

Next Meeting:

Thursday, September
17th at 7:00 pm
at the Scherer Center
12202 First Street, Yucaipa

For the YVAA meeting
schedule click here:
[2026-2027 Schedule](#)

September's Featured Artist is Lori Krum

Join us this month for
a presentation by
nature photographer,
Lori Krum



Photo by Lori Krum

Yucaipa Valley Art Association

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President's Palette



YVAA welcomes back all the returning and new members as we start the fall season once again. Hopefully summer vacation provided you with new ideas or inspiration for you to create and make new art to share this fall with fellow art members at our next monthly meeting. We look forward to seeing the latest art creations and photography members have taken.

Although we were on summer break, there were still activities and events that members could participate in. The art & paint group sessions at the Scherer Center were available to members all summer long. We also offered a summer public exhibition at Village Bread for members to show their art in. Members were also invited to exhibit at the YPAC's Autumn Gem's exhibition that opened this August. Several members were also featured in our local News Mirror which provided community coverage about YVAA and its many talented artists.

This September, we are looking forward to our featured presenter, nature photographer, Lori Krum. She will share some of her fantastic photography and her approach to taking photography at our next meeting on September 17th. We can't wait to welcome her at the YVAA monthly meeting.

I look forward to seeing all our members at the September meeting. I hope, this fall you share more of your art creativity and find inspiration as a member of Yucaipa Valley Art Association. **Welcome Back!**



Zully Martinez,
YVAA President

Featured Artist for September is **Lori Krum**



Moose and her baby calf

By Lori Krum



Water fowl on the lake

by Lori Krum



Photo of bird on the hunt
by Lori Krum.

Featured Artist News



Sparrow in flight by Lori Krum.

Lori Krum is a southern California photographer that enjoys taking photos of the natural world. Though Lori's roots were planted in the bustling streets of Detroit, her most cherished childhood memories were made in the great outdoors. At every opportunity, her family packed the station wagon and escaped to the north woods. Immersed in the wilderness, she and her siblings were given the freedom to roam—sparking a deep, enduring love for nature and wildlife. Whether she was camping under a canopy of stars, wading into winding rivers, or hiking the rugged trails of Northern Michigan, these early adventures blossomed into a lifelong passion.

From a young age, Lori exhibited a deep connection to both art and the natural world, a journey that led her through drawing, painting, and eventually photography. Through the lens of her camera, she discovered a way to lose herself in nature, capturing the unscripted behavior of her subjects. Her photography centers on documenting fleeting, authentic experiences in the wild, sharing the beauty and emotion of each moment to inspire others to step outside and experience the outdoors for themselves.

Today, Lori is an award-winning nature photographer who concentrates her work primarily in Southern California, with occasional trips to photograph larger wildlife in Montana. She brings a steadfast commitment to her vision, driven by a love not just for creating the image, but for sharing it with others.

Join us to see photographer, Lori Krum, who will be the featured presenter at YVAA on Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 pm. The presentation which will be held at the Scherer Center located at 12202 First Street, Yucaipa. There is no admission fee. Bring a friend!

Best of Show Ribbon Winner



Mona Kadah was awarded the best of show ribbon and received 1st place in the watercolors category for her painting which was selected by the featured artist, Bonnie Rinier.

May's best of show was a still life watercolor painting by YVAA member and artist Mona Kadah.



May'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 who won ribbons for their artwork at the meeting.



Acrylics: Tom Fontanes 1st, Bob Norris 2nd, Karen Hoak 3rd and Roya Damsaz 3rd, tied.



Watercolors: Mona Kadah 1st, Annette Carlo 2nd, Aubrey Sanchez 3rd and Tom Fontanes HM.

Mixed Media: Karen Hoak 1st, Kitty Stephens 2nd, Aubrey Sanchez 3rd.



Photography: Mario Martinez 1st & 2nd, Kathryn Ravenwood 1st tie, Esther Li, 3rd.

