Yucaipa Valley Art Association

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Art Palette



Welcome November! This fall we have a lot to be Thankful 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 and art teacher Daryl Bryan, who will share some of her knowledge and art techniques during a fun DIY art session. We have the Winterfest Art Exhibition at the YPAC which is now open at the gallery and on November 28th during the city's festival. Our See's Candies fundraiser starts this month and our online store is up and running. We also planning fun and festive activities for December, and members can sign-up this month for our Christmas potluck and DIY arts and crafts activities.

We welcome back Kathryn Ravenwood and thank her and *all our board members* who volunteered to help keep things running smoothly. Thanks to YVAA members, Chris Stillians, Holli Z. Austin and Jason Austin for lending a helping hand to cover the monthly art show intake and vote count. Our volunteers are awesome! We look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on Thursday, Nov 19th. Have a great fall season and a Happy Thanksgiving!



Zully Martinez,
YVAA President

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 19,
at 7:00 pm
at the Scherer Center
12202 First Street, Yucaipa

For the YVAA meeting schedule click here:
2026-2027 Schedule

November's Featured Artist is Daryl Bryan

Join us this month for a presentation by art teacher Daryl Bryan.



Painting by Daryl Bryan.

Featured Artist for November is Daryl Bryan



Daryl demonstrates to students at an art class.



Daryl teachers both kids and adult art classes.



Colorful artwork by Daryl Bryan.

Featured Artist News



Daryl Bryan visiting the Louvre in France.

For the month of November, the featured artist is Daryl Bryan. Daryl believes that we all have an "Inner Artist" within us—it simply needs to be tapped into. Through teaching art, she has had the privilege of witnessing this every day. Art has always brought her joy, and for as long as she can remember, she has considered herself an artist.

Daryl earned a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Studies, with concentrations in English and Art. Daryl retired in 2018 after teaching for over 25 years at an elementary school. Daryl founded the Young Artists Academy and ELEMENTS Art Classes with the goal of bringing the joy and benefits of art to as many members of our community as possible. Over the years, she has received countless reminders that art has the power to heal, inspire, build confidence, and open doors that might otherwise remain closed.

Daryl has been a proud resident of Yucaipa for 17 years and has always enjoyed giving back to the community through volunteer work. She has also had the honor of serving as Chairperson of Yucaipa's Public Arts Committee, where they explored and carried out ways to incorporate art into our community. Daryl is currently a volunteer curator of the YPAC's Art Gallery, where she organizes and displays the artwork of Yucaipa's local artists. Presently, Daryl teaches Basic Art Classes for both children and adults. Visit the website at YPAC Art Classes

For Daryl, teaching art is about helping people discover what they can see, create, and share with the world. At this month's YVAA meeting, Daryl will share her knowledge on color, shape, line, and value. Members will be invited to create an ocean scene using Acrylics and only a TOOTHBRUSH! Together, participants will explore using only a toothbrush and acrylics, to create an ocean scene. Art creativity is endless!

Join us this month for a presentation by Daryl Bryan on Thursday, November 19th, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Scherer Center located at 12202 First Street, Yucaipa. There is no admission fee and the public is welcome to attend.

Best of Show Ribbon Winner



Christopher Stillians was awarded the best of show ribbon for his pastel painting which was selected by the featured artist, Wayne Purcell because of the painting's contrast and composition.



The Best of Show painting was of a tropical palm tree with coconuts by Christopher Stillians.

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.



Acrylics: Karen Hoak 1st and Tom Fontanes 2nd.



Watercolor: Debra Wick 1st, Carol Ann Larsen 2nd, Mona Kadah 2nd tied.



Mixed Media: Karen Hoak 1st, Julie Evans 2nd and Aubrey Sanchez 3rd.



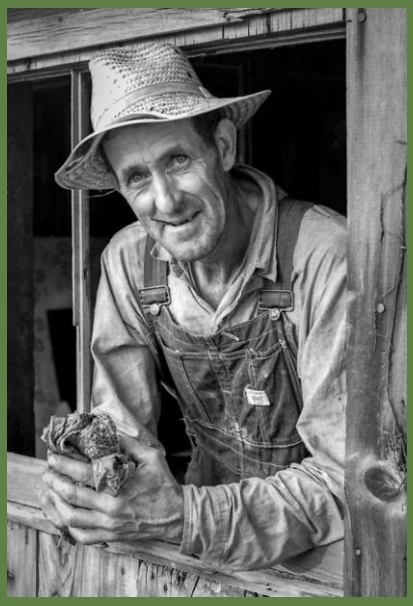
Photography: Carol Maidlow 1st, Holli Z. Austin 2nd, Tom Fontanes 2nd, Mario Martinez 2nd Tied Carol Ann Larsen 3rd, Steve Chase 3rd and Kathryn Ravenwood 3rd tied.

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 October was Wayne Purcell



Chatanika Northern Lights By Wayne Purcell



Farmer Walter Wood by Wayne Purcell



Mesa Arch, Utah by Wayne Purcell

October's Featured Artist



Wayne Purcell and a captivated audience at the October presentation.

The Yucaipa Valley Art Association hosted photographer and author Wayne Purcell at the Thursday, October 15th meeting. Wayne shared the principles of composition, cropping, and editing that affect both photography and painting and other forms of art. His presentation covered areas that artists can use to improve both photography and art. He also discussed his photographic equipment, color versus black and white, options on what to do with your images, best lighting times, night photography, and much more.

Wayne's favorite subjects for his photographic artwork are Southwest landscapes, wildlife (including birds), interesting candid portraits, sporting events, the Northern Lights, travel (Iceland, Italy, Alaska), events, dog shows, and macro/closeups. He has displayed his work at Vision Quest, Friends of Gold Butte National Monument in Nevada, the Redlands Art Association, the Redlands Camera Club, shows at the Yucaipa Performing Arts Center, one of which was sponsored by YVAA). His work has received many awards. Wayne has a biology degree from UC Berkeley and a M.Div. degree from Talbot Theological Seminary.

