

## 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.

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# VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD

ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH VISUAL ARTS

## Summer WORKSHOPS!

**Register today!**  
**Classes are filling up fast!**



**Joan Fullerton**  
*Paint Yourself Free* • June 10 – 12  
(Sold out – will accept wait list)



**Don Sahli**  
*The Landscape Deconstructed*  
June 27 – 29 (Sold out)



**Christian Dore**  
*Intro to Abstracts*  
July 14



**Lorenzo Chavez**  
*Concept to Completion* • July 20 – 22  
*see bio on page 5*



**Kim Casebeer**  
*Color for Strong Landscapes*  
August 4 – 6 • see bio on page 5



**Jami Nix Rahn**  
*Beyond the Brush: Cold Wax & Oil*  
August 15 – 16



**Randall Case**  
*Making Painting Fun Again*  
August 20 – 21

**FIRST FRIDAY GALLERY NIGHTS • MAY 2 • JUNE 6 • JULY 4 • AUGUST 1 • SEPTEMBER 5**

5:00 – 7:30 pm • Art Guild at Avon Gallery, 137 W. Benchmark Rd., C-2, Avon

**REGULAR GALLERY HOURS: THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY // 1-6 PM // UNLESS A WORKSHOP IS IN PROGRESS**

## EXHIBITS AND RECEPTIONS

### FIRST FRIDAYS

Art Guild at Avon Gallery Receptions 5-7:30 PM

If you are an exhibitor, please bring a dish to share.

LOCATION: The Art Guild at Avon gallery, Seasons Building, Unit C2, Avon

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### OTHER EVENTS

#### PUBLIC ART WALKS IN AVON

5:30-6:30 PM // June 13, 27; July 11, 25; Aug 8, 29; Sept 5

Participants will meet at the Art Guild at Avon gallery at 5:30 to obtain maps of Avon's public art.

We need volunteers to man the Art Guild at Avon gallery during this time.

### ANNUAL ALL-MEMBER EXHIBIT AND SALE "ART AND JAZZ" AT CMC

Date: TBD

Please note that all work submitted needs to be for sale.

### ANNUAL AFFORDABLE ART FAIR • AUGUST 9

Bunkhouse: Minturn Market • 8 AM- 2 PM

This event is an annual fundraiser for VVAG. Members **donate** works they no longer wish to sell, or even partially finished items. The public loves this event, however we **NEED** your donated works to make this event successful. Stay tuned for details.

### ARTIST MEMBER MEETINGS

Meeting Social 1/2 hour at 5 PM | Meeting starts at 5:30 | Bring a dish to share if possible

All meetings will be held at The Art Guild at Avon gallery, Seasons Building, Unit C2, Avon

RSVP at: [vvagco.org/events](http://vvagco.org/events)

Please note we are always looking for members to share their demos or artistic skills with our members at these meetings. Please call Joann: 970-471-0853

May 14	In lieu of meeting we are planning a field trip to Denver. Denver Art Museum, Anschutz Museum, Clyfford Still, Kirkland and lunch: Carpool. <b>A Must RSVP: CALL Joann 970-471-0853</b>
June 16	<b>TBA</b>
July	<b>TBA</b>
August	Details developing! All-member Potluck at VVAG President's Home

## PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP MEETINGS

All meetings will be held at the Art Guild at Avon gallery from 7-9 | June 26, July 31, August 28

## WORKSHOPS!

### Workshop Rule of Thumb

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. All workshops will be held at Art Guild at Avon gallery in the Seasons Building, Unit C-2, 137 Benchmark Rd., unless otherwise indicated.

Non-member fee is priced at an additional \$20 for a 1 or 2-day workshop, and an additional \$30 for a 3-day workshop. Supply lists will be sent upon registration. Supply lists are also available on our website. Any questions, please call Joann: (970) 471-0853.

### FYI:

Parking for the Art Guild at Avon gallery is free in front of the Seasons building, based on availability; remember to register your car at the front desk.



# April's First Friday



A wonderful crowd showed up on April 4th for April's First Friday show and reception. Visitors joined artists at the Art Guild at Avon gallery to enjoy a strong showing of recent works by Guild members.

Bring your friends and neighbors to this monthly event where visitors are exposed to the vibrant local art scene as well as being presented with opportunities to invest in their favorite piece of original fine art, photography, or unique gift item.



As an all-volunteer, non-profit organization we can always use volunteers at any of our events. Please see Russell at the gallery to volunteer. /// The Gallery is open Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 1-6pm unless a workshop is in progress.

## Mini WORKSHOP

**Elaine Kuntz** recently presented two well attended abstract watercolor Mini-Workshops in March and April.

Thank you, Elaine for sharing your expertise!



There are opportunities for Guild members to hold their own Mini-Workshop... please contact VVAG Executive Director **Russell Frederikson** for complete details: [russell@vvagco.org](mailto:russell@vvagco.org)





## Artists Just Wanna Have Fun!

And that is exactly what happened at the **March Member Meeting** on March 17, at the Art Guild at Avon gallery. Led by **Melissa Nelson & JoAnn Carhart Levy**, simple techniques employing shapes, colors, forms, and gestural marks were demonstrated to create an abstract composition



using acrylic paint on a mini-canvas. The whimsical take-home pieces provided attendees a piece of art as well as smiles all around.

