The Valley Center Art Gallery continues to move forward toward its goal of bringing an art facility to Valley Center, on the County property next to the Library and History Museum, creating a cultural complex for our community.

A lot of exciting things have transpired in the past few months. The VCAG has received multiple grants and donations to help deliver Arts to our community. We've expanded the Board with notable new community members, and we've made great progress in securing a permanent space for the Gallery.

Officials from San Diego County Library and Supervisor Jim Desmon's office have all expressed great support for the concept in meetings with the Gallery Board of Directors. The County officials have also informed the Gallery Board that a grant has been secured by the County to perform a feasibility study of the Gallery plan and concept. The study will be performed by County personnel later this year.

In the meantime, the Gallery Board has partnered with the Valley Center Library to use the Library's Community Room as an exhibit and gathering space for shows and receptions. This will give the Gallery a regular face in the community, with several shows planned for the near future. Upcoming shows include an exhibition of art depicting local fauna and flora in conjunction with the Bee and Butterfly festival and an exhibition of art celebrating Western Days. Other exhibits are planned on a bi-monthly basis.

Details of upcoming shows, display and other event can be found on the Gallery Website <u>https://valleycenterartgallery.org/</u> The Gallery runs on donation from local individual and business. Funds go to operation expenses. Donations can be made through PayPal on the Gallery website.