

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 21st
at 7:00 pm
at the Scherer Center
12202 First Street, Yucaipa

For the YVAA meeting
schedule click here:
[2025-2027 Schedule](#)

May's Featured Artist is Bonnie Rinier

Join us this month for
a presentation by artist
Bonnie Rinier.



"Ragdoll Cat" by
Bonnie Rinier

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President's Palette



The 2026 Spring Art Show was a great way to start the month of May. YVAA organized and hosted the 2026 Spring Art Show that was part of the Yucaipa Music and Arts Festival at the Yucaipa Performing Arts Center. This year's show had more than one hundred entries from YVAA's members, community artists, and Yucaipa High School students. The art exhibition had eleven art categories that featured some of the most fantastic and creative art that showcased the talent of all artists. This year, the show included the new YPAC Immersive light projection show that really brought in traffic and elevated our art show further. YVAA wants to thank the many artists and photographers who entered this year's art show. Congratulations to all the show winners! YVAA has had an amazing season of art!

Many thanks for the generous donations from sponsors, members, and friends of YVAA. We received many donations for our bake sale and opportunity drawing prizes that helped our fundraising efforts. The show also presented the spring greeting card collection that had creative and colorful art and photography from our members. Overall, the show was a success and it would not be possible without the time and efforts from our volunteers and members.

This month, we are looking forward to featured artist, Bonnie Rinier, who will demo how to use marbled paper to create art on May 21st. We also invite all members to visit the YVAA booth at the Wildlands Arts & Nature Festival on May 16th in Oak Glen. As a reminder, YVAA members can continue to create art at the Wednesday group meetings at the Scherer Center, which continue through the summer months. We wish you a great summer break and look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.



Zully Martinez,
YVAA President

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use marbled paper
to create art!



“Ragdoll Cat”



“Conversation on the
Balcony”



“Lemon Rosemary
Marinade”

Featured Artist News



“Wolf in Springtime” by artist Bonnie Rinier.

The Yucaipa Valley Art Association will host Social artist, Bonnie Rinier, at the Thursday, May 21st meeting, where she will share her art techniques to create some amazing mixed media artwork. 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 Someset 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/>

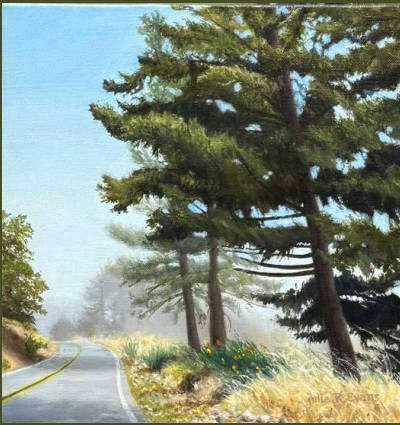
On May 21st, Bonnie Rinier will be demonstrating how to apply acrylic paint to handmade marbled paper. Bonnie will be painting a rooster, and she will show artists what the paper looks like before painting on it, and will have samples of finished paintings that started out as marbled paper. During her demonstration she will invite a few attendees that are interested in trying out marbling on a small bookmark size piece of watercolor paper. It will be a fun hands-on experience marbling for themselves.

Join us for the presentation on Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 pm by Bonnie Rinier, at the Scherer Center located at 12202 First Street, Yucaipa. There is no admission fee.

April's Best of Show Winner



Julie Evans was awarded the best of show ribbon and received 1st place in the oils category for her painting of a scenic misty road with pine trees.



The best of show winner was selected by featured artist Lucien Van Oosten because of Julie's painting techniques showing the fade out of a misty road and forest in the background.

April's Show Winners

The monthly art show featured a variety of member art and photography entries on display. Our many talented members won ribbons for their artwork at the meeting.



Oils: Julie Evans, 1st place.



Acrylics: Karen Hoak 1st place.



Watercolors: Debra Wick 1st, Mona Kadah 2nd, and Carol Maidlow 3rd place ribbon.



Mixed Media: Chris Stillians 1st, Aubrey Sanchez 2nd and 3rd.



Photography: Mario Martinez 1st, Kathryn Ravenwood 2nd and Bethanne Keirnan 3rd.

The featured Artist for April was Lucien Van Oosten



Artist Lucien Van Oosten and his art paintings using pointillism techniques.



Last Month's Featured Artist



Artist Lucien van Oosten demonstrating his techniques.

The featured artist at the Thursday, April 16th meeting was Lucien van Oosten. Lucien share his pointillism techniques in various mediums to create award-winning art. He shared his inspiration and what tools he uses to to creat his art.

Lucien van Oosten immigrated to America from the Netherlands in the 1950's. Once in the United States, his family took residency in the community of Pasadena, located in Southern California.

