

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.

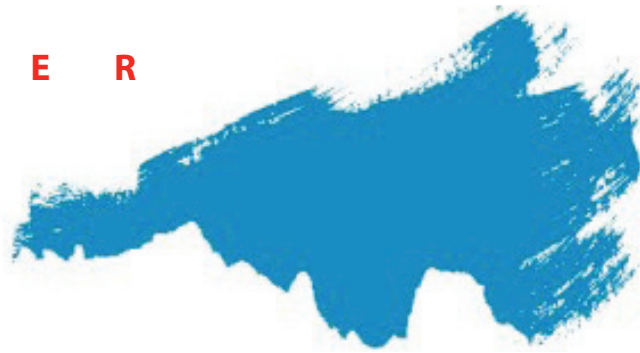
Supporting visual arts education for our youth, seniors and underprivileged.

Spotlighting artistic talent in the Vail Valley.

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

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June Second Friday // June 10 //
5:00 - 8:00 p.m. // 108 W. Second St. // Eagle // Please join us! **FREE**

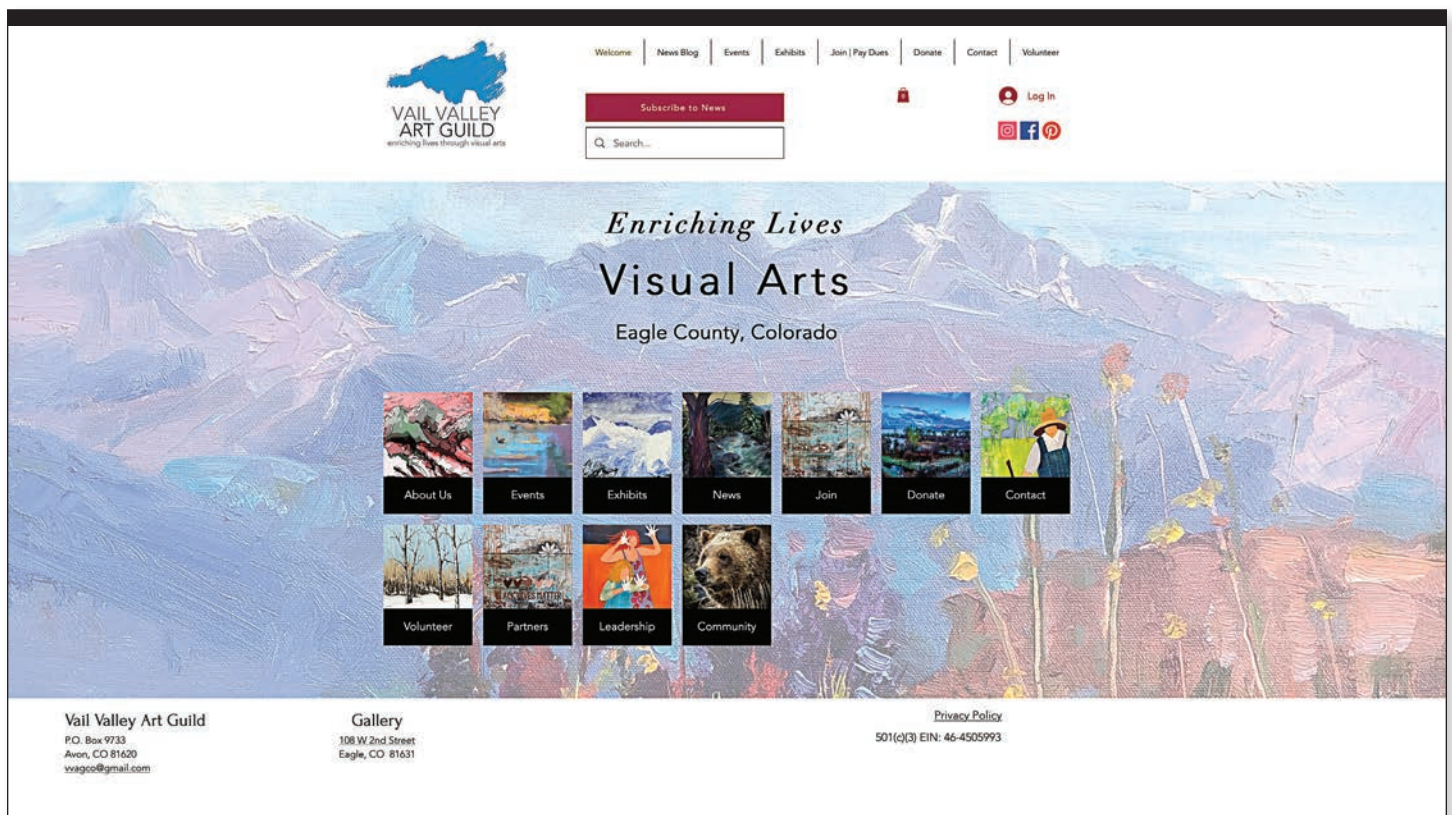


VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD

ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH VISUAL ARTS

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The Guild's new website has launched. Many thanks to **Margo Thomas** for her hard work in setting this up. If you haven't visited it yet, please do.... you will be impressed! It is an incredible resource to find out who is running the Guild, our organization's mission and vision, what fellow members have been creating – shows they have participated in locally and outside the Vail Valley, area student shows reflecting VVAG's outreach and support of visual art education for our youth, and profiles of artists coming into our area holding workshops. Not only will you find an updated and exhaustive calendar of events, but the site is replete with lots and lots of inspiring imagery.



Vail Valley Art Guild Meetings and Events At-A-Glance

For additional details, always check the website: www.vvagco.org

ARTIST MEMBER MEETINGS • All meetings start at 5:30 pm with a social half hour followed by the presentation unless otherwise stated. Any updated information can be found on our website vvagco.org under Events. Always feel free to bring a dish to share. If you have any questions, please contact Joann Carhart Levy at 970-471-0853. All meetings are subject to change if we find new opportunities.

