

Paint Strokes

Murrieta's Gem of the Valley Art Association

June 2025

End-of-Season Luncheon

As you know, our season is from September thru June. There are no meetings in July or August, and we start a new season on the 2nd Monday of September.

To celebrate the end of the season, we will be having a potluck luncheon and voting on the "Artist of the Year" at our June 2ndth meeting.

This is not the ordinary potluck but is an all-out decorated luncheon with linen tablecloths, centerpieces and elaborate floral decorations. As we only have 30 minutes before the meeting to set up, we need volunteers to accomplish this. We **NEED** volunteers to set up tablecloths, utensils, centerpieces, etc. Volunteers need to **be at the Senior Center between** 12:20 & 12:30 to set the tables. THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS, we couldn't do it without you.

Please place your food items in the kitchen and **see Patsy Kile**



to find out where you can best help.



Artist of the Year

First Place winners in the Master, Advanced and Intermediate categories for the 2024/2025 season will bring their winning paintings to the June meeting for the membership to vote their choice for "Artist of the Year".

Art Sale at June Luncheon

There were so many wonderful arts & crafts at the June 3rd art sale that we decided to bring it to the June Luncheon, so bring a few dollars extra to buy some crafts and art.

New Member

Ilka Siegmund

Gem of the Valley Art Association

General Meeting

Date: June 2nd, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Place: Senior Center Main Hall

41717 Juniper, Murrieta

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President's Message



Here we are, folks, at the end of our 2024-25 season! Who knew it would go so quickly?!! I have to say......this has been one of our most forward-thinking, upward-moving seasons ever. With our ever-diligent Board of ten members (!), we've taken giant steps to satisfy all levels of artistic endeavor with our **new entry process** (Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced), plus we've created Gem's **first-ever judging criterium** (a list for our monthly judges) to level the field and identify what's important. We asked for your constructive criticism and the answer is a resounding We're Good! LOL Thank you for your trust, folks, your opinion means the world to us.

And speaking of judging......WOW! Our fantastic demonstrator/judge of last month's meeting, **MARILYN FROGGATT** made a comment to Anne that I'm so proud to share: when judging our work, Marilyn confided that all the entries were of such a high skill level, she was having a very hard time choosing ribbon winners! Thank you, MARILYN, we appreciate that!

OK, let's talk about **JUNE!** Our final get-together will be awesome – great **POTLUCK** dishes, a **CRAFT SALE** with goods by eleven Gem crafters, a couple of **SURPRISE RAFFLE ITEMS**, and, of course, the **ANNUAL ARTIST OF THE YEAR AWARDS** (Intermediate, Advanced and Master categories)! If you didn't get a chance to sign up, be sure to contact Teri right away with your potluck dish and how many people will be in your party!

Looking forward to next year, we hope to bring TWO Gem arts & craft fairs to the community during 2025-26! So, let's dig in and work hard over the summer to increase our inventory of beautiful wares! Fine art, jewelry, whatever you love creating will fill the fair! And I want you to check out **KATHY STOCKS'** upcoming workshops in this newsletter and grab your tickets to join her classes. They'll be held locally so you don't have to go far!

OK, folks, I'm definitely looking forward to serving as your "resident president" again next year. With the help and support of our new VP, **STEVE STAUDENMEIR**, his handling a good portion of what's been on my plate will allow me time and flexibility to serve you better! You can count on a fun-filled and supergreat year of awesome demonstrations of all types. In the meantime, we'll see you on June 2nd and then, from your Board members and me, have a fantastic summer!

Gem ~ we're all about art! Cathy









Renew Your Membership at

The June Meeting

\$50/Person

In order to schedule next year's monthly demonstrators and programs, we need to have an accurate accounting of our membership dues.

We appreciate your continued support and ask that you take a moment now to bring a check or cash to our meeting in June to renew your annual dues.



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Your Board Members & Committee Members

We currently have 50 paid members for the 2024/2025 season.

Treasurer's Corner

Beginning Balance \$2,526.86

Monies out:

 Ribbons
 \$ 131.97

 Napkins
 \$ 11.86

 Demonstrator
 \$ 200.00

Incoming

Dues \$ 100.00 Raffle \$ 36.00

May Ending Balance: \$2,319.03

Cathy Keeney Treasurer

Gems May 3rd Arts and Crafts Sale























May Demonstrator

Marilyn Foggatt







Marilyn completed a majority of the painting but will send us a photo when finished.









Barbara Paterson was the lucky raffle winner of Marilyn's donated painting.





May Awards

Master Category

1st Place



Cathy Baca "No Words"

2nd Place



Soon K. Chung "Figs" 3rdPlace



Taka Ritchie "Mt. Fuji"

Advanced Level

1st Place



JoDee Luna "Summer Sippin at Wein's Winery"

2nd Place



Gloria Castanada "Old Gas Pumps" **3rdPlace**



Gina Wilson "Blue Bayou"

Intermediate Level

1st Place



Patsy Kile "Day is Over" 2nd Place



Rick Wilson "Piano Bay" 3rdPlace



Nancy Cox "Coming Up Roses"

Entry Level

1st Place



Marian Cobb "Mom's Fav" 2nd Place



Anne Sagle "Trumpet Call" **3rdPlace**



Roxane Miskam "Big Bear"

Photography Category

1st Place

2nd Place

3rdPlace

No Entries

People's Choice



Cathy Baca "No Words"

Classes You Might Enjoy

Landscape Painting Class

6/2/2025 - 8/25/2025 \$30.00 per lesson

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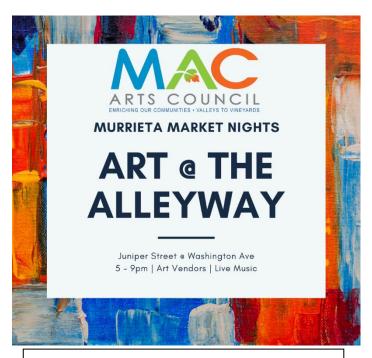






The Gathering Place

Good Friends, Good Food, Good Times



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Call For Artists

Art @ The Alleyway Artist vendor fee: \$25

Thursdays All Year

Join us, and many others, each and every Thursday in Downtown Murrieta. Murrieta Market Nights is held on the 1st & 3rd Thursday year-round. 60+ vendors, music, food & of course ART! Open Mic Nights are held on the 2nd & 3rd Thursday @ The Alleyway. All ages & all talents are welcome!