



Apr 2026/May 2026 Newsletter

River Valley Artists Guild – Grant Update

From our mission statement: **The River Valley Artists Guild’s primary objective is to raise funds for awards, grants, scholarships and art supplies for art students and teachers in the Colorado River Valley.**

Thanks to the generosity of the Teauman and Grace Fuite Foundation, RVAG distributed over \$7000.00 this past year to teachers in the Tri-State area. Fourteen projects were funded, including costumes, sheet music and licensing for musical productions, and supplies for projects teaching art and color theory. Additionally, more permanent, reusable items were funded, such as electric pianos, music stands, microphones, and a CNC wood router. These are items that will be available to students for years to come. One school used funds to re-establish its theater program, which has been silent since 2008.

Laughlin MS and HS performed “Help Give Ariel a Home!” for students and the community on March 11 and 12. Other performances open to the public included:

“Aladdin, Jr”, presented by River Valley High School on Dec 12th and 13th;

“Mean Girls”, presented by Mohave High School

“Music is Fun”, a Christmas musical, presented by Mohave Learning Center

“Christmas Choir Concert”, presented by Mohave Valley Jr High

“Little Women”, “High School Musical”, and “Fairytale Courtroom”, presented by Desert Star Academy

The various schools showcase their projects on social media. Explore these postings to see how grant funds are contributing to the cultural health of our community through support for art, drama, and music.

Watch for information about future grant applications, which will be available in late September or October, 2026. For more information about the Grant program, contact Georgia Ryan at woodgatestudio@gmail.com.

Art in the Area

Congratulations to the exhibitors, sellers, and artists at the Needles Art Show! The “Mayor’s Award” was presented to RVAG member, Cheryl Thomas. Thanks to all our members who continue to enter their amazing works of art for River Valley Artists Guild sponsored events and exhibitions. Your participation and contribution to our mission continue to enhance our community through expanded opportunities and experiences in the arts. Read about it [here](#).

Have you noticed the utility box art along Hwy 95 in Bullhead City? All is done by RVAG members! If you’d like to design your own, we still have openings. If you’d like to volunteer to help paint, we can use the elbow grease before it gets too hot and we put the program on hiatus until fall. Contact memberRVAG@gmail.com for more information.

We partner with and support all artists, not just our members. Here are some local art opportunities to explore:

4/3 – [“First Friday”](#) at Morning Joy in Laughlin. They will feature a Laughlin students art work for the month of April

4/4 – [Bullhead Farmer’s Market](#) – last one of the season. Features local artisans and crafters.

4/15 – Free lecture – An evening with the [Old Timers of Mohave Valley](#) presented by the [Colorado River Historical Society](#).

4/18 - [White Night in the Park](#) – single tickets now available!

5/9 – [Spring Art Show and Sale](#) – Mohave College, Kingman. See details [here](#).

Check out Kingman’s [Center for the Arts!](#)

[Mohave College](#) has arts and crafts all year round. Check out these [upcoming classes](#) in the arts in Bullhead City, Kingman, and Lake Havasu City.

Check out these [free events](#) in April and May at the [Laughlin Library](#) – it’s open to everyone!

Lastly, don’t forget about our [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. Members only, please.

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RVAG *Let’s Talk Art* venues

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

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

RVAG Business

- **Membership**
 - Are you paid up for 2026? Not sure? Email us to check our records at memberRVAG@gmail.com. Ready to renew online? Click [here](#).
- **Let's Talk Art** - RSVP required! See our RVAG web page for upcoming events and to [sign up](#) for LTA workshops.
 - 1 Apr – 10:00 am, old BHC Parks & Recreation Building, 2285 Trane Road, BHC
 - 21 Apr – 10:30 am, Laughlin Library
 - 6 May – 10:00 am, old BHC Parks & Recreation Building, 2285 Trane Road, BHC
 - 19 May- 10:30 am, Laughlin Library
- **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.
- **Artist of the Month** – Black Mountain Bistro
 - March Artist – Patti Schwartz
 - April Artist – C. Lynn Gammel
 - May Artists – Kathi Vargo and Sharon Matheson
- **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.
 - 10 Apr
 - 8 May
- **Additional Artist Show/Sell Opportunities**
 - New: **NV Residents!!** Clark County call for artists. Click [here](#).
 - 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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