June 13	*VVAG Board Meeting: 3:30 PM Room 215, CMC Edwards campus. *Open to prospective board members as well as anyone interested in attending a meeting. Board meetings are scheduled the second Monday of every month.
June 20	Sylvan Lake State Park Art Dedication: Sylvan Lake State Park, 10200 Brush Creek Rd, Eagle, CO 81631, USA
June 20	Artist Member Meeting: Abstract demo in Minturn with Denver artist Katherine Smith Warren
June 26	Artist Member Meeting: Peter Halpert: Gypsum: photography
July 11	*VVAG Board Meeting: 3:30 PM Room 215, CMC Edwards campus.
July 18	Artist Member Meeting: Interactive: Melissa's multi-media "doodles" (watercolor, ink, charcoal, puffy paint, cut paper, etc.) Make your own!
August 6	Affordable Art Fair fundraiser: Minturn – all day
August 8	*VVAG Board Meeting: 3:30 PM Room 215, CMC Edwards campus.
August 15	Artist Member Meeting: Red Cliff Day: Plein Air morning, Bob Will studio & Red Cliff cemetery tour in the afternoon. Picnic or lunch at Mango's
Sept 12	*VVAG Board Meeting: 3:30 PM Room 215, CMC Edwards campus.
Sept 14	Plein Air Day
Sept 19	Artist Member Meeting: Interactive: alcohol inks with Margo Thomas
Sept 26	Speaker series: Andrea Jenkins Wallace from Anderson Ranch Arts Center: photography
October	No member meeting: Please attend our annual all-member show Oct 21
October 10	*VVAG Board Meeting: 3:30 PM Room 215, CMC Edwards campus.
October 21	Annual Art and Jazz Show and reception at CMC
Nov 14	*VVAG Board Meeting: 3:30 PM Room 215, CMC Edwards campus.
Nov 21	Artist Member Meeting: Make acrylic flow Christmas ornaments
Nov TBA	Outreach: Castle Peak Senior Center (or first week in Dec)
Dec 12	*VVAG Board Meeting: 3:30 PM Room 215, CMC Edwards campus.
Dec 19	Annual Member Christmas Party

