

**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](http://www.vvagco.org)



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



Scan QR code to stay up to date on VVAG events. Events in this newsletter are subject to change!



**VAIL VALLEY  
ART GUILD**

ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH VISUAL ARTS

Since the guild's last newsletter, the Vail Valley Art Guild has evolved in scope and membership (we always welcome and are excited about new members and supporters!).

The guild moved into its new space, in the "Heart of the Valley" to the Seasons Building at 137 W. Benchmark Road, Suite C2, Avon.

On June 14, and in conjunction with the Town of Avon, we had our grand opening in the new location. We are phasing out of our Eagle gallery, and future activities will take place primarily in Avon.

Earlier this year, Avon enacted a partnership with the Vail Valley Art Guild and our main administrative office is now in Avon. Through Town of Avon subsidies, our art organization will increase its efforts to expand, enhance, and enrich Avon's local and visiting artistic community. As this partnership blooms, it will foster additional art activations, programs, and installations; attract, educate and retain artists; engage the public; and define Avon as an appealing, unique, and inviting artistic center.

Melissa Nelson, Board President of the Art Guild at Avon, stated that "Thanks to the Town of Avon we have numerous opportunities this summer for all levels of artists and photographers to explore and expand their creativity through our open-to-the-public workshops and monthly member meetings."

This summer, VVAG has brought in world-class artists to conduct workshops, members have presented popular mini workshops, and summer art camps (some with music) for kids ages five to 15 came on board under our umbrella.

The guild continues to present vibrant opportunities for member involvement in exhibiting works in our new gallery, local public libraries, and commercial venues. If you are not a member, please consider joining. You don't need to be an artist or photographer, but for art's sake, we would appreciate your support as we continue to grow and serve the 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

SEPTEMBER 6 • OCTOBER 4 • NOVEMBER 1 • DECEMBER 6

# Summer /Early Fall 2024 Activities and Programs

## ARTIST MEMBER MEETINGS

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

Please check: [vvagco.org/events](http://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.

August 18	<b>All-Member Pot Luck</b> <i>This is a Sunday!</i> Location: Melissa Nelson's Singletree home / address supplied upon RSVP / 5pm
September	<b>No member meeting due to CMC: Art and Jazz this month</b>

## WORKSHOPS & MINI-WORKSHOPS

Please be set up with your supplies by starting time. Register for all workshops at [vvagco.org/workshops](http://vvagco.org/workshops). Workshops will have a lunch break.

In-studio workshops will be held at Avon Gallery in the Seasons Building: 137 Benchmark Rd. unless otherwise indicated.

Non-member fee is priced at an additional \$20 per workshop. Supply lists will be sent upon registration.

August 8	<b>Mini-Workshop: Acrylic Artistry Class with Jessica Pinto</b>   Learn the basics of acrylic paintings: perfect for beginners and intermediate painters   <b>Time:</b> 5:30pm – 7:00pm   <b>Open to the Public Price of: \$35</b>
August 21-22	<b>Two-Day Workshop with Randall Case   “Exploring Oil Pastel with Your Medium”</b> <b>Medium:</b> Multi- media, oil, oil pastels, acrylics   <b>Time:</b> 9:30am – 4:00pm   <b>Level:</b> Advanced beginner- professional <b>Member Price:</b> \$250
August 24	<b>One-Day Mini-Workshop with Rick Spitzer   “Using Your iPhone Camera”</b> <b>Time:</b> 9:00am – Noon   <b>Member Price:</b> \$50
August 28-30	<b>Three-Day Workshop with Don Sahli   2 Days In-Studio; 1-Day Plein Air (in the field)</b> <b>Medium:</b> Oil or pastel mediums   <b>Time:</b> 9:30am – 4:00pm   <b>Level:</b> Advanced beginner-professional <b>Member Price:</b> \$425
Sept. 5-7	<b>Three-Day Workshop with Peggy McGivern and Margy Foertsch   “Collage and Composition”</b> <b>Medium:</b> Oil or pastel mediums   <b>Time:</b> 9:30am – 4:00pm   <b>Level:</b> Intermediate to professional <b>Member Price:</b> \$375
Sept. 7	<b>One-Day Mini-Workshop with Mio Cirkovic : “Intro to Plein Air”</b>   Artists new to plein air painting will learn set-up, tools to succeed in plein air, and identification of composition crucial for plein air paintings. This is an outside class. <b>Time:</b> 9:00am - 3:00pm   <b>Member Price:</b> \$125
Sept. 24-25	<b>Two-Day Plein Air Workshop with Mio Cirkovic : “Painting Fall Colors”</b>   <b>Level:</b> Advanced beginner-professional. This outside class is at height of the valley colors   <b>Time:</b> 9:30am - 4:00pm   <b>Member Price:</b> \$250

## PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP MEETINGS

All meetings unless otherwise noted will be held at the Avon Gallery from 7-9 | August 29 • September 26

## MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES | Additional Details to be Announced when Available

August 10	<b>Affordable Art Fair / Guild Fundraiser</b>	Minturn	We need art donations from Guild members as well as volunteers to assist with this event and our booth. The fair promotes local art & artists on a busy, festival atmosphere Saturday. It raises awareness as well as sustaining funds for the VVAG.
September and October	<b>Plein Air Days</b>	If interested in joining, call Joann: 970-471-0853	
September 20	<b>Annual CMC All Member Exhibit   Art &amp; Jazz Reception</b>		
October	<b>Annual Side by Side Exhibit: October 4th</b>   Art Guild at Avon, October First Friday		



# Annual All-Member Potluck

Sunday, August 18 | 5 PM

Members... this greatly anticipated event is not to be missed!

Not only is there great food to be had, but getting together with fellow artists while chowing down is a huge plus.

Held at our president's home in Singletree, directions given after registration.

We need everyone to bring something... and if you don't know how to cook, bring beer, wine, water, or sodas.

Go [vragco.org](http://vragco.org), event calendar, to **RSVP** and indicate food items you can bring. Suggestions include salads, appetizers, sides, desserts.

## Summer WORKSHOPS!



**Randall Case**  
*"Exploring Oil Pastel with Your Medium"*  
 August 21 – 22

It's not too late to sign up for these workshops or mini-workshops. Go to the VVAG calendar and click on date/artist for complete details. Sign up today!

[vragco.org](http://vragco.org)



**Don Sahli**  
*Oils and/or Soft Pastels | 2 days in studio, 1 day plein air*  
 August 28 – 30



**Peggy McGivern/  
 Margy Foertsch**  
*"Collage and Composition"*  
 September 5-7

## Mini WORKSHOPS!

taught by VVAG members



**iPhone Camera Mini Workshop with Rick Spitzer**  
 August 24

Art Guild at Avon Gallery  
 Rick will show you how to use your iPhone camera to shoot amazing photos of all kinds.

Often the iPhone is the only camera you have with you so it is good to learn all the tips and tricks for great photos. Android phones can also produce many quality photos.



**Introduction to Plein Air with Mio Cirkovic!**  
 September 7

**Painting Fall Colors with Mio Cirkovic!**  
 September 24 & 25

Two great plein air workshops, inviting the painter outdoors to capture the beauty of the local surroundings. The intro class is for newbies to this experience, which should get the novice well-prepared to sign up for the 2-day plein air foray later in September!

# Members have been busy creating, learning, teaching, enjoying .....

**Joan Fullerton Workshop**  
*Paint Yourself Free*  
 June 25 – 27



*Abstract with collage from start to finish was a great introduction to our new workshop space and gallery. Joan will be returning next June.*

**Jami Nix Rahn Workshop**  
*From Pixels to Canvas*  
 June 25 – 26



**Christian Dore Workshop**  
*Intro to Abstracts*  
 July 8



*We're looking into having Christian return this fall for a 1-day, Part 2 workshop. For anyone who has attended a previous workshop with Christian, this will be the workshop for you !!*



**Kim Casebeer Workshop**  
*Painting Movement in Clouds*  
 July 18 – 19



Kim Casebeer



Karin Millette



It was Zentangle with **Pam** > at our March meeting – incredibly popular!

