

Next Meeting:

Thursday, Nov. 20th
at 7:00 pm
at the Scherer Center
12202 First Street, Yucaipa

For the YVAA meeting
schedule click here:
[2025-2026 Schedule](#)

November's Featured Artist is Joe A. Oakes

Join us this month for
a presentation by
a bold and vibrant artist,
Joe A. Oakes.



"River Gorge" by Joe Oakes

Yucaipa Valley Art Association

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President's Palette



November is here! This fall we have a lot to be grateful for at YVAA! Our members give their volunteering time, share their ideas, participate in creating art that enriches our lives and make us feel connected as artists. I am amazed by all the fall featured artists and also our members who create some amazing art that we can all marvel and appreciate at our monthly shows. So, this November, I am grateful to all the members that are part of YVAA and make it a great organization.

This fall and winter season, we have fun art activities for our members to participate in. This month, we are looking forward to the featured artist, acrylic artist, Joe A. Oakes, who will share some of his knowledge and art techniques to create vibrant and stunning art. We have the upcoming Winterfest Art Exhibition at the YPAC that members entered this fall that will showcase their art. We also have a new public space exhibit this winter at Village Bread, Calimesa, that our members can sign up for. To get weekly inspiration to paint, members can attend the Wednesday group painting sessions from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Scherer Center. We also plan fun and festive activities for December, and members can sign-up this month for our Christmas potluck and DIY arts and crafts activities.

Lastly, thank you to new board members, Steve Chase, Carol Ann Larsen and Kathryn Ravenwood for volunteering to support our activities. We look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on Thursday, Nov 20th. Have a great fall season and a Happy Thanksgiving!



Zully Martinez,
YVAA President

Featured Artist for November is Joe A. Oakes



Artist Joe A. Oakes



Art titled "River Gorge"



Art titled "Through the Canyons"

Featured Artist News



"Timeless Vistas" By Joe A. Oakes

Joe A. Oakes was a curious and observant child that began drawing at age five. He's been painting full time since 2008 and like other artists, had many previous occupations including, substitute teacher, art consultant and graphic designer. He has survived cancer, the loss of a child and used these life changing events to propel his art career forward.

Joe Oakes' landscapes of the West and Southwest are about the joy of nature and the colors it offers us. He paints with colors that evoke feelings of the first brilliant seconds of sunrise and the last fiery moments of sunset. Expressing those feelings through the use of bold, vibrant highlights and shadows of violet hues is his signature style. He paints tributes to the mountains, canyons and valleys in the hopes it will slow us down long enough to appreciate them. For Joe, every painting is a challenge to examine the colors of the world and reconnect with nature. His work offers a meditative sense of calm and happiness, with a profound reverence for the land. Each painting is a tribute to the mountains, canyons and valleys of the West and Southwest.

Joe holds a BFA from CSU, Fullerton and his awards include: Third Place, "Sears Invitational", Utah Tech, 2024, Best in Show, "Nature of Color Show" Art Brut 27, 2020, First Place, "Visions", CCMA, Ontario, CA, 2019. His work has been included in many museum shows including, Arts Thrive, Albuquerque Museum, Sears Invitational, Sears Museum at Utah Tech and Art in the West, High Desert Museum, Bend, OR. And published, most recently, in Artists Magazine's "Acrylic Works 12 - The Best of Acrylic".

Oakes resides near Palm Springs, California. For more information about Joe Oakes, visit his website at: <http://www.joeaoakes.com/> Follow him on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/JoeA.OakesFineArt/> and Instagram [@joeaoakesfineart](https://www.instagram.com/joeaoakesfineart)

Join us for Joe Oakes' presentation on Thursday, November 20th, at 7:00 pm at the Scherer Community Center, 12202 1st Street, Yucaipa, CA. Free admission. Members are welcome to bring family members or friends!

Best of Show Ribbon Winner



Aubrey Sanchez received best of show and second place place for her mixed media painting titled “Heart is where the home is.”

The best of show was selected by the featured artist, Christine White. Christine selected this painting for its creativity and brilliant design.



“Heart is where the home is”
by Aubrey Sanchez.

