

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:

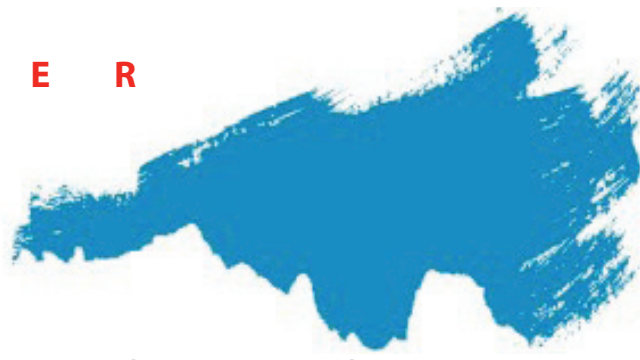
Connecting local visual artists to an artistic community through exhibitions, gallery opportunities, local projects, membership meetings and workshops.

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

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

SUMMER 2023
WORKSHOPS!

Join the fun and sign up for a workshop today! Take advantage of expert instruction combined with a wonderful outdoor experience. Stay tuned... More workshops to be added! Check the VVAG website for updates.



The VVAG gallery is located at 108 W. 2nd Second St. 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.

June 20	Christian Dore	"Intro to Abstracts" (SOLD OUT)	acrylics and drawing
June 26	Christian Dore	"Intro to Abstracts"	acrylics and drawing
July 11-12	Lu Beltran	"Experimenting with Form & Color"	oil, gouache, or acrylic
July 17-18	Randall Case	"Contemporary Mixed Media"	acrylic and oil pastels
Aug. 9-10	Cliff Austin	"Catch the Color" (SOLD OUT)	oil, soft pastels
Aug. 23-24	Julie Adriansen	"Pushing Watercolor Boundries"	watercolor
Sept. 7-8	Cheryl St. John	"Exploring Plein Air"	oil, pastel, or watercolor

To register, obtain additional information please visit:
vvagco.org/events/workshops | or call **970-471-0853**
All workshops located in the Vail Valley

June Second Friday at the Eagle Gallery: June 9, 5-8 p.m.
Join us for refreshments.
Members, June's show theme is: "Architecture" and color theme is: **Turquoise**

July Second Friday at the Eagle Gallery: July 14, 5-8 p.m.
Join us for refreshments.
Members, July's show theme is: "Abstractions" and color theme is: **Orange**



Spring/Summer 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.

June 9	Theme: "Architecture" Color theme: Turquoise	October 13	Theme: "Around the World" Color theme: Blue
July 14	Theme: "Abstractions" Color theme: Orange	November 10	Theme: "Small Gems" (works 16" x 16" and under) Color theme: Purple
August 11	Theme: "In Bloom" Color theme: Pink	December 8	Theme: "Winter Solstice" White
September 8	Theme: "Side by Side" (artists team up with photographers) Color theme: Gold		

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.

June 19	Scott Brundage: Illustration discussion/interactive Location: Eagle Gallery
July 17	Painting Techniques with Soodi: Location: Soodi's house in Eagle Please register at vvagco.org/events for directions
Aug 20	Intro to Plein Air: All levels followed by all-member Pot Luck RSVP: vvagco.org/events Location: TBD
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

June 8	Member "Roaring Fork Trip" / Powers Art Center, Anderson Ranch Arts Center and Aspen Art Museum		
July 29 & 30	Avon Art Festival: We need volunteers to man our beverage booth including TIPS trained servers Time: 10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.		
August 5	Affordable Art Fair	Minturn	We need donations from artists /volunteers
September and October	Plein Air Days	Call if interested in joining: 970-471-0853	
September Date: TBD	Annual CMC All Member Exhibit 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



Meeting at Joann Carhart Levy's home discussing with Renata Marshall (center) Vail Valley Art Guild's involvement with the newly created Eagle County art therapy program.

We have recently started the creation of an Eagle County community therapeutic arts program with Renata Marshall who is a trained facilitator in art therapy and spoke at our May members' meeting. She feels that art can work as a means of expression for children and adults going through trauma, depression, or dealing with other emotions related to their life situations. **Her initial comment to me was simply "Art saved my life."**

While VVAG has always been active in the local community through libraries, schools, our gallery and events, working with students, the elderly, veterans, children and their parents, we have never had the appropriate skills to facilitate "trauma-informed art workshops." We are talking with funders about helping us with this bold and important project which is unique in the county yet fits perfectly with our Mission to enrich lives through visual arts.

To paraphrase our Mission, we enrich lives by:

- Using art as a language to give greater voice to persons striving for expression
- Connecting local visual artists, and those who wish to be, to others in an artistic community
- Creating exhibition and gallery opportunities for local visual artists
- Sponsoring free and low-cost classes and professional workshops in the visual arts to develop and expand skills
- Supporting visual arts education for our youth, elderly and underserved

– Melissa Nelson, VVAG President



MAY ARTIST MEETING



Our artist's meeting in May was held at the Eagle Gallery where **Becky Kiser** orchestrated a great lesson in the Zentangle Method. Generally, white paper is cut into 3.5" square pieces ("tiles") upon which one draws structured patterns using combinations of lines, curves, and dots. Check out zentangle.com for additional information and inspiration for this catchy, creative pastime.

The group also celebrated Rosi Burki's birthday! Join us for member meetings. Fun and educational.

