



Feb 2026/Mar 2026 Newsletter

From the President

Hello Friends and Artists,

The holidays are over and we all have gotten back into our normal routines. I hope and pray 2026 brings you good health and lots of creative time for your chosen artistic endeavors. I, for one, have begun a new and more creative year, my New Year's resolution for 2026. I am looking forward to helping our members and local artists grow with RVAG by learning new art techniques and honing on my existing skills.

January is Membership Month for the guild. If you have not yet renewed, please go to the [website](#) and get your renewal application or sign up for a **Let's Talk Art** workshop. We need you all! We have many events and opportunities for members only. When you [renew your membership](#), please don't forget to check the pages [dedicated to our artists](#). If you need to update or add your information, contact our website coordinator, Sheila Barger (memberrvag@gmail.com). This allows members and the public to get to know you and gives our community a way to meet local artists.

Spring approaches, and we are getting ready for the annual **Tristate Home, Garden, and Lifestyle Show** at the Andersen Field (Jan 30, 31, and Feb 1). Come and sell your artwork! We will be providing free rock painting for everyone and always welcome help from our members. Set up is Thursday January 29 starting at 9am and take down is after 4:30pm on February 1. Even if you are not showing any artwork, I hope you'll attend and check out our booth! [To show art or volunteer](#) to help with the mini-workshops, please sign up [here](#).

The **3rd Annual Needles Art Show** is on the horizon. The show takes place the last week of March 2026. We are looking forward to seeing the beautiful ceramics, paintings, photography, jewelry, and any other art that you enter. Artwork of all kinds is welcome, but this year we will also have a special prize for the **Best Representation of Route 66** in honor of the 100th anniversary of Route 66. All regular categories will be awarded as well. Click [here to register](#) today. You can also sign up for vendor space at "Art in the Park" taking place on Saturday March 28th. It's wonderful way to show and sell your artwork. Along with the art show and craft fair, there will be a car show and food trucks for all to enjoy.

I hope that many of you will make time to participate in **Open Art Wednesdays** 10:00.am to 1:00 pm the second Wednesday to the last Wednesday of every month in our dedicated workshop space in the old Parks and Recreation building behind the Senior Center on Trane in Bullhead City. Do you have unfinished artwork or need to hone your artistic skills? You are not alone! This can be a perfect time to "make time" to commit to your art. And just like with physical exercise, partnering with like-minded people will strengthen your skills and commitment. So, every member bring a beverage and a snack/lunch and join in.

We invite all our members to become familiar with the tools and opportunities available to them as members of RVAG. As an all-volunteer organization, there are always opportunities to get involved in [programs, classes, and events](#). Being actively involved increases the richness of membership in our organization.

In closing, if you are interested in teaching a class or just interested in learning a new skill, please let us know what you would like to do. Keep an eye on your email for alerts for [Pop-Up shops](#), and let me know if you are interested in participating in these sale events.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Home Show, and the 3rd Annual Needles Art Show and Art in the Park.

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RVAG Let's Talk Art venues

Arizona: BHC Parks & Recreation Building (Senior Enrichment Ctr), 2285 Trane Road, Bullhead City, AZ

Nevada: Laughlin Library, 2840 Needles Hwy, Laughlin, NV 89029

RVAG Business

- **Show and Sell! Tri-State Home, Garden, and Lifestyle Show** – DEADLINE EXTENDED! Bring your artwork for sale to the Anderson Field House for the Home Show on January 29th with tear down on February 1st. We're also looking for volunteers to help staff the booth and support kids painting/craft activities. [REGISTER HERE](#) to sell or volunteer.
- **Needles Spring Art Show and "Art in the Park" Arts and Crafts show** March 25-28th. Deadline to enter is March 16th. Drop off March 23rd, pick up after 3p March 28th or Sunday March 29th. [ENTER HERE](#) to register online. Go to [our website](#) for more information or to download an entry form.
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- **Let's Talk Art** - See our RVAG web page for upcoming events and [sign up](#).
 - 4 Feb – 10:00 am, old BHC Parks & Recreation Building, 2285 Trane Road, BHC
 - 17 Feb – 11:30 am AZ/10:30 am NV, Laughlin Library
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- **Open Art Wednesdays**, for members only. BHC Parks & Recreation Building, 2285 Trane Road, Bullhead City, AZ. Bring your own materials and work on projects. Or do your own thing! All Wednesdays except first one of the month. RSVP here: <https://artguildrvag.com/calendar>
- **Artist of the Month** – Black Mountain Bistro
 - February Artist – Sheila Barger
 - March Artist – Patti Schwartz
 - April Artist – C. Lynn Gammel
- **Second Friday @ the Bistro** Location: Black Mountain Bistro, 1595 Mohave Dr, BHC. Meet the artist of the month and view their works on display and have lunch with fellow artists and members (pay for your own lunch). Join us at 11:30am.
 - 13 Feb
 - 13 Mar
- **Additional Artist Show/Sell Opportunities**
 - Ongoing: **Call for Art: Silver Creek RV Park** – 100% of sales goes back to Guild and Artist(s). Must be hangable art. POC: Victoria Valdemar vmeyersvaldemar@yahoo.com
 - Ongoing: **BHC Utility Box Art** – CALL FOR ARTISTS! POC: Sheila Barger (she50barger@yahoo.com)

Comments or feedback on the Newsletter?

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