WORKSHOPS

Sign up under Events at vvagco.org Non-members pay extra \$20

June 23-25	Dennis Pendleton	Watercolors	Eagle Gallery: 108 W. 2nd St., Eagle	Fee: \$375
July 9	Faye Crowe	Exercises in Acrylics	Eagle Gallery: 108 W. 2nd St., Eagle	Fee: \$125
July 12-13	Randall Case	Oil Washes and Pastels on Canvas	Eagle Gallery: 108 W. 2nd St., Eagle	Fee: \$225
July 21-22	Cliff Austin	Oil/Pastels welcome	Cordillera Café 10 AM - 4 PM	Fee: \$225

WORKSHOPS.... continued

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Aug 29-31	Don Sahli	"An Opportunity for Abstraction: Color and Temperature" • Acrylic, Oil	Cordillera Café: 9:30 AM - 4 PM first day 9:00 AM - 4 PM day 2 and day 3	Fee: \$380
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PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

July 15-18	With member: Melissa Lipton	"Wildflowers and Landscapes"	Crested Butte	
Sept 30-Oct 3	With member: Melissa Lipton	"Fall Colors"	Telluride	

PHOTOGRAPHY MEETINGS

Photography meetings are held the last Thursday of every month at CMC: Room 249 • 6:30 PM

June 30 • July 28 • August 25 • September 29 • October 27 • November TBA • December 29

SECOND FRIDAYS

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM • Vail Valley Art Guild Gallery, 108 W 2nd St, Eagle, CO

June 10	Theme: "Abstract Visions" <i>Contemporary Abstracts</i>	Join us each month to celebrate the visual arts brought to you by our Guild members. We change up the theme every month. This is in coordination with the EagleARTS events hosted on Broadway Street in Eagle.
July 8	Theme: "In Bloom" – <i>Florals</i>	
August 12	Theme: "Out West"	
September 9	Theme: "River's Edge" – <i>With a concentration within Eagle County</i>	
October 14	Theme: "Autumn"	
November 11	Theme: "Small Gems" – All works will be sized to 8" x 8" Holiday Market Interactive table: flow Christmas ornaments	
December 9	Theme: "Winter"	



Vail Library • Avon Library • Eagle Library • Gypsum Library

In collaboration with the Eagle Valley Library District <https://www.evld.org>, we are honored to present monthly installments by either theme, artist, or photographer. Stop by to support your local library and artists!! Many pieces are for sale at discounted prices compared to gallery and festival.

Guild member scheduled shows:

Gypsum Library: Winter

Various artists

Jun 01, 9:00 AM – Jun 30, 6:00 AM

47 Lundgren Blvd, Gypsum

Vail Library Photography: Raj Manickam

Aug 01, 9:00 AM – Aug 31, 6:00 PM

Artist **Margo Thomas**

Dec 01, 2022, 9:00 AM – Dec 31, 2022, 6:00 PM

Vail Public Library, 292 W Meadow Dr, Vail

SPOTLIGHT ON UPCOMING WORKSHOPS!

Sign up under "Events" at vvagco.org

For questions regarding any of the workshops please contact: 970-471-0853

DENNIS PENDLETON | JUNE 23 - 25 | Watercolor
9:30 AM – 4 PM | Eagle Gallery: 108 W. 2nd St., Eagle, CO
FEE: Guild Members \$375 | Non-Guild \$395

Dennis will guide students through the process of creating a landscape painting in the medium of watercolor. Value studies, organizing shapes, mixing color, daily demonstrations, critiques and individual attention included in this 3-day class. Weather permitting we will paint outside after studio day.

