



Paint Strokes

Murrieta's
Gem of the Valley Art Association

April 2026

President's Message



LEAVE OF ABSENCE.....

Some of you are aware, though I haven't announced it to everyone, but I'll be out of commission for a while.

An out-patient foot surgery is coming up for me at the end of this month so I'll miss you all (and our awesome demonstrations) for a couple of months. But never fear! The meetings and demonstrations will continue! My good buddy and our excellent Vice President, Steve Staudenmeir, will be handling everything in my stead.

Excellent demonstrators, like **Lisa McDill on April 6th**, will be wowing you all with color, theory, and beautiful work. Don't miss her! And catch up on the info about our upcoming Fine Arts & Crafts Fair in June from Teri & Sian. I hope to be back on BOTH FEET in June to be a part of all the fun!

I'll be thinking about you all during recovery, watching for pics from Teri & Steve to keep me in the loop. Take care and keep painting!!

Gem ~ we're all about art!

Cathy

If you would like to be part of the June 14th Fine Art & Crafts Fair but haven't signed up yet, there is still time, **BUT YOU NEED TO LET ME KNOW BY MARCH 31ST**. If you are interested, email me or reply to this newsletter. Then come to the April 6th Gem meeting to complete an entry form and pay the \$25 entry fee.

Gem of the Valley Art Association

General Meeting

Date: April 6th, 2026

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

Place: Senior Center Main Hall
41717 Juniper, Murrieta

April Demonstrator

Lisa Mozzini-McDill

www.lisamozzini-mcdill.com



Creating artwork that is realistic but loose, expressive as well as meaningful is an ongoing endeavor. What I think about when painting is emphasizing an exciting play of light and shadow, an interesting composition, and enhancing a scene that evokes a deeper meaning or emotion in me. It is my intent that this depth and emotion I feel will also be communicated and resonates with the viewer.

Education:

Lisa Mozzini-McDill graduated from San Diego State University with Honors, Distinction in Art and a BA in Graphic Communications. She worked as a graphic artist, illustrator, and portrait artist for over 10 years in San Diego. Lisa has continued her education with workshops by Elizabeth Tolley, John Budicin, Ken Auster, Michael Obermeyer and Joseph Todorovitch. Today she works primarily in oil creating, plein air landscapes, larger studio work, and commissioned portraits. In addition to teaching in her studio and at The Artistry, she demonstrates for various art groups and gives workshops. She was featured in the artist's spotlight of The Press-Enterprise; July 14, 2008, she has been published in Orange County's Best magazine, Southwest Art Magazine; Oct., 2017, Bold Journey; Stories & Perspectives on Resilience Building, Jan. 2023, and PleinAir Magazine; Aug./Sept., 2021. Lisa is an Artist Member in California Art Club and a Signature Member of Laguna Plein Air Painters Association.

Awards and Exhibitions:

2026 1st Place, California Desert Plein Air VIP Artist, plein air
2026 115th CAC Gold Medal Exhibition
2025 PleinAir Live & Art School Live with Eric Rhoads
2025 LPAPA Invitational
2024 3rd Place, Paint the Desert VIP artist
2024 1st Place, LPAPA Paint Hotel Laguna
2024 Honorable Mention for the year, 13th Annual PleinAir Salon
2024 3rd place, LPAPA's Best of Plein Air
2023 The Fine Art Connoisseur Magazine Award, 25th LPAPA Invitational
2023 112th CAC Gold Medal Exhibition
2022 PleinAir Salon, Dec. Honorable Mention
2022 Honorable Mention, Capitola Plein Air Invitational
2022 Purchase Award, Just Plein Fun, Huse/Skelly Gallery
2022 Hon. Ment., Just Plein Fun, Huse/Skelly Gallery
2021 Jean Stern Award, Six Inch Squared, Randy Higbee Gallery
2021 Art Lover's Choice, 110th CAC Gold Medal Exhibition
2021 3rd Place, CA Dreaming, Huse/Skelly Gallery
2021 AIS National Exhibition
2018 AIS National Exhibition
2017 1st Place, Rejoice in Art National Juried Exhibition
2017 3rd Place, San Diego County Fair
2017 President's Award, Crystal Cove Art Alliance
2017 Six Inch Squared Randy Higbee Gallery Award
2017 OPA National Juried Exhibition of Traditional Oils
2017 106th CAC Gold Medal Exhibition
2016 OPA Western Regional Show
2016 Master Class 1st Finalist, Art Muse Contest
2016 Hon. Ment., Urban Landscapes, LPAPA
2015 3rd Place, & Honorary Robinson Award, SoCalPAPA
2015 Award of Merit, Santa Barbara Art Walk

2020 3rd Place, Town & Country, LPAPA
2020 Hon. Ment., Art & Nature, LPAPA
2020 Artist Choice Award, Six Inch Squared, Randy Higbee Gallery
2019 14th International ARC Salon Semi Finalist
2019 Hon. Ment., Paint San Clemente
2019 108th CAC Gold Medal Exhibition
2018 Best of Show, CAC Small on the Wall for Fall
2018 3rd Place, LPAPA Quick Draw at Bowers Museum
2018 3rd Place, Rejoice in Art National Juried Exhibition
2018 107th CAC Gold Medal Exhibition
2018 Hon. Ment., San Clemente Quick Draw
2013 2nd Place & Hon. Ment., Paint the Lake, Mtn. Arts Network
2013 Hon. Mention, Paint San Clemente
2013 OPA Western Regional Show
2012 Art Renewal Center International Salon Finalist
2011 1st Place Winner of Golden Frame Contest
Representation: The Lake House, 909-337-7676 • The Artistry Gallery, 310-982-0523 • Crystal Cove Alliance, 949-376-6200



MURRIETA HOT SPRINGS



Fine Art & Crafts Fair

Sunday, June 14th 11 am to 4 pm
39405 Murrieta Hot Springs Rd, Murrieta

Fine
Art



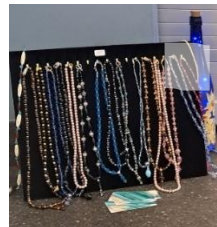
Entertainment

40+
Artists



FOOD
TRUCKS

A FREE Community Event for ALL

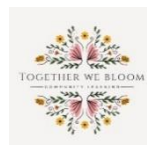


Crafts



Kid's Corner

FREE Art Experiences by
"Together We Bloom"





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Your 2025-2026 Board Members & Committee Members

We currently have 49 paid members for the 2025/2026 season.

