

Next Meeting:

Thursday, Dec. 11th
at 6:00 pm
at the Scherer Center
12202 First Street, Yucaipa

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



Dec. 11th is the Christmas Party!

Potluck and Craft Night

Join us this month
for a festive evening,
delicious foods, and a DIY
Christmas craft night!

Arrive early at 6:00 pm.



Make a Holiday
reindeer painting

Yucaipa Valley Art Association

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President's Palette



For the month of November, we had a fantastic presentation by artist Joe A. Oakes. His dramatic mountain landscapes were amazing and the information he shared on his bold and vibrant color techniques and methods were very informative. I hope his presentation motivates our members to try out new color and painting techniques to create new artwork to share at the monthly shows.

We are thrilled that we have added new members in November. Last month, we had two (2) new members sign-up to join YVAA. We would like to welcome our new members. New members enrolled through our website via our online membership page. This is an indicator of how our website is vital to our ongoing efforts to get the word out about our great organization.

Our Winter Art Exhibition at the YPAC was very successful. Not only did we host an artists' reception on Nov. 13th, but we had a second showing on November 29th. The member response and entries for the Winter Art Exhibition was very positive. We had 8 artists submit artwork and photography entries for this exhibition. Partnering with the YPAC to exhibit art to the public has been very beneficial and provided us with more visibility and exposure to showcase our member art in the community. This holiday season I am grateful to be part of the YVAA team of volunteers that are passionate about art and give a helping hand to promote art for the community to enjoy! Thank you to all the YVAA volunteers who have helped make it possible.

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season!

Zully Martinez, President

December 11th is the Christmas Party 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!



Take a festive snapshot at the photobooth!



Make a painted wooden ornament or a holiday reindeer painting.

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 9 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.

Best of Show Ribbon Winner



Julie Evans received best of show and second place for her oil painting titled of a little puppy.



The best of show was selected by the featured artist, Joe A. Oakes selected this painting for its detail and colors.



Oil painting by Julie Evans.

November'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 monthly meeting. It is always fun to see each members latest creations and to get to see all the artists' creativity.



Oils: Julie Evans, 1st



Acrylic, Bob Norris 1st and Karen Hoak 2nd.



Enhanced photography
Steve Chase 1st.



Watercolor: Debra Wick 1st and Carol Maidlow 2nd.



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



Photography: Carol Ann Larsen 1st, Tom Fontanes 2nd, Mario Martinez 2nd, Bob Norris 2nd tied. Aubrey Sanchez 3rd and Enrique Lima 3rd, tied.

To read and download the monthly show entry guidelines, including the art categories click here: [Getting Your Artwork Ready For Display.](#)

Featured Artist for November was Joe A. Oakes



Artist Joe A. Oakes



Art titled "River Gorge"



Art titled "Through the Canyons"

November's Featured Artist



Joe A. Oakes gives a live demonstration on his color process.

For the month of November, the featured artist was west and southwest artist, Joe A. Oakes. 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.

At the November monthly show, Joe demonstrated how to start with a vivid and bold color on his canvas and then he sketched in his shapes. He explained his color choices in his palette which he used to create contrast, shapes and shadows in his landscape painting. He also showed the audience how to create a dramatic sky using light purple shades of color. His painting and color techniques create very dramatic landscapes that are visually outstanding.

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 in SoCal, California. For more information about Joe Oakes and upcoming workshops, 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)

Winter Public Art Exhibition



Three Month Art Exhibition

Display Dates:
12/1/25 to 3/2/26



Thank You YVAA members for your response!

We had more than 8 artist submit applications.

Art will be on display at



@VillageBreadCalimesa

1007 Calimesa Blvd.,
Suite R, Calimesa

Upcoming Art Exhibitions



We had a fantastic response to this new art exhibition this winter.

More than eight YVAA artists submitted applications to be a part of this public art exhibition.

