

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:

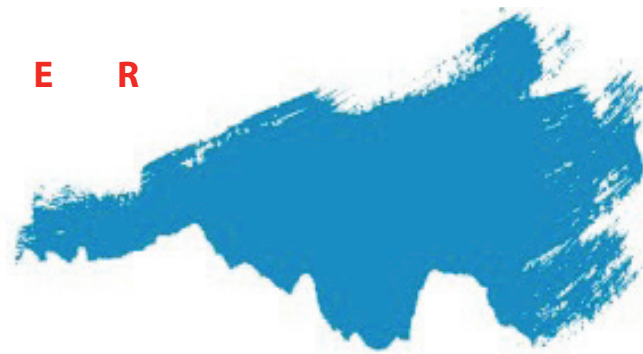
Connecting local visual artists to an artistic community through exhibitions, gallery opportunities, local projects, membership meetings and workshops.

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



VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD

ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH VISUAL ARTS



The VVAG gallery is located at 108 W. 2nd Street in Eagle, across the street from Roam restaurant. The gallery is open every Thursday and Friday from 1-5 p.m. with most Second Fridays open from 2-8 p.m.

The Town of Eagle will be sponsoring the "Block Party" August 11-13. This event restricts access to our gallery on Second Street during the event. So we have cancelled our August Second Friday in-gallery reception and will retain the July "Abstract/Color Orange" through the month of August.

Orange

What's missing in these pictures? YOU. Join us each month for artist member meetings. They are fun, educational, as well as being simply delightful! For our July member meeting, Soodi Kick demonstrated her initial process in creating her award-winning abstracts.

Summer, Early Fall 2023 Activities and Programs At-A-Glance

SECOND FRIDAY EXHIBITS : EAGLE GALLERY

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Vail Valley Art Guild Gallery, 108 W. 2nd St, Eagle

To exhibit please complete submission form Rick Spitzer sends every month or stop by the gallery on Thursday/Friday afternoons to obtain additional info.

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| August 11 | Second Friday cancelled for Town of Eagle Block Party; Join us in Eagle for the fun and festivities! | | |
| September 8 | Theme: "Side by Side" (artists team up with photographers) Color theme: Gold •Contact Rick Spitzer if you need a photographer to team up with. spitzerr@comcast.net | November 10 | Theme: "Around the World" Color theme: Blue |
| October 13 | Theme: "In Bloom" Color theme: Pink | December 8 | Theme: "Winter Solstice" White |

ARTIST MEMBER MEETINGS

Social : 5 p.m. Meetings start at 5:30 p.m. 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.

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| Aug 20 | Intro to Plein Air: All levels followed by all-member Pot Luck at the home of Patti Dixon. RSVP: vvagco.org/events | | |
| Sept 18 | Intro to artist: Calendars, mini books, cards, prints Location: TBD | | |
| Oct 23 | Intro to ceramics with Willow Location: CMC ceramic studio | | |
| Nov 6 | Annual member ornament event Note: Time 3 p.m. Location: Eagle Gallery | | |

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

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| Sept. / Oct. | Plein Air Days | Call if interested in joining: 970-471-0853 |
| September 22 | 10th Annual Vail Valley Fine Art Show Art & Jazz Reception | |

PHOTOGRAPHY MEETINGS

Photography meetings are held the last Thursday of every month at CMC: Room 249 • 6:30 pm fellowship / 7:00 pm meeting

AVON ARTS FESTIVAL | July 29 & 30



Raj Manickham hosted an exciting and innovative photography exhibit at the Avon Library during the month of July.

Outtakes from Summer Workshops...

Dore Workshop
June 20



Christian Dore conducted a popular workshop at the Trinity Church cabin in Edwards.

Beltrán Workshop
July 10,11



Lu Beltrán, a talented young artist from Colombia, led a workshop focusing on grayscale values and limited palettes. This was a very interesting workshop which introduced participants to Spanish and Colombian artists.

Case Workshop
July 17,18



Photos from the Randall Case workshop held in Edwards. Everyone had a great time!!!

SUMMER 2023 WORKSHOPS!

