

MISSION STATEMENT

The Vail Valley Art Guild is dedicated to enriching lives by promoting and fostering artistic growth by building awareness of the visual arts in Eagle County. We' do this by:

Connecting local visual artists to an artistic community through exhibitions, gallery opportunities, local projects, membership meetings and workshops.

Supporting visual arts education for our youth, seniors and underprivileged.

Spotlighting artistic talent in the Vail Valley.

Vail Valley Art Guild is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit charitable organization.

www.vailvalleyartguild.com



VAIL VALLEY ART GUILD

ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH THE VISUAL ARTS

On **Friday, February 7th**, the Vail Valley Art Guild, at the request of the Minturn Community Fund, will be showcasing a new poster entitled "Minturn's Historic Building Core" by local architect **Beth Levine**. The poster depicts sketches of familiar storefronts around Minturn and will be on sale for \$35. Beth Levine is a local architect who has been practicing in the Vail Valley for over 30 years. She is a licensed architect and holds degrees in architecture, environmental design and mechanical engineering. Beth will be available to sign posters during the reception.

VVAG Photographers **Brett Forlano**, **Scott Pope**, **Raymond Bleesz**, **Ellen Stone** and **Michelle Cawood** have interesting photos on display of local and exotic locations. Artists **Missy Octave**, **Barbara Holden** and **Soodi Kick** are showing works that depict local scenes in pastel, acrylics and watercolor mediums. Abstract artist **Tara Novak** is exhibiting a wonderful series of paintings overlaid with an epoxy glass mixture.

Come and enjoy the exhibit and reception at the Vail Valley Art Guild Gallery in Minturn.

FEBRUARY First Friday // February 7 // 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. • 291 Main St. // Minturn // Please join us! FREE



EagleARTS and the Town of Eagle are putting together a fun and exciting immersive arts experience during ARTwalk on Broadway the evening of **February 14** – a 1920s Mobster & Moll-themed Murder Mystery game set in Swingers Speakeasy in Chicago. Join us for a night of fun, who dunnit, costumes, music, refreshments & art!

Who killed Mickey "Ma" Scapone? Was is **Tony/Toni Tortellini** (Mickey Scapone's Lieutenant)? or femme fatal **Bonnie Enclyde** (singer, dancer and Mickey's moll)? Don't be fooled by **Robin Folks** (Mickey Scapone's accountant) or **Harvey Wallbanger** (the bartender). The list of shady suspects also includes **Bunny Hugg** (the newest singer at the club), **Sly Shyster** (a questionable politician), and **Candy Stealer** (Sly Shyster's fiancée). Find out what **Elliot Mess** (Mafia stooge) has to say... but before he does... join in the high jinks and see if you can solve the crime!!!!

FEBRUARY Second Friday // February 14 // 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. • 108 W. Second St. // Eagle // Please join us! FREE



The Guild's Annual Christmas Party, December 13th at the Second Friday ARTWalk in Eagle!



Guild member **Beth Levine** (see feature on front page, February First Friday in Minturn) with her poster and the individual sketches of the Minturn buildings appearing in the composite work.

Signed posters will be on sale for \$35 at the February First Friday reception in Minturn.



DUES R Due

If you need to renew your Vail Valley Art Guild membership, bring \$50 in cash, check, or charge card to one of the galleries, or mail to:

Vail Valley Art Guild
P.O. Box 9733
Avon, CO 81620

Library Shows

Opportunities to Exhibit

You may organize a show just for yourself or you can put on a show with 1-2 other artists. Please contact Chris Sena directly, cgsena5@gmail.com, for available dates and details about setting up a show.

VAIL • AVON • GYPSUM libraries



Contact Mio Cirkovic to RSVP space in his weekly art classes in February and March

For a schedule of classes fees, and location please contact Mio directly. **970-376-3184**.

CONGRATULATIONS GUILD ARTISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS!

In 2019 the Vail Valley Art Guild paid out a massive **\$13,711.51 in artist commissions!** With two great galleries and strong showings at the local libraries and CMC, we have had more art exhibitions and sales than ever before! Well done to everyone! I look forward to doing even better in 2020!

– Andrew Pranger, Guild President

January Second Friday in Eagle



Ann Loper



Longtime ceramicist and guild member **Ann Loper** filled the Eagle gallery with her marvelous creations for the January 2020 Second Friday Show & Reception in Eagle. Ann is a master of the ancient raku firing technique and her work is highly collectible. Ann has won numerous awards in juried shows and has attended workshops at the Anderson Ranch in Snowmass.



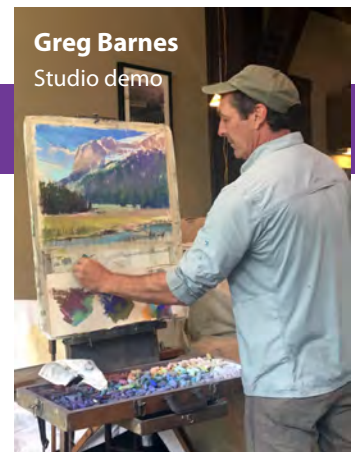
workshop

Back by popular demand, North Carolina artist, **Greg Barnes** will be instructing a Pastel Workshop **June 29, 30, and July 1**. The format of the class will be a 2-day studio followed by a one day plein air class. At press time, all details have not been ironed out, however we are looking into a possible 2-day plein air class, provided there is interest (or possibly a one-day studio for those of you who have very little time). We also may start the class on June 28 if there is sufficient interest. The Pastel Workshop is filling up. If you are interested in taking the class, please contact Joann Carhart Levy by texting to 970-471-0853.