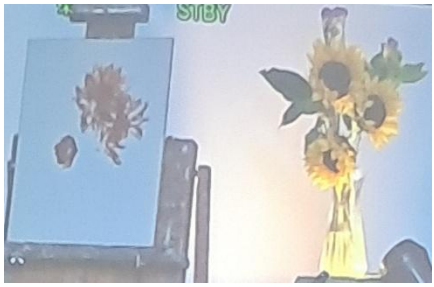
Treasurer's Corner

March Beginning Balance	\$ 3,994.97
Monies Out:	\$ 411.99
Monies In:	\$ 185.00
March Ending Balance	\$3,767.58

Cathy Keeney
Treasurer

March Demonstrator

Christine White



Julie Byrd was the lucky winner of donated textile painting



March Awards

Master Category

1st Place



Taka Ritchie
"Who"

2nd Place



Kathy Stocks
"A Moment of Peace"

3rdPlace



Marti Thurman
"Fennic Fox"

Advanced Level

1st Place

2nd Place

3rdPlace

Not Enough Entries

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Intermediate Level

1st Place



Kim Padulo
"Cardinals Appear When Angels Are Near "

2nd Place



Ana Weimer
"Barn Owl"

3rdPlace



Julie Byrd
"Reflective Silence"

Entry Level

1st Place



Marcci Herrmann-Jones
"Snow Fire"

2nd Place



Rhonda Fose
"First Drink"

3rdPlace



Marian Cobb
"Cheery Cherriest"

People's Choice



**Kathy Stocks
"A Moment of Peace"**



**Cathy cut the cake
celebrating Gem's 31st
anniversary.**

**YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN
THESE EVENTS.....**

A vertical poster for the Warner Springs Artisan Guild's Spring Fling Art and Craft Show. The background is a soft-focus image of yellow and white wildflowers. The text is centered and includes the event name, dates, location, and a QR code. The word 'Spring' is in green block letters, and 'Fling' is in a brown script font. The event details are in brown block letters. A QR code is located to the right of the address.

Warner Springs Artisan Guild
presents
SPRING
Fling
ART AND CRAFT
SHOW
APRIL 11-12
10 - 5
JULIAN TOWN
HALL
2129 Main St. 

Wildflowers are blooming
and so is the creativity of
local artists! Pop into
Town Hall to discover
new works by
professional artists
and talented artisans.

www.warnerspringsartisanguild.com



ARTS COUNCIL
MENIFEE

Bringing the Arts to Menifee and Local Artists to the Public

14th ANNUAL MENIFEE ARTS SHOWCASE MAY 2, 2026



Between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Menifee Countryside Marketplace.

ACM is once again proud to host this FREE event, featuring a variety of artists along the sidewalk between Breakfast Club and Chipotle. Throughout the day, ACM will also showcase local musicians and dancers, with new performances every 30 minutes.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT OPEN TO EVERYONE!

*The information below is for Artists and Entertainers
interested in performing or selling their artwork at this event*

Register and Pay On Line
DOWNLOAD AND MAIL APPLICATION

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PERFORMERS AND ARTISTS:

- Because parking is limited in the Food Court, please park in the northeast portion of the shopping center near Famous Footwear.
- **Visual Artists** – Check in at the Arts Council Menifee booth in front of Daniel's Jewelry between 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. to get your space number. You must be set up by 10:30 a.m. Artists may unload near their space after check-in, but must park by Famous Footwear.
- **Performers** – Check in at the Arts Council Menifee booth in front of Daniel's Jewelry at least 30 minutes prior to your performance time. Performers must provide accompaniment to the DJ prior to performance.
- **Return the online or mail-in form by** April 20, 2026 by mail to: Arts Council Menifee, PO Box 385, Menifee CA 92586
- Inquiries may be made by calling: **Artists:** 951-505-1374 or **Performers:** 951-852-9743

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- There is a \$50 per booth for non-ACM Artists. **FREE for ACM Artists and performers.** To become an ACM Artist the cost is \$50 which makes you eligible to participate in ACM events during the year. Make checks payable to: Arts Council Menifee and include it with the application you download above. Mail to: Arts Council Menifee, PO Box 385, Menifee CA 92586 by April 20, 2026.

ARTIST SPACE INFORMATION:

- Spaces are approximately 100 square feet and square or rectangle in shape. The limited number of spaces are assigned in the order that applications are received - "first-come, first-served" basis. Some spaces may have unmovable tables. Plan on using a black table cloth provided.
- Take-down is after 4 pm. Everyone is expected to maintain their booths from 11:00 am to 4 pm. No early break-down, please, without approval from an Arts Council Menifee board member.
- Artists must provide their own E-Z Up, chairs, additional tables and display units for their spaces.

The Gathering Place

Good Friends, Good Food, Good Times



MACarts951@gmail.com

Call For Artists

Art @ The Alleyway

Check website for vendor costs

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!