Digital Art: Julie Evans 1st.

To read and download the monthly show entry guidelines, and how to wire your artwork for display here: [Getting Your Artwork Ready For Display](#).

Featured Artist for May was Bonnie Rinier

Bonnie shared how to
use marbled paper
to create art!



“Ragdoll Cat”



**“Conversation on the
Balcony”**



**“Lemon Rosemary
Marinade”**

May's Featured Artist



Artist Bonnie Rinier gives a hands on session on marbling paper art.

The Yucaipa Valley Art Association hosted Socal artist, Bonnie Rinier, at the Thursday, May 21st meeting, where she shared her art techniques to create some amazing mixed media artwork. At the meeting, Bonnie Rinier demonstrated how to apply acrylic paint to handmade marbled paper. Bonnie painted a rooster, and she showed artists what the paper looks like before painting on it. She provided samples of finished paintings that started out as marbled paper. During her demonstration she invited everyone in the audience that are interested in trying out marbling on a small bookmark size piece of watercolor paper. It was be a fun hands-on experience marbling that members enjoyed first hand.

Bonnie Rinier is a full-time artist, specializing in original watercolor paintings. She also paints in acrylic and oil. She has a love for all things to do with art. Her favorite subjects are animals big and small. Every effort is made to capture the personality of each animal. She also likes to do research to better understand the animal or other subject before painting it. With 4 years of art in high school and one semester of art in college, Bonnie is mainly self-taught. She continues to learn from other artists and gladly shares with students what she has learned.

Bonnie currently teaches classes in her home and Somerset Winery, Temecula. Over the years, she has taught at Michaels in Temecula and Hemet, and Joann's in Temecula, summer courses in Sequoia, Avensole Winery, Temecula and children's classes through the Arts Council of Temecula. Some of her students have gone on to become accomplished artists themselves. She is currently a member of the San Diego Watercolor Society (since 2011). Examples of her work can be found at either of her web sites: <http://bonnie-rinier.fineartamerica.com> or <https://www.bonnieirinier.com>. Follow Bonnie on social media at: <https://www.facebook.com/bonnie.rinier/> and <https://www.facebook.com/bonnie.rinier.2025/>

Free Art & Paint at the Scherer Center



Weekly paint and art club meetings are held every Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Artists can bring their own supplies and projects to join the group at the Scherer Community Center. This activity is free.

Community Activity Grants



The Community Activity Grant (CAG) Program supports the efforts of local non-profit 501(c) organizations that provide valuable services, programs and/or events to Yucaipa and the surrounding community residents.

Each year, YVAA applies for Community Activity Grants (CAGs) from the City of Yucaipa. On June 10th, 2026, the Yucaipa City Council approved two in-kind grants for the 2026-2027 cycle that support YVAA's art activities at the Scherer Community Center. These in-kind grants help us cover the cost for the use of the Scherer Community Center by providing fee waivers towards facility rental costs that YVAA would normally have to pay to use the building. The grant award was expanded to include the summer months for Wednesday art painting meetings.

<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>CAG Grant Type</u>	<u>Approved</u>
Twice Monthly Mtgs.	\$3,902.13	In-Kind Grant 1	6/10/26
Wed. Art Meetings	\$5,850.00	In-Kind Grant 2	6/10/26

YVAA will only pay the balance of non-qualifying grant rental costs in the amount of \$600.00 for the Scherer Community Center use from Sept. 2026 to May 2027. This is a cost increase from the City of Yucaipa of \$200.00 for this cycle.

2026-2027 By-Laws Updates

At the May 14, 2026 board meeting, the following changes were voted on by the board, approved and adopted into the YVAA by-laws.

1. Board positions were updated to reflect new board members that were added or that exited. The by-laws were updated to include the names of the new secretary, Tom Fontanes and the Vice President, Steve Chase.
2. For the annual Spring Art Show, high school student art and photography will be eligible for the popular vote award.