Location: Eagle Gallery 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. with a lunch break (Be ready to paint at 9:30 a.m. sharp!)

Register at vvagco.org or call Art Student League of Denver: 303/778-6990

Sponsored by VVAG and Art Students League of Denver



FAYE CROWE | JULY 9 | Exercises in Acrylics

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM | Eagle Gallery: 108 W. 2nd St., Eagle, CO or outside
FEE: Guild Members \$125 | Non-Guild \$145

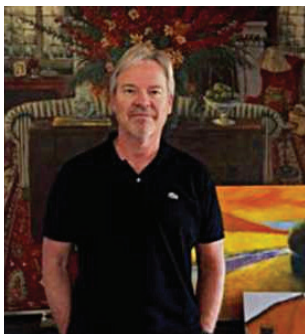


Don't Think It ... Just Do It~ Self Discovery through Painting; Expressing from the Inside Out... "Elimination of the insignificant." If you hear a voice within you saying "you are not a painter" then by all means paint... and that voice will be silenced." –Vincent Van Gogh; alternate quote: "Just Do It!"

The class is geared for all levels with a goal towards developing your own style of painting. We all have an untapped reservoir of creativity within us. How do we get in touch with it? How do we discover the hidden renaissance within us?

This workshop explores tools and techniques in painting to help you develop a painting style that is within you and is your own. Tailored to develop your own painting voice. We will explore Color, Value and Hue and Composition by painting on multiple canvases simultaneously and developing new ideas over the workshop. Utilize various medias within the paint, such as raw charcoal sketch, wax, or texture. Have fun and play, try new techniques and materials with your painting. *We may be painting outdoors so bring Plein Air set up of choice.*

Randall Case | JULY 12 - 13 | Oil, Pastels
10 AM – 4 PM | Eagle Gallery: 108 W. 2nd St., Eagle, CO
Oil Washes and Pastels on Canvas
FEE: Guild Members \$225 | Non-Guild \$245



You'll never have to choose between drawing and painting again! Sign up for this unusual 2-day workshop to find why.

Randall Case is known for large scale abstracted landscapes and florals. Named "An artist to watch" by *Southwest Art* in 1997, Randall did not start painting full time until 2020. Now he combines his love of travel with his painting by doing top-notch juried art festivals in as many of his favorite travel destinations as possible. His

work has been represented by Mitchell Frank Gallery in Dallas, Texas, and Vail Fine Art Gallery in Vail. We are lucky to have lured him to our valley for this interesting "oil washes and pastels on canvas" workshop.



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CLIFF AUSTIN | JULY 21 - 22 | Oil, Pastels
10 AM – 4 PM | Cordillera (where the Café used to be)

For oil and pastel artists / working knowledge of your medium is required

FEE: Guild Members \$225 | Non-Guild \$245

Explore the play of light and color in landscape with Cliff during this two-day workshop held indoors, inside the location of the former Cordillera Café.

Cliff Austin is a graduate of Denver Institute of Technology and the Rocky Mountain School of Art, and has been painting and illustrating since 1980 when he graduated from RMSA. He is affiliated with many Colorado art organizations including the Pastel Society of



Morning Spilling Over

Colorado, the Plein Air Artists Colorado, the Oil Painters of America, and the American Impressionists Society. The core of Cliff's art is the relationships of light on shape using line and tone and color as it wraps and flows around the landscape and cityscape. Cliff has won

many awards in Pastel and Oil in national and local art shows. Cliff states "The subject is light and contrast. The fascination is in the way light pours, splashes,

and wraps around everything we see and contrasts the everyday with the extraordinary." The class will be structured around the drawing and painting and development of expressive techniques of landscape art and will include ongoing critique, "how to" demos, and tutorials designed for each individual student's natural way with paint. Students will learn notans and planning before putting brush to canvas. All the "work" is planned in advance, so the actual fun of painting can show results!