....to come

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| Aug. 9-10 | Cliff Austin (SOLD OUT) "Catch the Color" | oil, soft pastels |
| Sept. 7-8 | Cheryl St. John "Exploring Plein Air" | oil, pastel, or watercolor |

Register at vvagco.org



10TH ANNUAL VAIL VALLEY FINE ART SHOW

2D | 3D | PHOTOGRAPHY

SEPTEMBER 22
5 - 8 PM

ART & JAZZ RECEPTION

CMC VAIL VALLEY
150 MILLER RANCH RD
EDWARDS

presented by ARTSHARE Colorado Mountain College

FOR FREE TICKETS

COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD



Spotlight on the Upcoming 10th Annual Vail Valley Fine Art Show

Art can sometimes feel like it's something for "other" people ... people who peruse art galleries for fun, or who spend weekends at the art museum and who know the aesthetic and stylistic context of the art hanging on the walls. The pinky raisers and erudite. But, at CMC, we believe art is for EVERYONE, and that is why we partnered with the Vail Valley Art Guild 10 years ago to create the Vail Valley Fine Arts Show, anchored by the opening reception called "Art and Jazz."

"This is a great way for us to welcome the community into the building, and to make art more accessible to everyone," said Andrew Pranger, former president of the Vail Valley Art Guild and member of the CMC Vail Valley art committee.

More than 200 pieces of art are showcased during the show, which includes photography, ceramics, oils, acrylics, watercolor, mixed media and even video art created by CMC students and artists from the Vail Valley Art Guild.

"The whole event is great," Andrew said. "But, the real power and magic is

when the art is hung on the walls and displayed on the campus, and students and community members walk slowly, enjoying the art in their own time, and they may even learn about some of the great programs and events happening at the college."

"Fine art and Jazz have a long history of working well together," Andrew said. "Jazz is accessible to everyone. And, honestly, the music has gotten better over the years. It's turned into a great night out for more than 500 people."

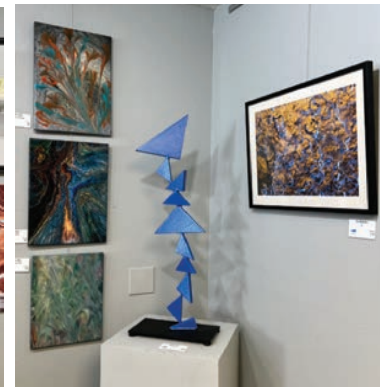
This year's free Art and Jazz reception will be September 22. It costs \$10 to submit work to the juried art show, and artists must either be CMC students or staff, or a member of the Vail Valley Art Guild.

Please note: We want people to register for the show (scan QR code on poster to the left); tickets are free.

THANK YOU: *The show catalog is sponsored by El Pomar Foundation. The show's Art & Jazz opening reception is being generously underwritten by Rosalind Reed, former VVAG President, in honor of Marc Brennan, Dean of Colorado Mountain College, Vail Valley.*

Important dates for the Annual Colorado Mountain College / Vail Valley Art Guild Art and Jazz Show:

- **Tuesday, August 1st:** Initial notification to submit forms and photographs. Submissions are limited to five items per artists and photographers. Hanging fees are \$10 per piece. Fees can be paid either online or when items are dropped off.
- **Friday, September 1st:** This is the last day that photos of work can be submitted for the exhibit catalog.
- **Friday, September 15th (12-4) and Saturday, September 16th (9-4):** drop off all artwork at CMC. Final submission day is September 16th!
- **Monday, September 18th:** hang show
- **Friday, September 22nd, (5-8):** Art and Jazz reception.
- **Friday, November 3rd:** take down exhibit. If you are interested in showing your CMC works in the community room at the Avon Public Library, individually or teaming up with another member, for details, dates, and logistics please contact Chris Sena if you are interested: cgsena5@gmail.com



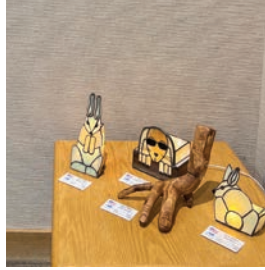
JULY SECOND FRIDAY | The VVAG Eagle Gallery hosted a reception for an exhibit of abstract art and the color "orange."