To view the latest YVAA Membership & Bylaws Booklet, click here: [YVAA By-Laws 2026-2027](#)

Need a tax write-off this year?

Donate to YVAA's 2026-2027 Student Scholarship Program:



Donate today!

Members can donate to YVAA's annual student scholarship program throughout the year. Click here to download the donation form and bring it with you to the monthly meetings or mail it in.

Click Here to download:

[Scholarship Donation Form](#)

Members can now donate to YVAA's annual student scholarship program via our transaction secure online website by visiting the link below:

[YVAA Website](#)

Scholarship News

Through our annual scholarship fundraising, YVAA makes a difference towards furthering the educational goals of art students in our community. On June 2nd, 2026, YVAA awarded two \$500 art scholarships to graduating seniors from Yucaipa High School during YHS Class Night. The scholarships also include a free YVAA student membership for one year. This year's scholarship recipients were Carly Mulvihill Vivian Orona. Congratulations to these two students! Over the summer YVAA received thank you letters from both of these students that plan on attending college this fall. We are happy to encourage and support young artists!



2026 Yucaipa High School senior, Carly Mulvihill receives her scholarship award. Carly has entered her art in previous YVAA spring art shows!



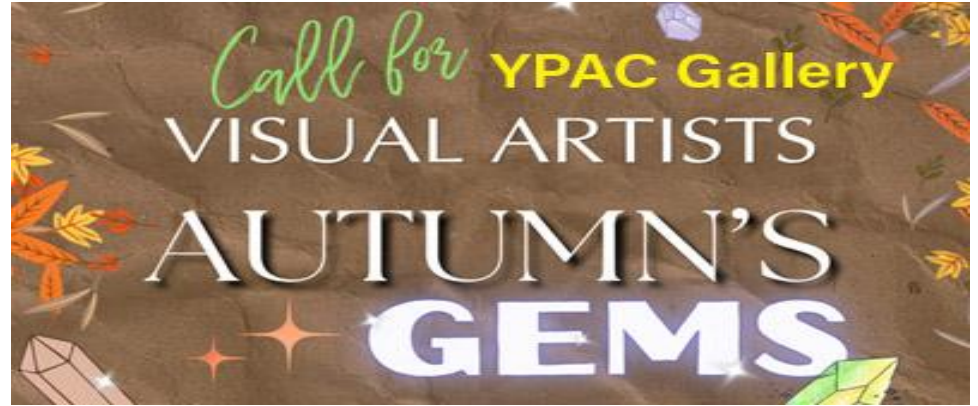
2026 Yucaipa High School senior, Vivian Orona receives her scholarship award. Vivian is also an art student.

Now Showing!



Come check out the new fall art exhibit at Village Bread Calimesa featuring some of YVAA members' artwork. This public exhibition runs from August 31st to November 30th, 2026 and is free to members and the public. The art display will be at Village Bread Calimesa located at 1007 Calimesa Blvd, Suite R, Calimesa. They are open daily from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. Our website will be updated soon with the artists' listing and images.

Community Events & News



This summer, the Yucaipa Performing Arts Center invited community artists to exhibit their art in the upcoming Autumn's Gems gallery exhibition. This exhibition includes the Yucaipa Valley Gem & Mineral Society and several YVAA member artists. The exhibition opening reception was hosted by the YPAC on August 19th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Art curator and teacher, Daryl Bryan was on hand to welcome artist and visitors to the exhibit. Listen to the interview with Daryl Bryan about the [Autumn's Gems Exhibit](#)

Last week, the News Mirror Newspaper ran a story written by reporter David James Heiss in the Arts & Events section that captured all the creativity of all the artists and YVAA members including Tom Fontanes, Bethanne Keirnan, Holli Z. Austin, which were featured in photos in the article, shown below. Other members that are also exhibiting and mentioned in the article are Steve Chase, Karen Hoak, Jose Martinez, Aubrey Sanchez, Grant Wisegarver, and Debra Wick.