Loveland Pass



Colorful Colorado

Don Sahli | AUGUST 29 - 31 | Acrylic, Oils

9:30 AM – 4 PM first day; 9:00 AM – 4 PM day 2 & 3 | Cordillera (where the Café used to be)

An Opportunity for Abstraction: Color and Temperature

FEE: Guild Members \$380 | Non-Guild \$400

A professional artist and instructor for more than 35 years, Don's private and corporate commissions are found throughout the United States as well as internationally. Known for his use of paint and vibrant palette, his exciting brushstroke showcases a positive emotion to viewers

and echoes his apprenticeship with noted Russian masters. Don is represented at Vail International Gallery, Shaun Horne Gallery in Crested Butte and Telluride, plus numerous galleries across the U.S. and Mexico. You will learn spontaneity with your brush technique and color when you take his class.



Highlights from our Christian Dore Workshop

On May 6, 2022, our Member Workshop featured guest instructor Christian Dore. This sold out event was the Vail Valley Art Guild's first joint workshop with the Art Students League of Denver (ASLD), modeled on the famous Art Students League of New York.



Christian Dore is a 1999 transplant to the US from England where he was a graphic artist for the BBC. He became enamored with Colorado landscapes and merged his feelings of the outdoors into colorful, layered representational paintings of animals and

tribal motifs. Christian opened the workshop by telling everyone that he was going to change our lives.

Through a series of mini-demos and exercises he explained his process in creating an abstract painting in this one-day class – normally an 8 week course for his Denver students.

The morning session focused on creating looseness by drawing random shapes in our sketchbooks. We were told to fill a page with doodle shapes, then overlap all the shapes. This created a drawing to give us ideas for the afternoon session.

In the afternoon we painted our canvases black, then lightened them with unbleached titanium and drew lines across that with black paint. Next we colored between the lines using only black, titanium, and a green mixed to vary colors. We then added an accent color, scrubbed out most of what we'd done and looked to find an animal to bring out of the "mess."

All the students in this class came away with exciting new ideas and we hope that we can entice Christian to return again soon. For additional information on Christian Dore see his website: christiandore.com.

Watch for a future announcement regarding another fabulous one-day workshop!





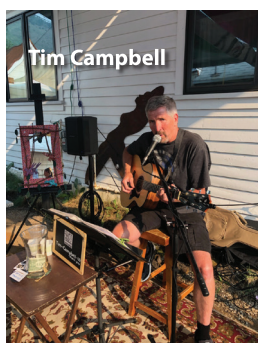
March's VVAG Members' Meeting with architect and artist, **Mio Cirkovic**, was an eye opener for most attendees! Mio demonstrated the importance of perspective. Thank you, Mio! We learned how to find a horizon line, or eye line, on which to place vanishing points. Why do we want to know this and what is a vanishing point? For those of us whose houses, barns, fence lines, or tree lines never looked quite right in our paintings, we began to understand why. Perspective adds depth and realism to our paintings. It leads the viewer into our works without them actually knowing this is happening.

Mio illustrated two-point and three-point perspective, took questions, and challenged us to put the principles to practice on our sketch pads. Things started looking correct! Someone added cows with a decent result. Whoeeee!



Dana Dunbar, wonderful artist and longtime Guild member and advocate, passed away on Halloween 2021. A memorial get together is being held for her on June 25, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm, at her home in Arrowhead, 284 Riverbend Drive. Join us to share memories and celebrate her wonderful life. Please email Melissa Nelson at nonprofitplan@gmail.com if you can join us.

