

Schedule

Thursday Feb 19, 2026

Registration & Social Gathering
Lute's Casino 221 S Main St

3:30 - 6:30pm

Introduction of Presenters and Orientation
Historic Yuma Theater

7:00pm

Friday Feb 20, 2026

Registration (continues)

78 W 2nd Street

Presentations

8:00 - 10:00am

All day

Friday evening - at the Yuma Art Center

Presenter Exhibition, Student Show & Small Works Auction
Show Your Stuff

Saturday Feb 21, 2026

Presentations

Saw, File, & Solder Sprints

Annual Dinner and Dance

All day

Saturday afternoon

Saturday evening



Colleen Mullins

Our 47th year is another major milestone for our little organization! One that brings pride and celebration for the many years of sharing our creative passions and connecting community. Unfortunately, it also presents a major funding issue for the symposium to overcome. The pandemic, rising expenses and lower than usual attendance have exhausted our financial resources making a fund-raising campaign crucial. The Yuma Art Symposium launched a fundraising goal last year of fifty thousand dollars and that goal was nearly reached! In order to survive past our 47th year, we have again set a goal of fifty thousand dollars. This is no small task, but we have a plan and are confident our community of artists and supporters around the country will help us meet and dare we say exceed our goals.



Kay Yee



DONATE

How can you help? Attend the 47th Symposium and bring a friend or visit **Yumasymposium.org** for support and donation information.

A complete schedule and event map will be provided in your registration packet. **FOR MORE INFORMATION** go to www.yumasymposium.org or contact Neely Tomkins, YAS Executive Director, 78 West 2nd Street, Yuma AZ 85364 • (928) 750-1195 • Email: neelyandgeorge@gmail.com

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Susan Beiner

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SYMPOSIUM

47

February 19-21, 2026
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YUMA ART SYMPOSIUM 47

The Yuma Art Symposium is a series of demonstrations, lectures and visual presentations given by both internationally recognized and emerging artists who have demonstrated unusual talent. The 47th Yuma Symposium begins on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026 with registration, a social gathering and the traditional pin swap. Orientation and informal introductions of the presenters will follow at 7 pm at the Yuma Theater.

Exhibitions & Events

PRE-SYMPOSIUM AT ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE - Thursday Feb 19th

Arizona Western College, in conjunction with the Yuma Symposium, hosts the “Pre-Symposium Day at AWC” on Thursday morning and early afternoon. Four presenters will give previews of their symposium presentations free to the public.

PIN SWAP For 44 years participants have made pins, usually in their preferred medium, ranging from the goofy to the sublime. The best access to and selection of pins will be at registration on Thursday. However, pins are traded and sold throughout the symposium.

STUDENT EXHIBITION Students attending the symposium are encouraged to show a single “installation-ready” work in the student exhibition, which is displayed concurrently with the presenter exhibition Friday evening. **ONLINE REGISTRATION!** All Student show submissions **MUST** be registered online **before midnight February 5, 2026** to be included in the exhibition. If you have not registered online by the deadline you will not have work in the exhibition!

SMALL WORKS AUCTION This yearly **fundraiser** is a highlight of our Friday night festivities. Symposium attendees and artists from around the country are invited to donate small works of art that are auctioned (silently) during the opening of the exhibition on Friday evening. This is a great opportunity to add to your contemporary art collection. Many of the top artists in the country donate to the auction. All proceeds benefit the Yuma Art Symposium.

SHOW YOUR STUFF Show Your Stuff is an event that turns the symposium attendee into the symposium presenter. Participants have the opportunity to give a 5 minute presentation of their personal work on Friday night of the symposium. It is a wonderful way to get your work out in public, practice your public speaking, or, if desired, ask the audience for their constructive feedback. See website for more information.

SAW, FILE & SOLDER SPRINTS Three-person relay teams usually, but not necessarily, skilled in metals convert the making of a simple ring into an exciting sports event. Naturally, gorgeous trophies will be awarded to the winning teams. Put a team together and challenge the champs!



Richard Notkin

Presenters

Adam Atkinson METALS/WOOD

I Wanna Be a Cowboy, Baby

Susan Beiner CERAMICS

Next to Nature

Natalie Conway PAINTING

The Gesso Garden

Kirk Lang METALS

Looking Up, Looking Down, to See the In-Between

Colleen Mullins MIXED MEDIA

Colleen Mullins Isn't Interested in Photography Anymore

Richard Notkin CERAMICS

Approaching Six Decades of Social and Political Commentary in Ceramic Art

Anika Smulovitz METALS

The Quiet Power of Wearable Art

Terri Warpinski PHOTOGRAPHY

Restless Earth – lens-based mixed media assemblage and installation

Bethany Laranda Wood

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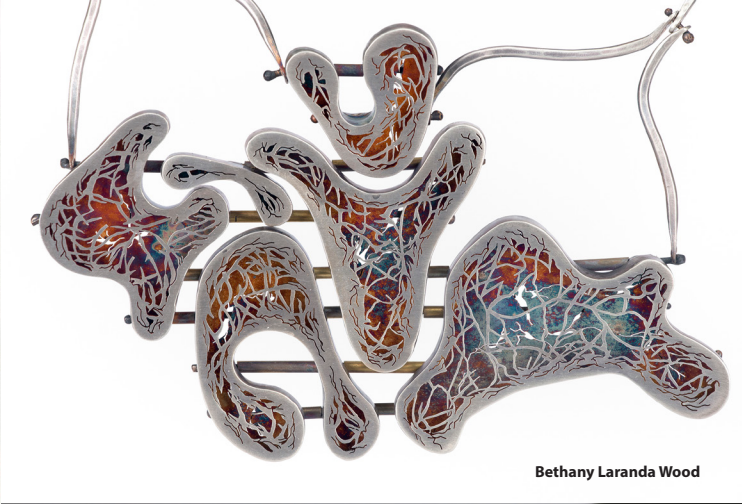
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Kay Yee METALS

From Professor to Studio Artist



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