 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.



Looking for that perfect birthday, anniversary, appreciation, feel-good 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!
vvagco.org/gift-card



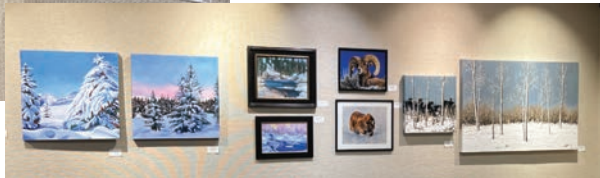
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Guild holiday gathering at Lynn and Woody's home on December 8th.



Vail Library "Winter in the Mountains" reception & exhibit in December



VVAG sewing lessons from Marie Torry



"Patterns of Joy Sewing" is Marie Torry's handle and for years she's been holding sewing parties for all ages throughout the Eagle Valley, Roaring Fork, and Garfield communities.



Marie brought materials, sewing implements and instructed VVAG and LaVida Foundation members on how to put together a personal quilted piece. Faces of joy confirmed that it was a fun project that employed the principles of creativity found across the art spectrum.

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.

Vail Public Library

March / Norm Vogel: reception: March 10: Come celebrate Norm's 90th!

Gypsum Public Library

October / Rick Spitzer photography

Avon Public Library

TBD



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

VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD PHOTOGSNEWS

VVAG Photographers proudly share recent works.....

Rick Spitzer



iPhone of BeaverCreek

Ron Hiner



Studio Shot

Chris Sena



Ceiling of Ghengis Cohen Restaurant

Kit Cammermeyer



Witness Tree, Antietam

Raymond Bleez



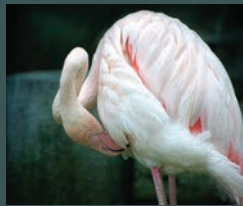
Mr. Steele Cainer

Ruth Stanley



Tulips

Ellen Stone



Preening Flamingo

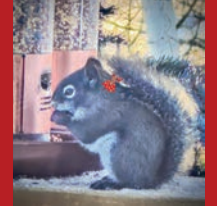
For news about upcoming photography "special assignments" or events, please contact Rick Spitzer // spitzerr@comcast.net

Melissa Lipton



Leap of Faith

Carole Schragen



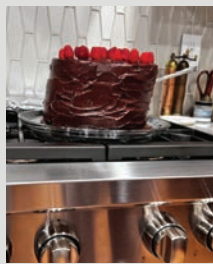
Holiday Squirrel

Steve Pope



Mont -Saint- Michel 2

Soodi Kick



Cake

Eric Lickteig



San Antonio Riverwalk

Kristen Garry



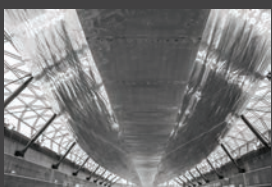
Santa

Sherry Dorward



Nilgai

Kendrick Neubecker



Cutty Sark

Gary McDavid



Tokyo

Michelle Cawood



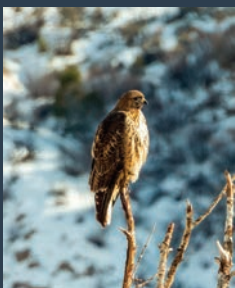
Kauai North Shore BW Chairs

Allan Finney



Venice

Traci O'Connor



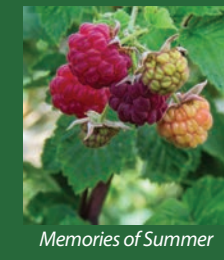
Red-tailed Hawk

Ken Pollock



Sirdar

Shirley Welch



Memories of Summer

Norm Vogel



At the Capitol Modern, Honolulu