

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

Art & Jazz Event Celebrates Eagle County Artists and Photographers

The **2022 Vail Valley Fine Arts Show** kicks off on **Friday, October 14**, with the annual Art & Jazz Reception. The show, presented by Colorado Mountain College, the Vail Valley Art Guild and the El Pomar Foundation offers a unique look at work by local artists, sculptors, ceramicists and photographers.

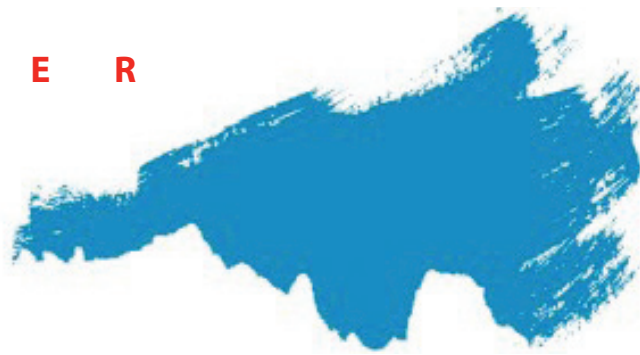
Opening night's Art & Jazz reception will run from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the CMC campus in Edwards.

The exhibit includes landscapes, abstracts, portraits/figures and still life in both painting and photography mediums, as well as sculpture and functional pieces.

The reception will feature local jazz artist Kathy Morrow and her band as well as free hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine to enjoy while perusing the art. The music portion of the reception is underwritten by Deb Woodward, a local art and jazz patron.

Many of the exhibiting artists and photographers participate in classes and workshops sponsored by CMC or the Vail Valley Art Guild (VVAG), display their work in VVAG's Eagle Gallery or are new to exhibiting their work in a juried

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VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD

ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH VISUAL ARTS

9TH ANNUAL VAIL VALLEY FINE ART SHOW

ART & JAZZ RECEPTION

OCTOBER 14 | 5-8PM

2D | 3D | PHOTOGRAPHY

VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD

COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

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150 MILLER RANCH RD, EDWARDS

Art & Jazz Event Celebrates Eagle County Artists and Photographers *Continued from front page*

show. CMC instructors and students are also participating. CMC will also be showcasing the fanciful work of Dana Dunbar, a VVAG Board member, illustrator and artist, who passed away last year.

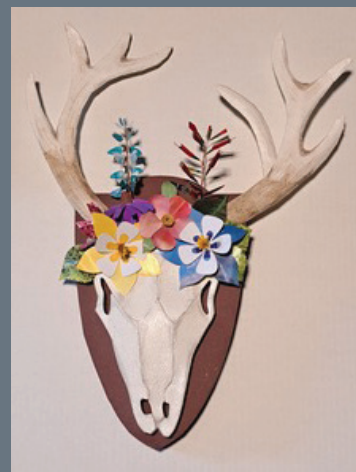
The nonprofit Vail Valley Art Guild's mission is to enrich lives by fostering and promoting artistic growth and building awareness of the visual arts

in Eagle County. Colorado Mountain College is committed to both affordable and accessible education, offering a comprehensive array of undergraduate programs and lifelong learning opportunities, such as art, helping all students meet their individual educational goals. The Vail Valley Fine Arts Show invites the public to celebrate the partnership of these two organizations in achieving their missions through art.