We would like to thank Wayne for presenting at the Yucaipa Valley Art Association on October 15th. We enjoyed his fascinating photographs, his stories, and his approach to making his presentation applicable to whatever mode of artwork the attendees are involved with. You can still checkout more of Wayne's photography at the links below.

Wayne's Instagram photos are at https://www.instagram.com/waynepurcell72
His Facebook photo site is at
https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61594098548648
He has a portfolio site with Adobe, https://portfolio.adobe.com/b01129c9-b560-47a3-bbb5-c6f360e8123a/editor/.

Visit the Redlands Camera Club channel on YouTube, if you click the link Mix – RCC Slideshow Wayne Purcell, you can see 51 of Wayne's favorite images with a wonderful sound track along with it.

Volunteers Needed!



The Winterfest Art Gallery featuring YVAA artists will be open during the City of Yucaipa's Festival on Saturday, November 28, from 12:30 pm-5:30 pm.

YVAA is looking for volunteers to sign-up to greet visitors, promote the art and to handout YVAA flyers. Volunteers are encouraged to wear holiday colors, holiday sweaters or decorative holiday hats, etc. Click here to download the volunteer form.

Volunteer Form

Now Showing





Photo courtesy of Christopher Stillians at the Winterfest gallery reception on Oct. 22nd, 2026.

The Winterfest Art Gallery exhibit is now open to the public featuring artwork from fifteen members! Show dates are from October 21, 2026 to February 10, 2027 from 4:00 pm-7:30 pm weekly. The opening reception was held on Thursday, October 22, 2026, which was a great success and was well attended by many. Daryl Bryan and the YPAC staff welcomed all the artists and visitors to the exhibition. Click the art gallery link to view the reception and artwork on display at the gallery. Click here: **Art Gallery**

This exhibit will be available for viewing all winter long including during the City's Winterfest event at the YPAC gallery on Saturday, November 28th from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Free admission. Some of the artwork will be available for sale and interested parties can inquire at the YPAC gallery located at 12062 California Street, Yucaipa CA.

Visit the City's website to find out more about the upcoming Winterfest event on November 28th. Visitors can enjoy live entertainment, a tree lighting ceremony, Santa's Workshop, Kids' Zone, food & merchandise vendors, a Beer & Wine Garden and stop by to see YVAA member art!

https://yucaipa.gov/winterfest/

Community Art Events





YVAA Member, Vici Haag was part of the “Art After Dark” exhibition on October 17th, 2026 that celebrated the arts at the Barbara and Art Culver Center for the Arts in Riverside. This was a juried exhibition featuring exceptional artwork by artists across the Inland Empire. We wish to congratulate Vici for being accepted into the show.

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Many members have been busy with other art events in the community this fall. We appreciate when our members share news about art events in the Inland Empire. This information makes it possible for YVAA to share with others the many art events that they can also explore and enter in the future. Thank You!

Community News



The Yucaipa Valley Art Association has worked together with the Yucaipa Lions Club to inspire creativity and promote art in the community this fall. Once again, the Lion's Club organized the International Peace Poster contest themed, "Harmony in Humanity" that encourages young artists ages 11-13 to create a colorful art poster for the competition. Local winners can then advance and compete nationally and internationally through the Lions Club organization.

YVAA member, Bethanne Keirnan has worked with the Lion’s Club on the Peace Poster contest to provide creative direction to young artist. Not only is Bethanne an award- winning artist but she was also a former teacher who enjoys working with children.

The Yucaipa Lions Club also held a Celebration of Giving and donated or acknowledged several non-profit groups in the community during the ceremony. Yucaipa Lions Club representatives, Janene Klocek, president and Michelle Beckman presented Rachael Gustuson of the News Mirror, Bethanne Keirnan and Zully Martinez, of the Yucaipa Valley Art Association with certificates of appreciation for their participation in this year's Peace Poster Contest. The event was held on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at the Yucaipa Community Center on Oak Glen Road, Yucaipa.

Christmas Potluck and Craft Night on December 10th!



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 10th at 6 pm.

Be Merry and Make some Crafts!

Make Christmas crafts at the December Potluck!



Art designs for the Christmas art activity.

December Events



Our annual Christmas potluck, craft night will be on Thursday, December 10th, 2026, 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.

Sign up this month at the welcome table or when the sign-up sheet is passed around. If you did not get a chance to sign-up in person this November, just send an email to yvaamail92@gmail.com by Tuesday, 12/08/26 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 the last page of the newsletter or renew online.

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.

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., 4th, 2026



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 See's Candies Store

or scan our QR Code

YVAA Fundraising News



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, 12/4/26 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**

MEMBERSHIP

Become a member or Renew your membership!



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

Contact Us:

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Become A Volunteer!



We appreciate members that provide lending hands and volunteer to fill in the gaps to cover our monthly activities. We are thankful this fall for all our members that helped out to keep things going at our monthly shows. Your participation is what makes this organization better and a community!

Consider volunteering for Winterfest or volunteer for a board position. 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. We train volunteers and help with the onboarding process.

Summary Job Description

Newsletter Editor: Responsibilities include gathering monthly announcements and information for newsletter publication. Requires newsletter journalistic style writing and editing. Knowledge of MS Word newsletter templates, hyperlink use and photo editing required.

Social Media Manager: Post event announcements, photos and content from newsletter, art shows, featured artist and members on Facebook and Instagram. Be the communications person on social media platforms.

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Become a YVAA Team Member!