AFFORDABLE ART FAIR



The Guild is sponsoring the **Affordable Art Fair** on **August 6** at the Agora on Main Street in **Minturn**.
When: All day into early evening
We need volunteers: to set up and tear down; man community art tables and entry; entertainment...
We need art donations: Look in your closets and donate your art and/or photography that you no longer are interested in that has not sold or create a new piece to donate... this is a fundraiser for VVAG. **For information contact 970-471-0853.**



From 2021 Art Fair



Sylvan Lake State Park Art Dedication

Jun 20, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Sylvan Lake State Park | 10200 Brush Creek Rd | Eagle

Join us to dedicate artwork on the one year anniversary of the Sylvan Lake Fire. Our goal is to help create awareness about climate change and fire safety through visual art.

We are pleased to say the works from photographer **Janet Burmeister** and artist **Margo Thomas** have been donated to the Sylvan Lake State Park. The two pieces of art are hanging in the visitor center to create a visual impact and foster storytelling about climate change and fire safety.

On June 20, 2022, the one year anniversary of the fire beginning, the Vail Valley Art Guild, along with Janet and Margo, will be dedicating a plaque to help create awareness about climate change and fire safety.

Please join us for refreshments and discussion about how we can work as a community to continue the conversation.

If you are interested in carpooling to the State Park, meet at 12:45 p.m. for an ontime departure of 1:00 p.m., CMC Edwards parking lot, northwest end.

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Save the Date!

The joint **Vail Valley Art Guild / Colorado Mountain College 9th Annual Art & Jazz Reception** will be held Friday, **October 21**, at the CMC Edwards campus. Check your emails as we are in the planning stages and we will roll out information on art submissions and exhibiting as it unfolds. A fall tradition, this year's show promises to echo the exciting tradition of strong art, wonderful entertainment, and community camaraderie.

The Guild is looking for individual and corporate sponsors for this event. For details, please contact VVAG president Melissa Nelson at: nonprofitplan@gmail.com.



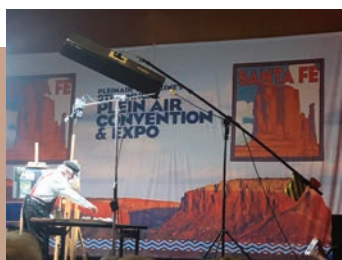
Helen Hiebert



VVAG April membership meeting, held at VVAG president Melissa Nelson's home, featured acclaimed paper artist **Helen Hiebert**. Helen treated members to an interactive paper making session following a discussion on several of the books she has published including her new book, *The Art of Papercraft*. Her paper installations and sculptures can be found across the country. Helen's Colorado installation, "Step Into the Light," featuring an interactive lantern, will be on view June and July at Anythink Wright Farms, 5877 E.120th Ave, Thornton, CO. Helen resides in the Vail Valley and operates a studio in Red Cliff. Let's hope we can see her studio this summer. Thank you Helen for inspiring us! Check out her weekly blog called *The Sunday Paper*, as well as her podcast, *Paper Talk*. (<https://helenhiebertstudio.com/>)



Chris Sena (on left, pictured with her best friend from grade school) participated in a very successful art exhibit in her hometown of Medford, MA. The show, "Medford Memories," will be up through June during which Michael Bloomberg will dedicate the town's public library, site of the art show.



Laura Moore

Laura Moore and Joann Carhart Levy attended the 2022 Plein Air Convention, May 17-21, outside Santa Fe, NM. Next year's convention will be in Denver, May 21-25, 2023. Sign up at pleinairconvention.com (Register now!almost sold out).



Albert Handell demo pastel



Santuario de Chimayo



Ghost Ranch

We had a great turnout at our "Winter in the High Country" exhibit in Eagle for April's Second Friday. **Joann Levy** provided delicious appetizers which quickly disappeared. **Bob Will** exhibited an array of his whimsical industrial sculptures.



ART AROUND AVON WALKING TOUR ON FRIDAY, JUNE 10

The second annual Art Around Avon self-guided walking tour is on Friday, June 10 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Avon Town Hall. The **Art Around Avon** program has grown tremendously and consists of nineteen delightful sculptures which will be on exhibit throughout the Town through May of 2023. The artists will be available during the walking tour to share their inspirations and creative energy behind the work.