You are missing out if you aren't showing up for the monthly Artist Member Meetings! Join in for refreshments, a dab of business, and incredible fun... we always endeavor to present an art demo to explore new techniques and further enrich members with educational and creative insights.



## Celebrating Norm Vogel's 90th birthday at his photography exhibit



at the Vail Library, month of March.

Norm and his daughter at the show's opening on March 10.



Raymond and Faith Blesz at one of the photo displays Raymond set up in his house at an all member **Open House**, March 27.

*Thank you Raymond and Faith for graciously hosting a very informative evening!*



Golden Opportunity: Silent Auction at The Charter at Beaver Creek, March 27





## Kids' Summer Camps

**Ages:** 5-10\*

Vail Valley Art Guild is offering two 5-week bi-lingual art classes

**Time:** 8:45 am - 12:30 pm

**Days:** Tuesdays & Wednesdays

**Dates 1st Session:** June 17-July 16

**Dates 2nd Session:** July 22-August 20

**Location:** Art Guild at Avon gallery

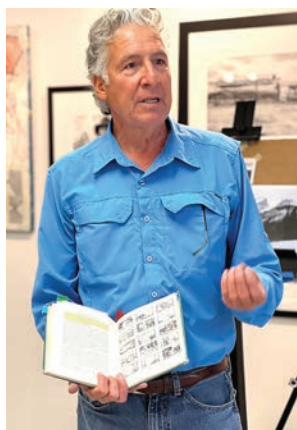
**Cost:** \$220/kid for each 5-week session.

*Scholarships available to kids who are unable to afford the classes.*

Register at [www.vvagco.org](http://www.vvagco.org)

*\*For more info (there is some flexibility on ages), please email with questions. Email: [service@vvagco.org](mailto:service@vvagco.org)*

## Spotlight on Workshop Artists Lorenzo Chavez and Kim Casebeer



**Lorenzo Chavez** is back again this year presenting a 3-day workshop entitled "From Concept to Completion" July 20-21-22

Member Fee: \$450; Non -member Fee: \$490

Medium: oil or soft pastel

Level: Intermediate and above

Lorenzo Chavez was born and raised in the southern most point of the Rockies in New Mexico. His first inspirations and foundation as a young artist were formed by the local landscape and the art history in New Mexico. He now makes his home in Parker, Colorado and uses this location as a base to travel and paint the American West and Southwest. Using pastel and oil mediums, his hope is to carry on the art traditions of American painters such as the Taos

Society of Artists and the American Impressionists. His work is found in collections throughout the world. Visit [lorenzochavez.com](http://lorenzochavez.com) for more info about Lorenzo and **sign up today for this year's workshop from this in-demand instructor!**

**Kim Casebeer** is offering a 3-day workshop "Color for Strong Landscapes" • August 4-5-6

Member Fee: \$440;

Non -member Fee: \$470

Medium: oil or soft pastel

Level: Intermediate and above

Kim Casebeer spent her childhood exploring the outdoors on her family farm and has a lengthy connection to the landscape. Kim

received a BFA from Kansas State University in 1992, and worked as a graphic designer and art director, while spending evenings and weekends painting until 2002, when she was able to make the leap to full-time artist. Kim has received numerous honors, has been featured in various publications, and her work is in several private and corporate collections. Visit [kimcasebeer.com](http://kimcasebeer.com) for more info about Kim and view samples of her work. **Sign up today for this year's workshop from this popular instructor!**



Kim Casebeer's 2024 Summer Workshop



Register for all workshops at [vvagco.org/workshops](http://vvagco.org/workshops).

## Library Shows

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

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

Vail Public Library / TBD

Gypsum Public Library

October / Rick Spitzer photography

Avon Public Library / TBD



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.**

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# VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD PHOTOGRAPHY NEWS

VVAG Photographers proudly share recent works.....

**Ruth Stanley**



*Caetlind Emerald Isle*

**Laura Tumperi**



*Colorful Bird*

**Norm Vogel**



*Marilyn Monroe's Foot*

**Ken Pollock**



*Sandhill Cranes*

**Steve Pope**



*Cormorants*

**Rick Spitzer**



*Bald Eagle*

**Katy Dolan**



*Elegant Ermine*

**Kit Cammermeyer**



*Grin*

**Kristen Gary**



*Birds in Fight*

**Raymond Bleesz**



*Village Smithy*

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

**Gary McDavid**



*Lapland*

**Shirley Welch**



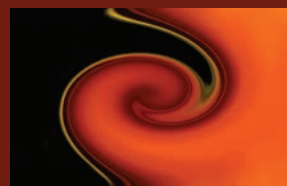
*Rattlesnakes*

**Sherry Dorward**



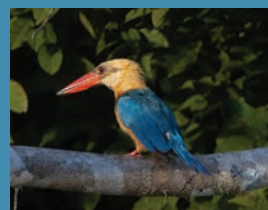
*New Delhi*

**Michelle Cawood**



*Orange Wave*

**Allan Finney**



*Storkbilled Flycatcher*

**Eric Lickteig**



*Chevy - Havana*

**Tom Thompson**



*Heron*