October's Monthly Show Winners

The monthly art show featured a variety of member art and photography entries on display. Congratulations to the many talented members won ribbons for their artwork at the meeting. To read and download the member monthly show entry guidelines, click here: [Getting Your Artwork Ready For Display.](#)



Oils category: Peggy Toney 1st and 2nd



Acrylics: Karen Hoak, 1st and Lindy Ballard, 2nd.



Watercolor: Dave Patrick 1st, Debra Wick, 2nd and Mona Kadah, Carol Maidlow & Esther Li 3rd, tied.



Mixed Media: Karen Hoak 1st, Aubrey Sanchez 2nd place.



Photography: Mario Martinez 1st, Enrique Lima 2nd, Carol Ann Larsen 3rd.

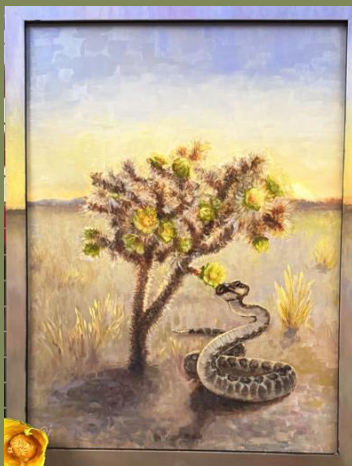


Enhanced Photography: Zully Martinez, Carol Ann Larsen 1st tied, Steve Chase 2nd.

Featured Artist for October is Christine White



Artist Christine White
demonstrating her techniques.



Christine's artwork of a desert
rattlesnake.



Christine's latest art project.

October's Featured Artist



©Christine E. White

Art titled "The Krakens"

The Yucaipa Valley Art Association hosted multi-media artist, Christine White, at the October 16th meeting, where she shared her art techniques and storytelling to create some fascinating art!

Christine is a Redlands-based artist working in paint and mixed media. She has lived all over the United States and appreciates what makes different regions unique and special. Her interest in conveying a sense of place is imbued in her work, and supported by a professional background and Masters in Geography. Christine's art tends to portray surreal stories of places, plants, and creatures. Lately, she has been creating art using materials we normally discard: plastic, fabric scraps, old wiring. Hiding this assembled core under paper mâché and careful painting, the pieces are metaphors for standing with nature and saying "enough" to the overwhelming consumption of our day.

A year ago, Christine started a songwriting project that morphed into a story, which now lives in her head nearly 24/7. Christine is slowly creating the body of artwork to accompany it and will share the first few pieces at YVAA on Thursday, October 16th. This artwork collection features native animals, a passion for fashion, and a rattlesnake goddess; it's the beginning of a pretty wild ride for her art. Christine will also demo some of the mixed media techniques that are helping build out this world. Christine also demonstrated some of the mixed media techniques that are helping build out this world. She provided teaching details on how to make 3d objects and figures using recycled materials and mixed media. It was a fantastic presentation!

To find out more about Christine White's art, visit her website at <https://christinewhiteart.com> or on social media at Instagram: @christinewhiteart or Facebook: @christinewhiteart."

Winter Public Art Exhibition



Three Month Art Exhibition

Display Dates:
12/1/25 to 2/27/26



Application deadline is
Nov. 21, 2025

Members can enter up to 2 artwork pieces.

Maximum size is 36"x36" height and width.

Art will be on display at



1007 Calimesa Blvd.,
Suite R, Calimesa

For more info contact

yvaacontact2@gmail.com

Upcoming Art Exhibitions



This winter, we are pleased to announce that we have a second art exhibition opportunity for members at Village Bread, Calimesa. Enrique Lima, Art Exhibitions Manager, recently installed an adjustable and secure art display system that was paid by the business owner. Thanks to the organizing efforts of Enrique Lima, we now have a new venue to display YVAA member art in Calimesa.

- This is a three-month public exhibition that will run from Dec. 1st, 2025 to February 27, 2026.
- The deadline for members to submit their applications is November 21st, 2025. There is no entry fee for members.
- Members can submit a maximum of 2 art or photography wired pieces for display that do not exceed 36"H x36"W.