- Artists that applied were notified on Friday, November 28th via email for the selection of one of their entries due to limited space.
- Artwork is to be delivered on Monday, Dec. 1st at Village Bread. YVAA members will be onsite to handle the intake of artwork between 2:00 pm and 2:30 pm that day. YVAA must be done with the art display by 3:00 pm that day.
- This is a three-month public exhibition that will run from Dec. 1st, 2025 to March 2, 2026 at Village Bread Calimesa.

For more info contact Enrique Lima at email: yvaacontact2@gmail.com

Winterfest Art Exhibition



Featured Artists:

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



The YPAC gallery was open to the public for viewing during the festival on **Saturday, Nov. 29th, 12:00-5:30 pm**
12062 California St.
Yucaipa, CA.

Thank you to volunteers **Enrique Lima, Debra Wick and Aubrey Sanchez** who helped out that day.

YPAC Art Exhibition



A second viewing was available for the Winterfest Art Exhibition at the Yucaipa Performing Arts Center (YPAC) gallery, which was open to the public on November 29th from 12:00 pm to 5:30 pm. The Winterfest Art Exhibition featured artwork from eight (8) YVAA members. Below are a few highlights of the artist at the YPAC gallery during the opening of the exhibition. Visit the website for all photo highlights.



Enrique Lima, Daryl Bryan and Zully Martinez



Karen Hoak



Tom Fontanes



Holli Z. Austin

Debra Wick

Aubrey Sanchez

Bethanne Keirnan

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.

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](#)**

Need a Year End Tax Write Off?



Donate today!

Members can donate to YVAA's annual student scholarship program throughout the year. Help us with a donation for our 2026 student scholarship program.

Through the annual scholarship awards, YVAA makes a difference towards furthering the educational goals of art students in our community.

Click Here to download: [Scholarship Donation Form](#)

Mail or bring the form in person to YVAA.



Members can also donate to our general donation fund that helps YVAA keep running its operations and to cover costs for art events.

Click Here to download: [General Donation Form](#)

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YVAA Fundraising



YVAA's fundraising efforts help to support our goal to promote art in our community. As a 501c non-profit organization, YVAA relies on membership subscriptions, art shows and fundraising efforts to keep us going and to support scholarship awards each year. In recent years, YVAA has experienced some funding cuts from city grants and increased rental facility fees for the Scherer Center. For these reasons, YVAA continues to promote fundraising activities and/or events that help us support our operating costs and fund our student scholarship program. How can you help? Consider donating to our scholarship fund or our general operating fund or through other fundraising events throughout the year.

Support our student scholarship program by making a donation to YVAA. Graduating seniors receive scholarship awards June of 2026. There is plenty of time to donate. Click the donation form to contribute. Click here to download the: [Scholarship Donation Form](#)

Click here to download the: [General Donation Form](#) Mail or bring the form in person to a YVAA meeting.



2025 YVAA Scholarship recipient, Gretchen Zinner at the awards ceremony.

Member News



YVAA welcomes new members:

- Rodger Goltart
- Christopher Stillians

We are glad they have all joined our art organization.

Have a Holly, Jolly Season!

BECOME A MEMBER!

Download by clicking here:
[Membership Application](#)

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YVAA 2026 Membership




With the holidays fast approaching, we want to remind our current members to renew their membership this December. The YVAA membership is \$30.00 and by renewing for the year, members are guaranteed continued membership for inclusion to our season of art and photography activities for 2026. Members can pay their annual membership this month at the next YVAA meeting. We will have some extra forms handy for you to fill out at the December 11th Christmas Party meeting.

Members can renew by paying electronically using our bank-linked Zelle payment method by using our email yvaamail92@gmail.com. Notify us of your Zelle payment for your new membership or renewal to the same email address. You can now pay your membership through our website by selecting the Membership tab. You can also send your membership payment via regular US postal mail to YVAA, P.O. Box 404, Yucaipa, CA 92399.

Renewing or new members can download and fill out the PDF application, mail it in, drop it off in person or send it via email to yvaamail92@gmail.com So, send in your renewal forms right away!

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