Vvago.org/events



Joann Carhart Levy



Lynn Ekberg



Laura, Pam, Joann and Desi Littlestar



Adrienne Cannon



CW Mundy, artist



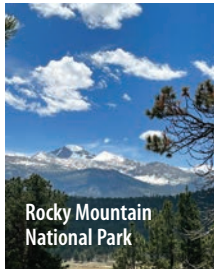
Albert Handel



Lynn and Pam O'Hara



Laura Moore



Rocky Mountain National Park



Garden of the Gods

The Plein Air Convention was held in Colorado this year and several VVAG members had the opportunity to attend. It was a whirlwind of artist demos, plein air painting and classes for those who signed up for pre-convention courses. The annual Plein Air Convention is truly an art happening. Next year's convention will be in May and held in the Smokey Mountains of North Carolina. Open to all! Pleinairconvention.com

Affordable Art Fair



August 5
Minturn

{need art and volunteers}

OUTSTANDING!

During the month of May, Gypsum Public Library showcased the art and photography of Guild members **Elke** and **Brian Wells**, along with their daughter, Sophie. The show featured some of the artists' recent favorites — including many acrylic pours and photographs by Brian Wells and several artworks of paint and paper by Elke Wells.



New Gypsum Public Library Exhibit



Visit the Gypsum Public Library during the month of June to see the latest VVAG member exhibit by artist **Chris Sena**. Visitors will not only be inspired by the many different media that Chris exhibits, but also be educated about how the media differ from each other. Don't miss this exceptional exhibit!



Mark Your Calendar:

Month of July: Vail Library. Eagle County Veterans Art show with reception on July 6.

We are looking for veterans in Eagle County who are artists or photographers. They need not be VVAG members. Help us find these folks!



Library exhibits

Space is available for exhibiting artists at the Gypsum Library, Avon Library and Vail Library 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: cgsena5@gmail.com

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

Volunteers:

As an all-volunteer organization we can always use volunteers at any of our events: Second Fridays, Affordable Art Fair, CMC show, member meetings, Avon Art Festival, community outreach, set up workshops, an art skill to share etc. Please contact Joann: 970-471-0853 or stop by the Eagle Gallery on Thursdays/Fridays or sign up online.

ARTwalk Festival

Friday, July 7 (6 to 9 pm)

and Saturday, July 8 (10 am to 6 pm)

EagleARTS is pleased to announce the return of our popular ARTwalk festivals - now a two-day arts event July 7 & 8, 2023, in a new location - Eagle Town Park! Apply now to be a vendor or sponsor. We're looking for art booths, food trucks, musicians, and performers. www.eaglearts.org/artwalk-eagle-co



Call For Artists

EagleARTS is now accepting applications for artists interested in having a booth inside the Block Party Eagle event venue August 11 & 12. www.eaglearts.org



Stay tuned for emails with info on plein air / photography opportunity dates....

VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD PHOTOGSNEWS

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

Steve Pope



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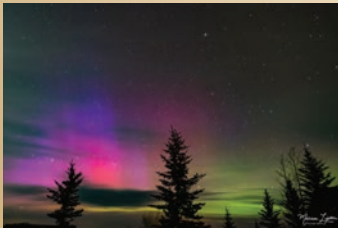


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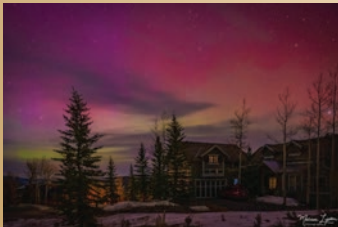


Pianist

Melissa Lipton



Aurora 1



Aurora 2

Norm Vogel



Another Old Shooter



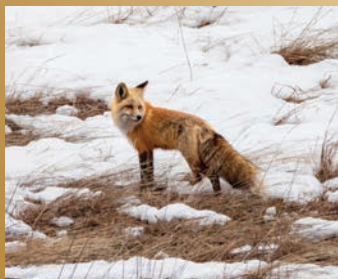
Rudy the Robot

Raymond Bleesz



Mark Twain

Traci O'Connor



Red Fox Sylvan Lake



Pied-billed Grebe



River Otter

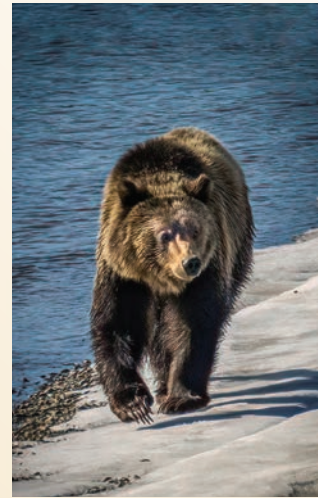
Chris Sena



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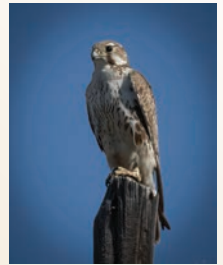


Graffiti 2



Grizzly

Rick Spitzer



Prairie Falcon



Prairie Falcon

Gary McDavid



Bearded Iris

Katie Dolan

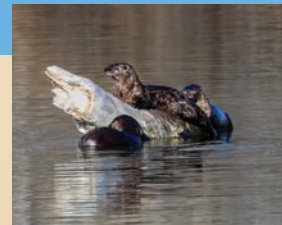


Derby Rd.



Kingfisher

Allan Finney



River Otters



Osprey



The Mestiqua