During his childhood, he went on hikes through the San Gabriel Mountains, augmented by visits to local zoos, aquariums, and nature centers, where his captivation with nature was established, and is seen by the depiction of nature variety throughout his artwork. Lucien's remarkable ability to capture the beauty and elegance of "The Rose," the strength of "The Oak" using various media in the pointillism technique as seen here. He is proficient in acrylic painting, pencil, colored pencil, pen/ink, and color artist markers. One of his favorite styles of drawing is pointillism. He started displaying his artwork in 2005 and has been selected to appear in numerous juried art shows, in Southern California and online

Lucien has held seminars and art lessons at the Cerritos Library, San Bernardino Depot Gallery, where he taught and demonstrate the pointillism technique made famous by the artist George Seurat. For 13 years he has been teaching, drawing and painting for the San Dimas City Parks and Recreation department. He belongs to several art associations in the southern California area. In 2013 he departed from animals and painted his first landscape, "The Oak", which won best of landscape art at the San Dimas Wildlife art show.

His art is on display in this gallery, and numerous other pieces can be seen and purchased online at ArtWanted.com and fineartamerica.com websites.

2026 Spring Art Show Winners



Best of Show winner, #113
"Love is Blind" by Rachel Renteria.



Best Use of Color winner, #803
"Egret at Dusk" by Mario Martinez.



Popular Vote winner, #310
"Under Sierra Stars" by
Patrick Hamman.

Click on the link for the 2026 Show Program to see the full list of winners.

2026 Spring Art Show



This year's YVAA 2026 Spring Art Show was a huge success! Once again, the YVAA Art Show was a part of the City of Yucaipa's 2026 Music and Arts Festival on Yucaipa Blvd and California Street. The two day show was held indoors at the Yucaipa Performing Arts Center along with a live flower show, the "Mother & Daughter Art Show" gallery exhibition and the brand new YPAC immersive art light show projection that drew in visitors to explore all the attractions.

The art exhibition had eleven art categories that featured some of the most fantastic and creative art that showcased the talent of all artists. Categories included oil, watercolor, acrylic, mixed media, digital art, art teacher/professional, photography, enhanced photography, photography teacher/professional and high school student art media. YVAA wants to thank the many artists and photographers who entered this year's art show. Click here to view the [2026 Spring Art Show Program and Winners](#). To view the 2026 Spring Art Show photo gallery online click here: [2026 Spring Art Show Photo Gallery](#)

Judging was done by two Southern California independent judges that are non-members of the Yucaipa Valley Art Association. The judges for this year's Spring Art Show were Joe Oakes, an award-winning fine artist and Josh Endres, an award-winning photographer.

Congratulations to the many artists who won ribbons and awards at this year's art show!

YPAC Gallery Art Exhibition



Artist Aubrey Sanchez at the YPAC gallery during the exhibition opening reception on April 29th.

YVAA member and mixed media artist, Aubrey Sanchez, will be exhibiting her artwork alongside her daughter, Morgan McCloskey, at the YPAC Art Gallery from April 28th to August 12th, 2026.

The mother and daughter exhibition was open for viewing during the Yucaipa Music and Arts Festival on May 2nd for an artist meet and greet in the front gallery.

Free admission.

Visit her website:

<http://www.artbyaubreysanchez.com>

YPAC Exhibition

Mother & Daughter Art Show
at the  Gallery



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Featuring
Aubrey Sanchez & Morgan McCloskey

Yucaipa Performing Arts Center
12062 California Street, Uptown Yucaipa
Show Dates: April 28 - August 12, 2026
Opening Reception: Wednesday, April 29th, 6-7pm
Artist Meet & Greet: May 2nd, 12-3pm & 5-6pm
during the Yucaipa Music & Arts Festival

Open for viewing during box office hours:
M-F, 4-7:45pm & during special events

*Free Admission
*Family Friendly















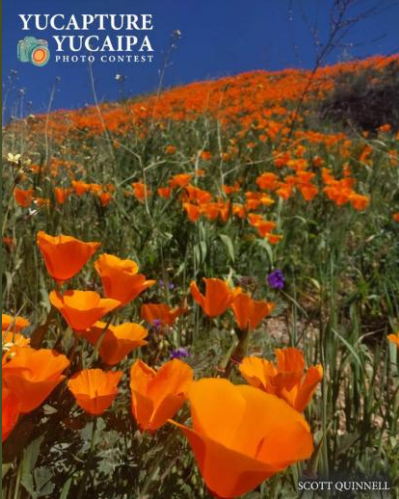
Aubrey Sanchez has called Yucaipa her home since 2004, although she grew up in both Yucaipa and Redlands. She is a self-taught artist who has been exhibiting locally since 2012. Much of her work includes mixed media paintings that are vibrant in color, texture, and meaning. While keeping ink & watercolor as a favorite combination, she is constantly experimenting with various mediums like liquid oils and acrylic sand to create a wide array of subject matter. Several of her pieces over the years have incorporated words, like poetry, lyrics, and quotes—some credited to others, but at times, words of her own. While working full-time, she's also been an active member of Yucaipa Valley Art Association and Redlands Art Association. With the unwavering support of her husband, she has continued to share her artwork with the community, many times exhibiting alongside her own daughter, Morgan.