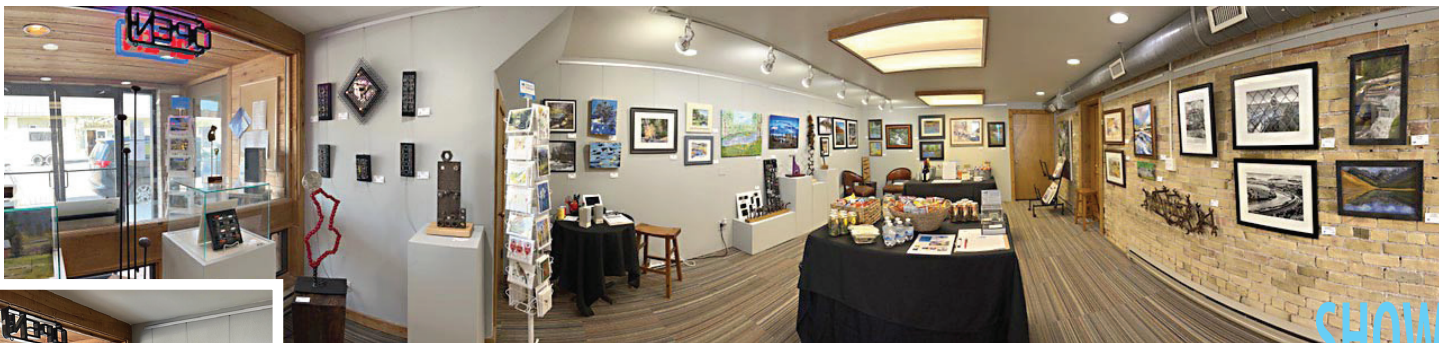
For more information call 970-569-2900 or visit coloradomtn.edu/campuses/vail-valley-edwards.

Artists/photographers may submit works up until and including the drop off dates of October 7 and 8.

Below is a sneak preview of some of the works included in the annual show.



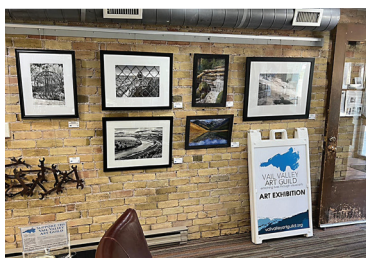
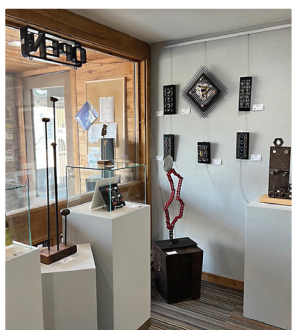
The Fine Arts Show works are available for viewing and purchase through December 5 at Colorado Mountain College in Edwards or on the VVAG website (vvagco.org).



SHOWS

"The River's Edge" September's Second Friday show at the Eagle Gallery

For this important show, artists and photographers were tasked with portraying local riparian settings. Stressed rivers and streams have become increasingly more important to all in the valley. Rising temperatures and less snowpack are rendering our ecosystem more fragile every year. Through art, VVAG communicated an awareness of the many threats to our local waterways through imagery of its irreplaceable, delicate beauty.



The Eagle Gallery, 108 W. 2nd Street, is open Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 6:00 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. On Second Fridays the gallery is open from 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm. Please encourage friends and family to visit, particularly throughout the holidays. There will be lots of goodies available for purchase at every price point. *Give a gift of art to help promote the arts in the valley!*

Thank you... VVAG members Elke Wells and Beth Runyon for staffing the gallery



The September 19 artist member meeting was hosted by **Margo Thomas**. She presented an interactive, hands-on demonstration on the use of alcohol inks. This richly pigmented medium has grown in popularity and offers endless opportunity for experimentation. Attendees had a blast using different techniques... all with striking results. Thank you, Margo!

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.

October	<i>No member meeting: Please attend our annual all-member show Oct 14 CMC 5-8 PM</i>
October 10	VVAG Board Meeting: 3:00 PM Room 215, CMC Edwards campus.
October 14	Annual Art and Jazz Show and reception at CMC • 5-8 PM
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 • 5:30 - 7:00 PM • Location TBD • Save the Date!

SECOND FRIDAYS

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

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.

October 14	<i>No Second Friday: Please attend our annual all-member show and reception Oct 14 CMC 5-8 PM</i>
November 11	Theme: "Small Works" – Works sized to 12" x 16" and below Holiday Market Interactive table: flow Christmas ornaments
December 9	Theme: "Winter"

PHOTOGRAPHY MEETINGS

Photography meetings are held the last Thursday of every month at CMC: Room 249 • 5:50 PM

October 27 • November TBA • December 29



REDCLIFF. **Mason Torry, Mio Cirkovic, Pam O'Hara, Vida Kijauskas and Joann Carhart Levy.** Anyone who wants to paint outside call Joann 970-471-0853.