< **Joann Carhart Levy**

Joann presented an interactive meeting on using pastels. Very fun and every creation a success!



**Artists:** join us on the third Monday of most months for our monthly membership meetings. August's member meeting will be the VVAG annual potluck held at our president's home in Singletree, Sunday, August 18. There is no meeting the month of September because of preparations for our annual all-member show at CMC on September 20.

This page features a few recaps from past meetings. In April, Joann conducted an interactive meeting on pastels. During May's meeting, Tara presented an

informative class on cataloguing your art. The June meeting was all about hanging your art in your home as well as for art shows, presented by Patti Dixon. In July, Cindy Kelleher demonstrated how to start and finish a watercolor. Members took a field trip to Art Base in Basalt, the Carbondale Clay Center, and the Powers Art Center in Carbondale in June.

Plan to join us for our enriching monthly member meetings – meet fellow members and explore an area of creativity that may be new to you.

If anyone has a technique or anything art related to share, please contact Joann at 970-471-0853.

< **Cindy Kelleher**

(in floral overblouse)

Cindy guided members through a colorful inspiring watercolor floral. A real good time!



VVAG members took a trip to the other side of the mountains on June 7 to visit art venues in Basalt and Carbondale.



**Pics from the Avon Arts Celebration in July**



Soodi Kick



Rick Spitzer in VVAG Margo Thomas booth.



Tara Novak

*Thank you to the volunteers who helped make this community event a success:*

Jami Nix Rahn, Madison McCaulley, Nicolette Trevino, Lisa Pelcha, Katrin Petersen, Andrew Graham, Kristen Garry, Gregg Cooper, Bob Will, Melissa Nelson, Rosie Burke, Bibi Rivera, Chris Sena

# AFFORDABLE ART FAIR | AUGUST 17 | MINTURN

The fair is VVAG's annual fundraiser. Plan to attend and volunteer for this half day event at the Minturn Farmers Market. We need donations of art and photography from membership to sell to members of the community. This events promotes the guild and creates awareness in the valley of the visual arts. *We need all hands on deck for this fun filled day!*



## Library Shows

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

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

**Vail Public Library**  
August / Bibiana Rivero  
December / Soodi Kick

**Avon Public Library**  
August / Raj Manickan

## New! Gift Cards

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](http://vvagco.org)



## Volunteers Needed:

As an all-volunteer organization we can always use volunteers at any of our events: Second Fridays, Affordable Art Fair, CMC show, member meetings, community outreach, set up workshops, an art skill to share etc. Please contact Joann: 970-471-0853.

### Public Library Exhibits

Space is available for exhibiting artists at the public libraries in Gypsum, Avon, and Vail throughout the year. Individual members (or teamed up with a second member) are encouraged to present their works in the community rooms of the respective libraries. Please contact **Chris Sena** if you are interested: [cgseña5@gmail.com](mailto:cgseña5@gmail.com)



Join local artists **Soodi Kick** and **Lynn Feiger** for "Open Studio" art days, **September 8, 9, 10, 11** at our **Avon location**: 137 Benchmark Rd., Suite C2, Avon, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is casual; bring your favorite medium. If you are painting with oils, please bring Gamblin on-toxic solvent; if you are painting with acrylics, please bring water to clean brushes. Everyone: please bring paper towels, plastic garbage bags to cover tables.... and any snacks, lunch, and drink. Free for members, \$25 non-members.

Sign up is required for this. Go to the VVAG calendar/events to register.



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](http://www.vvagco.org)

# VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD PHOTOGSNEWS

For news about upcoming photography "special assignments" or events, please contact Rick Spitzer // [spitzerr@comcast.net](mailto:spitzerr@comcast.net)

VVAG Photographers proudly share recent works.....