For complete instructions and guidelines, download the application by clicking here: [DOWNLOAD APPLICATION](#)

Winterfest Art Exhibition



Featured Artists:

- Aubrey Sanchez
- Bethanne Keirnan
- Debra Wick
- Holli Zenko Austin
- Karen Hoak
- Mario Martinez
- Tom Fontanes
- Zully Martinez



All members are
invited to the

Artists' Reception

Nov. 13th, 6:00-7:00 pm

12062 California St.

Yucaipa, CA

YPAC Art Exhibition



Winterfest volunteers needed for Nov. 29th.

This year, the Yucaipa Valley Art Association (YVAA) is part of the City of Yucaipa's Winterfest in the historic part of the town. Come checkout the Winterfest Art Exhibition featuring artwork from eight (8) YVAA members. Artists that will have artwork on display are Aubrey Sanchez, Bethanne Keirnan, Debra Wick, Holli Z. Austin, Karen Hoak, Mario Martinez, Tom Fontanes and Zully Martinez. YVAA will hold an artists' reception at the YPAC on Thursday, Nov. 13th, 2025, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Members, family, and friends are welcome to attend this reception and to see the Winter Art Exhibition at this special event. Light refreshments will be served that evening.

A second viewing will be available for the Winterfest Art Exhibition at the Yucaipa Performing Arts Center (YPAC) gallery, which will be open to the public on November 29th from 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm. YVAA volunteers are needed to meet and greet visitors to the exhibition. If you are available to temporarily volunteer, let us know at yvaamail92@gmail or sign up in person at the Thursday, November 20th monthly show meeting.

Winterfest is a large community event that includes YVAA's art exhibition, a tree lighting ceremony, Santa's workshop, igloos, food, vendors, music, and lots more that members and their families were able to enjoy together. For more information about the City of Yucaipa's Winterfest click here: <https://yucaipa.gov/winterfest/>

The Winter Art Exhibition will run from November 12, 2025, to February 25, 2026. Gallery visiting hours are Monday through Friday from 4 pm to 7:45 pm. Admission to the Winter Art Exhibition is free.

Members and the public are invited to come view the exhibition all winter long, through February 25th. For additional information, call the YPAC box office at (909) 500-7714.

Gift See's Candies to Family & Friends



Members, family and friends can order from our See's Candies fundraiser this November!

Last day to order is Friday, Dec., 5th, 2025



Make your holiday sweeter by shopping and buying some See's Candies to gift to family and friends. YVAA has a See's Candies online store for secure ordering and direct shipping.

Click on the link below:

[**YVAA Sees Candies Store**](#)

YVAA Fundraising News

See's CANDIES.

Help Us Reach Our Goal

Yucaipa Valley Art Association Fundraiser

Gift Some Sweet Holiday Magic!

See's full Holiday collection has arrived! Shop new boxed gifts filled with See's premium milk and dark chocolates, as well as classic treats like the Fudge Assortment and Victoria Toffee. They have something delicious for everyone on your list.

Once again, we have teamed up with See's Candies online to fundraise. See's Candies make a great Christmas gift for your family and friends, so do some holiday and Christmas shopping by buying some See's Candies this season. The last day to buy See's Candies online winter products is Friday, 12/5/25 to make it in time for shipping during the Christmas rush. You can choose the products you want and buy as little or as much as you like. Prices start at \$11.50 and fit every budget. The See's Candies storefront is a way to make your online purchases safely and securely anytime. The orders are shipped directly from See's Candies to your home address, or they can be drop shipped to another address of your choice. Shop with confidence through See's secure website. Help us fundraise and share our store front link with family and friends directly from the website link. You can also find the link on YVAA's website under the fundraising section.

Click Here to start shopping: [**YVAA See's Candies Store**](#)

December 11th is the Christmas Potluck and Craft Night!



Sign up this month for a festive evening, delicious foods, and a DIY Christmas craft night! Arrive early at 6 pm.

Members can bring a favorite potluck dish and an extra guest on December 11th at 6:00 pm.

Be Merry and Make some Crafts!

Make Christmas crafts at the December Potluck!