From a couple of outdoor trips in mid-to late September to capture evolving colors.

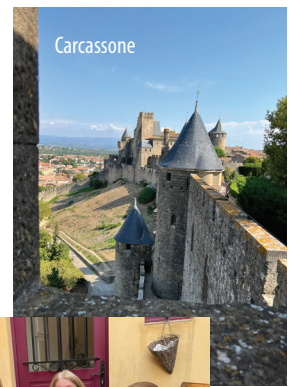


for the love of **PLEIN AIR!**

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VVAG members **Melissa Nelson, Lynn Feiger, Willow Murphy, Christine Sena** and Faye Crowe attended a week-long workshop in Quillan, France. The workshop concentrated on acrylic portraits and figure drawing led by artist Mike Snow. Quillan is a small village located just north of the Pyrenees. Timothy White, a gourmet chef, prepared innovative dishes for the students. The trip included a stay in Carcassone, a medieval walled city and St Jean de Luz with side trips to San Sebastián, Bilbao and Biarritz. The trip ended with a few days in Paris. Former VVAG President, **Roz Reed**, joined the group in Toulouse.

OUR EXCELLENT ADVENTURE



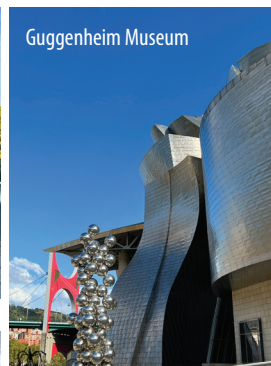
Carcassone



Bon voyage! Lynn Feiger, Faye Crowe, Melissa Nelson, Willow Murphy and Christine Sena



Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain



Guggenheim Museum



Truffle dinner in Carcassone

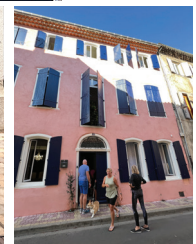


Having fun in Paris



Consuming Brie on the train from Biarritz to Paris

Down to work....



Bon repas



Les critiques



Bringing an Historic Old Train to Life! by Rick Spitzer

EMMA SWEENEY – MOVIE STAR

A Ticket to Tomahawk

- In August and September 1949 20th Century Fox filmed *A Ticket to Tomahawk*, mainly in the Durango and Silverton area, with camp scenes at their studio in Los Angeles.
- The cast included four dance hall girls, one of whom was then-unknown Marilyn Monroe.
- The real steam locomotive RGS 20 was used in shots on tracks in Silverton, Animas Canyon, and on the old RGS trestle over Lightner Creek just west of Durango.
- Studio craftsmen built a full-size replica of RGS 20 as *Emma Sweeney* for use in scenes off the tracks in Silverton and Durango, on Molas Pass, and camp scenes at their studio.

The Movie Plot

Set in 1876, the movie is about getting a train and at least one paying passenger to Tomahawk by a deadline a few days away, to fulfill a contract and save the franchise. However, 40 miles of track are missing between Epitaph and Tomahawk, so the locomotive is pulled over a mountain by a team of mules. A competing stagecoach line will do anything to prevent *Emma Sweeney* from arriving at Tomahawk before the deadline.

Petticoat Junction

In 1960 the studio sold *Emma Sweeney* to private party. The model was loaned for use in the TV series *Petticoat Junction* and transferred into the *Historic Commercial Locomotive*. Later, *Emma Sweeney* was on public display in Oregon and California.

Amador County, California

In March 1980 the model was donated to Amador County. It was restored, Amador County Historical and displayed in Jackson, Amador County. Many original parts were missing.

Durango, Colorado

In April 2011 Amador County donated the model to the Durango Railroad Historical Society. DRHS restored it during 2011-17 to its original movie appearance. Fortunately, copies of studio drawings were found, allowing an accurate restoration.

For more information read: "The Movie Railroad" by Rick Spitzer, 1980 and "The Movie Railroad" by Rick Spitzer, 2011. Both by LRP, LRP, LRP.