**Rick Spitzer**



*iPhone Moonlight Exposure*



*Red Barn*

**Kristen Garry**



*Shooting Stars*

**Wendy Griffith**



*Rainbow*

**Alan Finney**



*Moulton Barn*



*399 and Spirit*



*Bald Eagle*

**Ken Neubecker**



*Old Jeep*



*Painterly Walk with Walter*

**Steve Pope**



*Vintage Trouble Enmore Theatre 1*



*Vintage Trouble Enmore Theatre 2*

**Raymond Bleez**



*Jim C Tennis*



*Sheep Dogs*

**Chris Sena**



*Omaha Beach*



*Bayeux, France*

**Norm Vogel**



*Diamond Head Painter*



*Caster*

**Gary McDavid**



*Fishing Bridge*



**Soodi Kick**



*Rainbow 1*



*Rainbow 2*

**Kit Cammermeyer**



*Portugese Sardines*



*Monument to the Discoveries*

**Katie Dolan**



*Congregational Church*



*Immersed*

**Sherry Dorward**



*Grossmünster Kirche*



*Lauterbrunnen Valley*

**Suzane Chandler**



*Light Painting Purple and White*



*Red White Blue*

ARTSHARE | Rosalind Reed |



PRESENT

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# 11th Annual Vail Valley Fine Art Show

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# ART & JAZZ RECEP- TION

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**SEPTEMBER 20**  
**5-8pm**

CMC VAIL VALLEY  
150 MILLER RANCH RD  
EDWARDS

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**COLORADO**  
MOUNTAIN COLLEGE



VAIL VALLEY  
ART GUILD  
enriching lives through visual arts







# 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VAIL VALLEY FINE ARTS SHOW



## APPLICATION FORM

Vail Valley Art Guild members and current CMC Edwards campus students and instructors are eligible to participate in the 2024, 11th Annual Fine Arts Show. The Art and Jazz exhibit and reception will occur on Friday, September 20, and it is sponsored by VVAG and CMC. **The application deadline is Friday, September 13, 2024.**

This will be a juried show. First place ribbons will be given separately to painting and photography in the following categories: **Abstract (A), Figure/Portrait (F/P), Landscape (L), Still Life (S), and Wild Life/Animals (W/A).** A first place ribbon will also be awarded to **3D (3D) Sculpture, Ceramics Functional, Ceramic Sculptural, and Fiber Arts(FA).** There will also be a Best In Show, Jurors' Choice, as well as Honorable Mention ribbons.

A maximum of five works will be accepted. Submitted works may not have been in the CMC Art Show in the past. **Works are due at CMC on Friday, September 13 between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm and Saturday, September 14, between 9:00 am and noon.** All participants must pay **\$10 per entry** via Cash, Check, or Charge when works are delivered. They must also sign the insurance and indemnification waiver (URL at the bottom of this form ) or when submitting their work. Participants must agree **not to remove entries** before the close of the show.

Works must have a wire hanging system. Metal prints must have an acceptable hanging point. Other hanging systems will not be accepted. Metal prints and wrapped canvas art do not need to be framed. Large or multi-piece artworks must be approved in advanced. Please contact Chris Sena at [cgsena5@gmail.com](mailto:cgsena5@gmail.com) for pre-approval.

Applicants may **submit a high resolution jpg image** of up to five entries by **Monday, September 2, 2024** to be included in the printed catalog. Images that are submitted after this date may not be in the catalog. **Rename your digital images in this format: Lastname\_Firstname\_ title of work.jpg.**

Category	Title of Work	Medium	Size	Price

Name \_\_\_\_\_ VVAG Member  CMC Student/Faculty

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address is for sending payment, in the event your art work sells. Leave the Price blank for "Not for Sale."

Complete this form on your computer using **Adobe Acrobat Reader**, save it and email it, along with the indemnification form, and all high resolution images, to: **Rick Spitzer <[vvagcmc@gmail.com](mailto:vvagcmc@gmail.com)>** by Friday, September 6, 2024.

By completing this form and delivering the works to CMC, you acknowledge that CMC and the VVAG are not liable for any damage to the art and that your entry will remain for the duration of the show. Complete the indemnification form included with this email.