Painted wooden
ornaments

December Events



Our annual Christmas potluck, craft night will be on Thursday, December 11th, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the Scherer Center. Members can bring a favorite holiday dish or dessert to share with fellow members. Your dish can be a hot or cold item, main dish, side dish or dessert. As a friendly reminder, please bring serving spoons or other utensils to serve your dish. Members can invite one other guest or family member to attend the Christmas potluck and craft activity. We will have a photobooth, games and prizes attendees can win.

After the Christmas dinner, the holiday craft activity will begin. Members and guests will participate in a hands-on craft activity. Participants can create a holiday themed art painting or crafts that they can then take home. We will have some extra supplies on hand for anyone that wants to join in on the fun. Once the crafts are completed, they can be taken home at the end of the evening. This activity is free to current members and their guests. If you signed up for the Christmas potluck, you are automatically included in the craft activity.

If you did not get a chance to sign-up in person this November, just send an email to yvaamail92@gmail.com by Tuesday, 12/09/25 to let us know you and a guest are coming to this event and that you will bring a potluck dish to the dinner.

New and returning members are welcome to attend this event. If you need to sign-up as a new member for the first time, bring your membership application, payment and a potluck dish that evening to participate. The membership application form download link is included on page 8 of the newsletter.

Please note that there will be no regular artwork or photography entries for display and ribbon awards in December due to the craft activities planned.

Enter Your Snapshots for the Photo Contest



Members take your snapshots and enter them into the YuCAPTURE Yucaipa Photo Contest this winter.

The 2025 YuCapture Yucaipa Photo Contest is now open for submissions throughout the month of November.

The deadline for submissions to the photo contest is

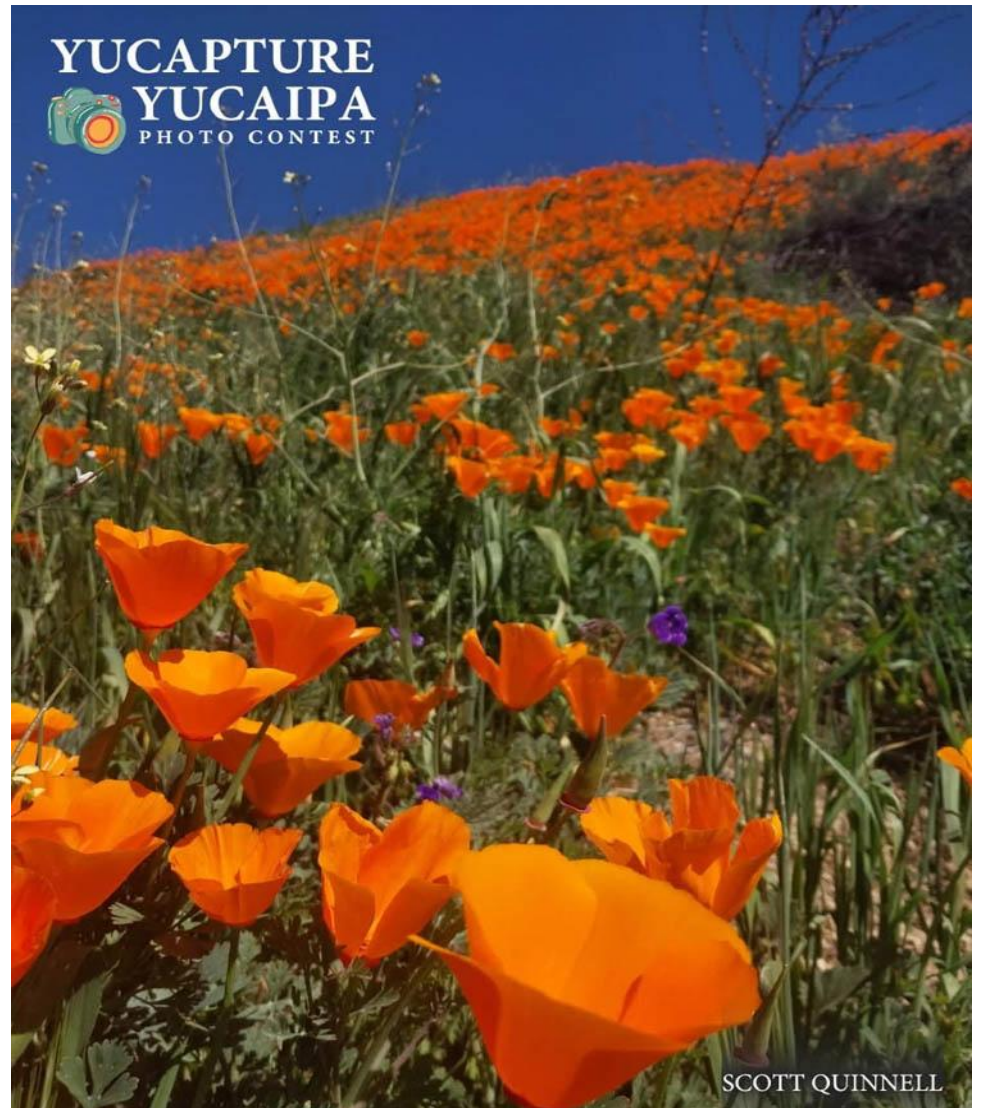
December 1st, 2025.