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EAGLE COUNTY VETERANS ART EXHIBIT | month of July



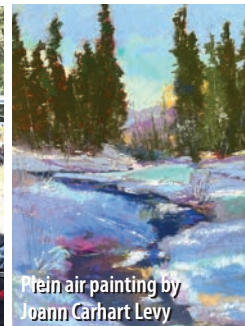
The VVAG coordinated the first Eagle County Veteran's art exhibit at the Vail Public Library during the month of July. **Raymond Blesz, Norm Vogel and Bob Will**, all VVAG members, featured prominently in the exhibit. A reception was held on July 16.



JUNE ARTIST MEMBER MEETING | Scott Brundage



Scott Brundage (on right) is pictured with recent BMHS grad Angel Pliego at June's member meeting held at the gallery. Scott spoke to us about his illustration career and what it took to get where he is today. *Monthly member meetings are always a treat!*



Painting Partners

Laura Moore and Joann Carhart Levy have traveled to a variety of destinations painting plein air, taken workshops and classes together,

and showed at VVAG exhibits. Don't miss their exclusive show, "Painting Partners," at the Avon Public Library, hanging throughout September.

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. **Available spots are filling up fast!** Please contact **Chris Sena** if you are interested: cgsema5@gmail.com



The teamwork of those involved in the **Affordable Art Sale**, on **August 5** in **Minturn** was outstanding! It took many hands and dedication to accomplish this event—and it was a long, tiring, and successful day.

Well done to those who made it happen!



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

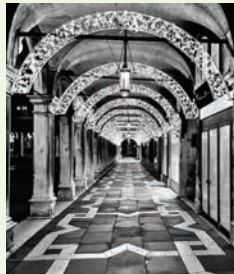
VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD PHOTOGSNEWS

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

Alan Finney



Burrowing Owl



Venice

Brett Forlano



Deep Creek

Deep Creek 2

Rick Spitzer



Avon Fireworks



Red Tailed Hawk 084

John Sheppard



Fireworks

Norm Vogel



Boat 2

Church 1

Ellen Stone



Horse Rescue 1



Horse Rescue 2

Raymond Blesz



The Wooden Saint
Overlooking the Corn



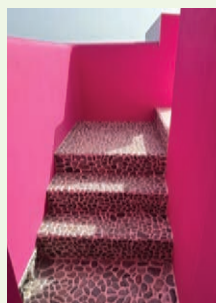
Kiva Hechoen Mexico

Tom Thompson



Moon and Fireworks 23

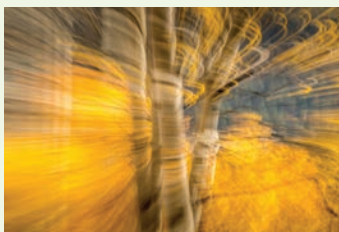
Chris Sena



Hard Time Chili

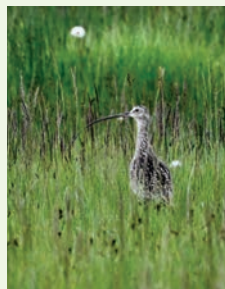
Algeciras, Spain

Raj Manickham



Wonder in the Woods

Katie Dolan



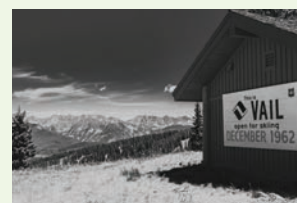
Curlew

Kit Cammermeyer



Villager

Michelle Cawood



This is Vail

Eric Licktieg

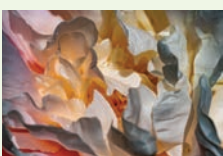


Neighbors



Old Fashion

Ken Neubecker



Peonie Abstract

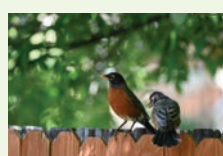


Peonie Closeup Abstract

Nick Tadrzynski



Robin



Robins