Her daughter, Morgan McCloskey is a young up-and-coming artist who grew up in Yucaipa. Since childhood, she has had a fascination with video games, especially classics like Zelda and Mario, the ocean and its creatures, cats (especially her own), and a passion for creating art.

Morgan later graduated from Yucaipa High School with honors in 2023 and was the recipient of Yucaipa Valley Art Association's annual scholarship. She applied to her dream school, Laguna College of Art & Design, where she was not only accepted, but also the sole recipient of a full ride scholarship for her chosen major. She now resides in Laguna Beach, nearing the end of her sophomore year and working toward her bachelor's degree in Game Art.

This exhibition is ongoing and members can drop in weekly Monday through Fridays from 4:00 pm to 7:45 pm through August 12th, 2026.

Fun Photography Events and Competitions



The City of Yucaipa has announced a call to all photographers for 2026! 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 2027, so there is plenty of time to go out and get inspired to capture the splendor of our town!

The 2026 YuCapture Yucaipa Photo Contest is now open for submissions throughout the year. Read the rules and submit your photo capture by clicking the link for Entry Information:

<https://yucaipa.gov/photocontest>

Community News



The Wildlands Conservancy in Oak Glen is offering a great photography opportunity this summer on June 20th from 8:00 am to 10:00 am!

Get ready to snap some awesome bird pics even if you're just starting out, with tips and tricks to up your photo game! Lori Krum: Capturing the Wild Beauty of Nature. Lori Krum is an accomplished wildlife photographer based in the scenic landscapes of Southern California. Originally from Michigan, Lori nurtured her passion for nature and the great outdoors while exploring the rugged beauty of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. As she roamed the trails, her fascination with wildlife behaviors and their interactions within natural environments blossomed.

Lori's mission is to convey her deep love, appreciation, and awareness of nature and wildlife through her captivating images. She believes that the most effective way to preserve the beauty of the natural world and its inhabitants is to engage and inspire viewers. By capturing the essence of wildlife in its natural habitat, Lori hopes to foster a sense of wonder and responsibility in others, encouraging the protection and preservation of these precious ecosystems.

TWC invites you to join an exciting and informative photography workshop led by Lori Krum herself. Whether you're an aspiring photographer or a seasoned professional, this workshop offers a unique opportunity to learn from Lori's expertise and gain insights into capturing the essence of wildlife through your lens. Don't miss this chance to enhance your skills and deepen your connection with the natural world.

Visit the TWC website for more information and reservations:

<https://wildlandsconservancy.org/preserves/oakglen/publicprograms>

YVAA Members at National Orange Show



The 109th National Orange Show hosted an All California Juried Art Exhibition on April 14th 2026. Show representatives reported having the biggest turnout this year with 175 art submissions. When the awards were given out, YVAA member Julie R. Evans took first place in the open category with her oil painting titled "Malachi" (a portrait of an adorable and energetic dog). YVAA congratulates Julie for her achievement at the National Orange Show competition.

Other YVAA members that also entered the Orange Show were Debra Wick and Mona Kadah.



Debra's painting was called "Working the Grove on a rainy day."



Mona's entry was titled "Soft Light."

Wildlands Arts & Nature Festival

Saturday, May 16, 2026 | 9:00-3:30 PM
A CELEBRATION OF NATURE, ART, AND MORE

FREE activities, art exhibitions, crafts, and more!

Oak Glen Preserve | 39611 Oak Glen Road #10, Oak Glen, CA. 92399
 oakglen_education@wildlandsconservancy.org | 909-790-3698

Once again, YVAA will have a booth at the Wildlands Conservancy's Arts and Nature Festival on May 16th, 2026. This event is a great local event and artist networking opportunity which helps us get the word out about YVAA. The festival is a way to celebrate creativity and culture with nature in the beautiful and verdant setting of Oak Glen. The event will feature a local art market, student art, a photography exhibition, wildflower hikes, a bird walk, live performances and much, much more.

The Arts and Nature Festival at the Oak Glen Preserve will be on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. "Don't miss a day filled with hands-on art activities, live performances, nature adventures, and the chance to support local artists and conservation efforts!"

YVAA will have a booth and we will exhibit a few art pieces, sell greeting cards and handout YVAA flyers at this event. Members that are interested in volunteering for a few hours or showing some of their own art can sign-up to volunteer. Download the volunteer form here [VOLUNTEER FORM](#).

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to experience art and nature in harmony. We look forward to seeing you there!

Member News



YVAA welcomes new members:

- Kat Perez
- Julianna Aparicio-Curtis
- Roya Damsaz

We are glad they have joined our art organization.

BECOME A MEMBER or RENEW!

Download here:

[Membership Application](#)

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Become a Volunteer



YVAA Board Volunteers Needed

We wish to thank all the current board members for their ongoing help as we organize our summer activities!

While we are thrilled to have filled some vacant board member positions, we have others that are still need to be filled. 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 in the fall. Send an email to Zully Martinez at yvaamail92@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering as a board member.

Summary Job Descriptions

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.

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.