"We are energized by the growth of the Art Around Avon program and enthusiastic to once again share these stunning bodies of work with our community," said Culture, Arts and Special Events Manager Danita Dempsey.

The Art Around Avon Walk will go from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. beginning at Avon Town Hall, located at 100 Mikaela Way. For questions about this event or the Art Around Avon program, please contact Culture, Arts and Special Events Manager Danita Dempsey at ddempsey@avon.org or (970) 748-4065.



Applications are still open for all upcoming months for artists to have a booth or be partnered with a business, depending on the event style that month.

More info at www.EagleARTS.org

Announcement

& OPPORTUNITY

EagleARTS is currently offering one solo exhibit opportunity per year to VVAG members. We have 2 potential exhibit locations per month, during 2nd Friday ARTwalks.

Works must be:

- A cohesive series • 5 to 8 pieces • Paintings or photography, possible sculpture too. • Framed and/or hanging ready
- Artist must be available to hang the works, have tags and marketing info posted • Sales go thru EagleARTS, artists agree to 30/70 commission split with EagleARTS.

Please reach out to me if you haven't shown this year and would like to. Let me know which month, June thru December, you could be available. We will do our best to arrange scheduling as appropriate for the spaces.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Tara Novak

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VOLUNTEERS (A SHAMELESS PLUG!)

The Guild is looking for members to sign up to help with various committees and projects. As an all-volunteer organization we are always in need for enthusiastic people to help across the many areas in which we are involved. Put your time and expertise to a noble cause! Go to: <https://www.vvagco.org/volunteer> to see how you can plug in and sign up!



VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD PHOTOGSNEWS

Presented by VVAG Photogs....



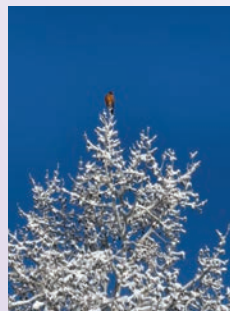
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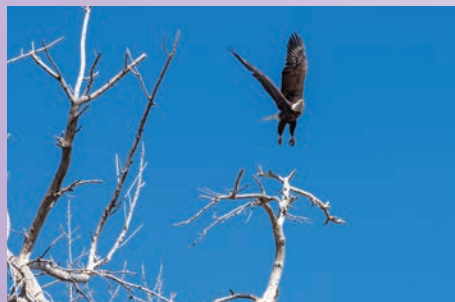
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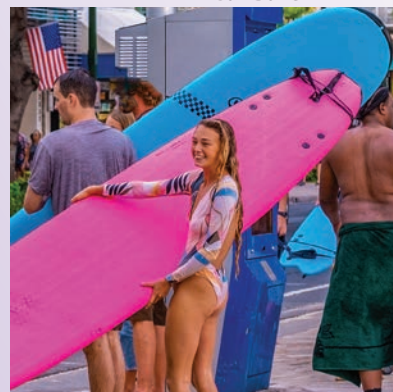
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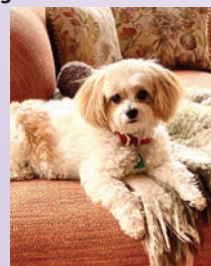
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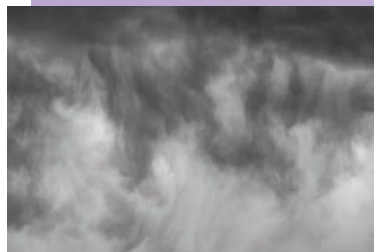
Jon Sheppard



Norm Vogel



Carole Schragen



Ken Neubecker



Katie Dolan



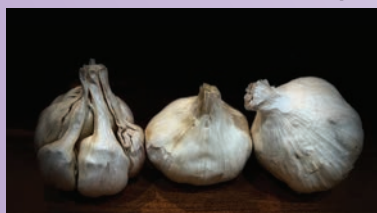
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