

EVERYTHING IS WAITING...

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In his poem, 'Everything is Waiting for You', David Whyte invites us: *"Put down the weight of your aloneness and ease into the conversation. The kettle is singing even as it pours you a drink. You must note the way the window latch grants you freedom. Alertness is the hidden discipline of familiarity."* The world around us comes alive when we notice the details of that world over and over again, by paying attention: *"Instructions for living a life. Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it."* (Poet Mary Oliver). As we come into a season where we celebrate gratitude for our blessings, let's start by noticing something we haven't seen or heard before in what's familiar to us. Everything is waiting.



RioVision is a 100% volunteer organization. As familiar as many of those faces have become as we work together in service of our mission, we took time to stop and pay attention at our Volunteer Appreciation event at the Veteran's Memorial Hall on November 5th. 77 volunteers, including 7 board members who served beverages and hors d'oeuvres (prepared by RioVision board member Jenny Emigh and her helpers) received certificates of recognition.



2 board members who could not be present addressed volunteers via video. From the podium, board members and committee chairpersons reviewed major RioVision projects and programs, acknowledging volunteers by name who keep them going. Great interactions and lots of smiles. We welcome a broad variety of skills, talents, and able hands. Join us! Learn more about us at riovistavision.com. (Pictured: new volunteer coordinator, Kathy Hill)

A number of RioVision volunteer artists and artisans are actively preparing holiday designs and decorations for the upcoming 2017 Holiday Home tour which showcases 4 historic homes in Old Rio Vista including the Dutra Museum (<http://dutramuseum.org/>) and 3 lovely Trilogy homes including the Vensa Model home which Shea Homes has allowed us to decorate for the tour. Come on December 2nd to enjoy the carefully crafted details, be astonished, and then tell about it! Check in at 101 N. Front Street to pick up your program and self-guided tour map any time after 10:30am on the 2nd. There you can enter the RioVision raffle as well as stop by the Rio Vista Museum, 16 N. Front St, (hosting its Old Tyme Christmas Faire beginning at 10am) for a free RioVision raffle ticket.

RioVision has welcomed the Soroptimist Club to join the activities of the day by hosting a box lunch and sponsoring a Decorated Christmas Tree raffle at 101 N. Front St. We believe that working with other non-profits provides Rio Vistans with more enriching experiences. The trees have been set up for preview in various downtown locations. Find more information at discoverriovista.com/events and riovistamuseum.com/events. Home Tour tickets are on sale now at Pets4All, the Visitor Center, and EventBrite.com.

Thursday December 14th is the deadline to enter the Beacon's Holiday (external) Home Decorating contest via e-mail to riovistabeacon@gmail.com. Judging will be done from 6-9pm on Friday, December 15th. Open to all homes within Rio Vista city limits including Vineyard Bluffs, Homecoming and Trilogy.

RioVision welcomes newly appointed Mayor of Rio Vista, Ron Kott, and his appointed Assistant Mayor, Constance Boulware, as they "ease into the conversation" in their new capacity. Mayor Kott joined the Information Forum this past Monday, November 13th, at the Veterans Memorial Hall to speak on future development in Rio Vista, including marijuana related industries.

Keep an eye on What's Happening in Rio Vista for upcoming community and holiday events. Everything is waiting for you....