On the left: The real RGS 20, the studio built replica, and the restored model.

On the right: The real RGS 20, the studio built replica, and the restored model.

On the bottom: The real RGS 20, the studio built replica, and the restored model.

A friend and I spent a week in Pagosa Springs and shot all kinds of things beside aspen colors. In a Durango City Park is a stationary display of a classic Baldwin Locomotive.



I have always been intrigued by this engine and wanted to photograph it, but I hated the shelter and fence. There was also a ladder inside the display on this day.

I wondered if I could use Photoshop to remove the shelter showing the engine by itself. We went to the site and I noticed the cow catcher. IT WAS WOOD! Then I noticed it was all wood, a wooden replica of the real thing. Wow.

I went ahead with my plan to remove the shelter. I shot a number of images of this engine. I decide to put the engine in a natural surrounding, so I shot a scene near Rockwood of some narrow gauge track and went to work. One of the toughest Photoshop efforts I have ever tried.

I removed all the shelter and the ladder. I added smoke to the stack, steam to the whistle and an engineer.



Have you been looking for a place to paint or others to paint with you? CMC

is offering VVAG members use of their art room every Monday from October 3 to December 9 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm for a fee of \$130. **If you are signed up for a credit class, you may use the Open Studio time for free!** We are limited to 10 participants and must sign in at the front desk prior to using the room.

Please use the link below to sign up. Select Vail Valley Edwards Campus and Art as a subject.

https://community-education.coloradomtn.edu/?_ga=2.87620056.1373318697.1663790272-358531432.1642778146

It is called "Drawing & Painting Open Studio." Thanks to **Lynn Feiger** and **Willow Murphy** for making this happen!

Melissa Nelson
President, Vail Valley Art Guild
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Library Shows

Vail Library Artist **Margo Thomas**

Dec. 01, 2022– Dec. 31, 2022

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Vail Public Library, 292 W. Meadow Dr, Vail

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 show their to present works in the community rooms of the respective libraries. Please contact **Chris Sena** if you are interested: cgsena5@gmail.com

Another Successful Painting from the Don Sahli Workshop | Cordillera Cafe | Aug 29-31



Kit Abraham with her abstract-inspired still life

Thank you to our volunteers, instructors, members, and guests for an amazing summer of artist workshops!



On September 30 the Vail Valley Art Guild hosted a photographic workshop and lecture at Colorado Mountain College/Edwards Campus with **Esther Macy Nooner**, Director of "New Media" at the Anderson Ranch Arts Center in Snowmass. During the interactive workshop, Ms. Nooner demonstrated techniques to manipulate collages, montages and prints as well as using the iPhone as a palette in creating one's own playful artistic images.



VVAG August member meeting in Redcliff at Bob Will's sculpture studio (purple image and next two images) and Helen Hiebert's paper studio (last 2 photos). Thank you Helen and Bob!

Love the local arts, but not an artist? Consider volunteering to help support our artists...

The Guild is looking for folks to sign up to help. 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.vvago.org/volunteer> to see how you can plug in and sign up!



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. [vvago.org](https://www.vvago.org)

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ARTwalk on Broadway...

...works in concert with Vail Valley Art Guild to create a special night out.

The Town of Eagle's charming galleries, shops, and restaurants offer art exhibitions, live music, sales, and specials for a fun evening **every 2nd Friday of the month** in Historic Downtown Eagle!! | 120 Broadway Eagle, Colorado

VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD PHOTOGRAPHY NEWS

Presented by VVAG Photogs....



Allan Finney



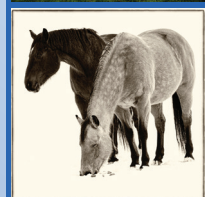
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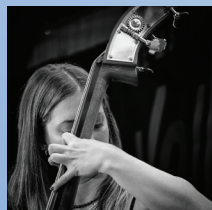
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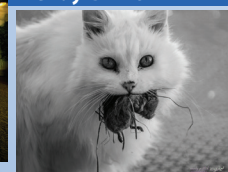
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