Read the rules and submit your photo capture by clicking the link for Entry Information:

<https://yucaipa.gov/photocontest>

Community Events & News



The City of Yucaipa has announced a call to all photographers for 2025! This contest is independent of YVAA, but it is a great way to show off the talent of our local community photographers! There is no fee to enter. Winners for entries submitted this year will be announced in 2026, so there is plenty of time to go out and get inspired to capture the splendor of our town!

The 2025 YuCapture Yucaipa Photo Contest is now open for submissions all of November 2025. The deadline for submissions to the photo contest is December 1st, 2025. Submit and upload your entries on the website listed below.

Read the rules and submit your photo capture by clicking the link for Entry Information: <https://yucaipa.gov/photocontest>

YVAA member Alan Remele entered his photography last year and received an honorable mention award in the animals and scenery category. Check out last year's winners at the link above.

Membership News!



*We welcome new
YVAA member*

➤ *Esther Li*

Thanks for joining our great art organization.

BECOME A MEMBER!

Find out how to join YVAA and what membership benefits are included by clicking here:

[Join YVAA](#)

Need the membership application?

[Membership Application](#)

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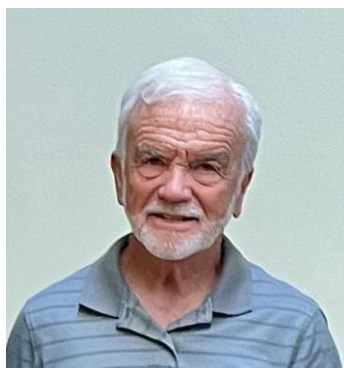


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Become A Volunteer!



Steve Chase, Vice President



Carol Ann Larsen, Welcoming

Welcome to new board members Steve Chase and Carol Ann Larsen. Thank you to Kathryn Ravenwood for taking on the new role of Monthly Show Manager. We wish to thank all the current board members for their ongoing help as we organize our fall and winter activities!

Volunteer help is always needed and appreciated. If you have time and the skills, consider volunteering for a post and working with our team. Send an email to Zully Martinez at yvaamail92@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering as a board member.

Summary Job Descriptions

Secretary: Responsibilities include note taking or audio recording the monthly board meetings from September through May. Transcribing the notes or audio into a written record of meeting minutes. Emailing meeting minutes to the board members after the meeting. This position would start in the fall.

Membership: Responsibilities include managing membership subscriptions and renewals. This includes collecting new membership applications, renewals, and payments. Maintaining a roster list of active members for use in communications, membership, and marketing. Updating addresses and emails on roster periodically as needed. Sending out welcome emails to new members using automated templates.

Newsletter: Responsibilities include gathering monthly announcements and information for newsletter publication. Requires newsletter journalistic style writing and editing. Knowledge of MS Word or Google newsletter template use. Conversion to Adobe PDF file and upload to Google drive. Ability to download and resize photos. The completed newsletter is emailed to all members and non-members who are interested in receiving it. Management of email database lists for members and non-members.