Tom Fontanes shows off what a zoomed in translation of his pixelated piece looks like. (David James Heiss/Submitted)



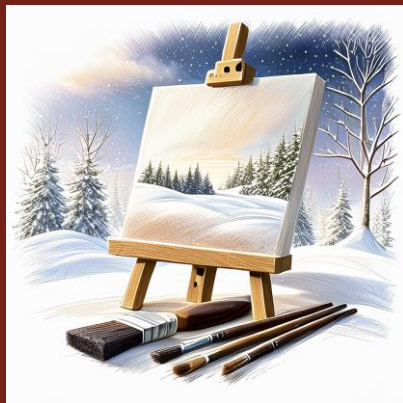
Bethanne Keirnan stands next to one of her works. (David James Heiss/Submitted)



Holli Austin with her photography piece. (David James Heiss/Submitted)

To read the entire News Mirror newspaper article on page 10, click here: [Yucaipa Calimesa News Mirror](#)

Winterfest Art Exhibit



**Deadline to Enter
the Winterfest
YPAC Gallery
Art Exhibition
is Wednesday,
Sept. 16th, 2026**

YPAC Application

Now Available!

Send in your application(s) before or by September 16, 2026 to make sure they are received in time. The fastest way to send it is via email. If you need more information, contact the YPAC staff at ypacartgallery@gmail.com

The YPAC art exhibitions are inside the YPAC gallery located at 12062 California Street, Yucaipa, CA.

Upcoming Art Exhibitions



An Exclusive Art Exhibition for YVAA Members!

Once again, YVAA members are invited to exhibit art at the Winterfest art gallery exhibition at the Yucaipa Performing Arts Center (YPAC). This YPAC winter gallery show has been exclusively organized for YVAA members that are interested in exhibiting their artwork or photography in a public space. Up to three art pieces can be submitted for the exhibition. There are no fees to enter to participate.

- **Application deadline is Wednesday, September 16, 2026.**
- Must be a current YVAA member to be eligible to participate.
- Exhibition dates from October 21, 2026 to February 10, 2027.
- YPAC staff will notify artists by October 7, 2026.
- Opening Reception on Thursday, October 22, 2026.
- Up to three (3) original art or photography pieces can be submitted.
- Maximum size is 26"H x 26"W including frame.
- All items sold while displayed in the YPAC gallery are subject to a 10% fee on the gross sales price, payable to City of Yucaipa.
- Submit application(s) with digital photos or print photos of artwork to the YPAC staff at ypacartgallery@gmail.com before or by the deadline.
- Become a member this September to participate in this art exhibition and to get the entry application.

Enter the Winterfest art exhibition this fall and be a part of the YPAC gallery exhibition!

Member News



YVAA welcomes
new member and the
September demonstrator:

- Lori Krum

We are glad that she has joined
our art organization.

BECOME A MEMBER!



Members can now pay their
annual memberships in person at
our monthly meetings or via our
transaction secure online
website by clicking the link:
www.yucaipavalleyartassoc.org

Need the membership
application?

[Membership Application](#)

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Become A Volunteer!



We wish to thank the current board members for their ongoing help as we start up our fall activities!

We appreciate members that provide lending hands and volunteer to fill in the gaps to cover our monthly activities.

While we have filled some board member positions, we have others that are still vacant this fall. Below is a list of some of the open positions. 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 Description

NEEDED URGENTLY!

Currently, we are in need of volunteers to fill in the Monthly Art Show intake position due to the absence of the current board member for unforeseen circumstances. Up to two (2) volunteers can sign up.

Monthly Art Show Volunteer(s) Job Description: Manages monthly art show setup for art display. Handles intake of art and hangs for display. Prints vote slips and handles vote counting at show. Tallies results and awards ribbons to winners during the show. Provides monthly show winner results to Newsletter for announcements. Will provide support and training for this position as part of onboarding process. Multiple temporary volunteers may be needed to cover the post into next year.