Greg mentoring a student during a plein air day at a private ranch location

Greg Barnes
Studio demo



Laura Moore in Greg's Pastel Workshop held at Cordillera Cafe last June





Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness.
 –Seneca

The Vail Valley Art Guild is excited to announce that we will be partnering with the Eagle Valley Community Foundation for the month of March! We will be conducting food drives at both our First and Second Friday Receptions in March as well as giving portion of Treasure Chest sales to help support their Community Market. The Eagle Valley Community Foundation seeks to work within the community to ensure that all local families, and especially children, regardless of background, have access to services including healthy food, basic healthcare and early childhood education. The Community Market works to address food insecurity, improve access to healthy food, and reduce food waste.

So, please help the Guild help our community by dropping off much needed items at our food drives in March! Here's what they need:

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| Canned tuna, chicken, salmon | Low sugar/high fiber cereals |
| Dry or canned beans | Oatmeal |
| Lentils | Dried fruits |
| Nut butters such as peanut butter or almond butter | Applesauce |
| Nuts | Fruit leather (100% fruit) |
| Low-sodium soups or stews | Fruits in 100% fruit juice |
| Tomato products | Pasta sauce |
| Low-sodium canned vegetables | 100% fruit and vegetable juices |
| Pasta | Cooking oil, such as olive oil |
| Rice | Dried herbs and spices |
| Flour | Pantry Staples: flour, sugar, etc. |
| Tortillas | |



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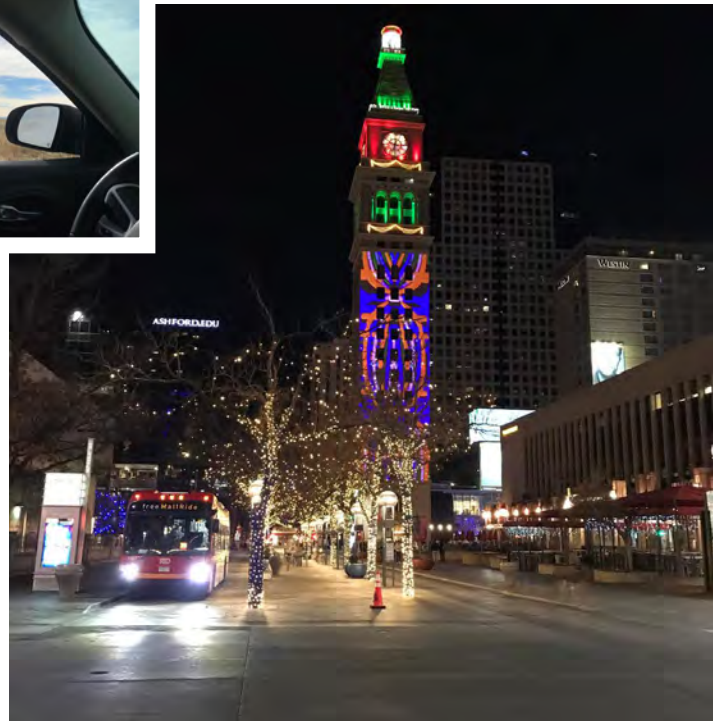
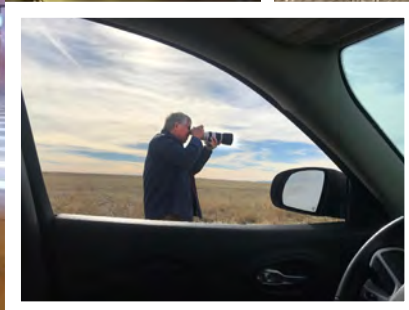
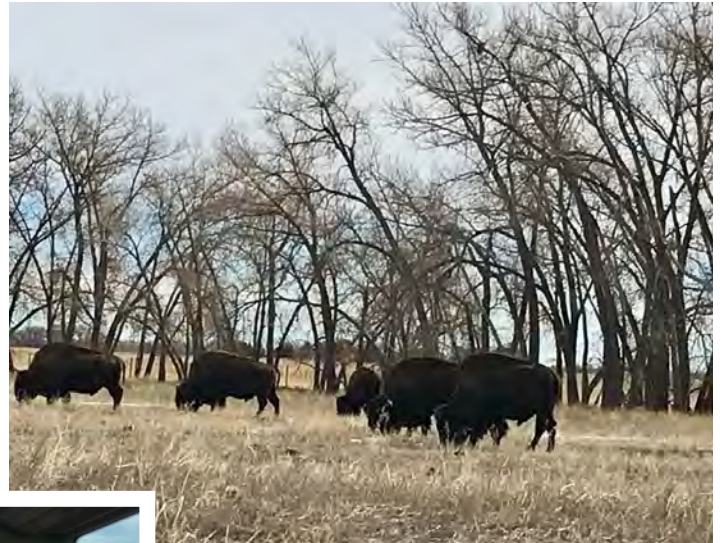
March, 6: First Friday // Minturn
March, 13: Second Friday // Eagle



The annual **Plein Air Convention** will be held in Denver this year, **May 2-6**, in Westminster, featuring demos and lectures by some of the nations best plein air painters. Exhibits, art booths and more. There are a few spots left. To find out additional information: www.pleinairconvention.com.

PhotographyNews

For news about upcoming photography field trips or special events, please contact Rick Spitzer at spitzerr@comcast.net.



On Saturday, January 14th, a number of VVAG photographers toured Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge during daylight hours and then headed over to Denver to photograph the Christmas lights. The guild photographers would love to include you on their next adventure.... contact Rick: spitzerr@comcast.net