

DECEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

December Opening

Friday evening, December 3, was another successful opening for the Desert Art Center. Thanks to the efforts of **Adele Hill** and **Winnie Collins** for hanging and placing the artwork and decorating for the holidays the gallery is very festive and attractive.

With this opening, the gallery has a new look. On the south wall of the main gallery, glass shelves have been installed for display of ceramics and other three dimensional art. The wall now displays the Desert Art Center Instructor's art.



Again at the opening we were treated to the live music provided by Joe Baldino, who also entertained at the October opening.

With sixteen new members there were a lot of new faces at this opening and the Board welcomes them all.



The Board would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and looks forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

DECEMBER - JANUARY Schedule of Events

December 3, 6 to 8pm: **OPENING AND MEET THE ARTIST RECEPTION**

December 11, 10am: **BOARD MEETING**

December 12, **HOLIDAY LUNCH** 12 noon at the O'Donnell Club

January 8, 10am: **BOARD MEETING**

January 11, 2pm: **GENERAL MEETING** with a jewelry demonstration by Pfeiffer Nicole Brookes

January 15 – 21, **STUDENT ART SHOW**

January 31, 10am to 4pm: **ART INTAKE** – Gallery Members Only

Student Art Show Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with our juried art show of artwork by our local high school students the week of January 15th 2011. The show is not only a place for students to display their work, but also an opportunity for us to further our mission of promoting art in our community. For information please call Don Dietz at 760-671-5000.

Pride in our Gallery

Our gallery is "looking good", decorated for the holidays and with a new show. We have 16 new members. The quality of the paintings, sculptures, photos, jewelry and other media make a very attractive display.

We just want to remind our members to submit their very best to the gallery. It does us no good to show paintings that have sat in the closet for too long. Make sure your paintings are well framed and clean. Make sure they are the very best you can do. Make us proud to show them in the gallery!

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In Memory



Sally Ward

Sally Ward passed away on November 16, 2010 leaving a legacy of over 3,000 watercolors and oils in homes, businesses, galleries, public buildings and private collections all over the world.

She lived with her daughter in Tucson Arizona and was still painting when she turned 101 last June.

The Montana-born painter, Sally Ward, moved to Palm Springs in 1973 and became part of a pack of avid desert painters who roamed the dunes and boulders. She painted often with her friend Louise Tennyson, who passed away last July.

She was a long time member and Life Member of the Desert Art Center

Among her fellow painters, she is remembered for being a master of plein aire, and the stories of her painting experiences will continue to delight her family and friends. At Sally's request, no funeral will be held, but an art display will be held soon, with details to be announced at a later date. She would ask that you donate to art programs in local schools and do all you can to encourage young artists.

Plein Air Painting Schedule

December 2	Ironwood Park
December 18	Mission Creek
January 6 and 15	Coachella Preserve
February 3	Painted Canyon
February 19	Snow Creek
March 3	San Jacinto Monument Visitor Center
March 19	Box Canyon
April 7 and 16	Coachella Preserve
May 5	Indian Canyons

Contact person: Elaine Mathews 760-328-4911
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Publicity Chairman

The Board would like to thank Ramona Skola for her help in this past fall publicity for the Desert Art Center. Due to other commitments she is unable to continue in the position of Publicity Chair and the Board is now seeking a volunteer to take on this very important position to the Art Center. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Board President Louise Passey at 310 629-8155

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES for FALL 2010

The Desert Art Center is pleased to present its schedule of Fall 2010 classes. Please call the instructors to sign up for classes and be advised of supplies.

MONDAYS

10-1 pm **Betty Jacobs, OILS**

Betty has been teaching art for many years and won numerous awards for her works. This class is for beginner to intermediate students. Please call Betty for rates.
(760) 328-6663

1:30-4:30 pm **Carolyn Hawley, OILS**

Carolyn has been teaching and showing nationally since 1990. She is a member of the Women Artists Of The West and Oil Painters of America. See her work at Danskin Gallery in Palm Desert. Beginner to Advanced students. Preregistration, 4 class for \$140. Classes start Monday October 18.
website: www.hawleyfineart.com
(760) 401-3639

TUESDAYS

9-12 pm **Terry Masters, OILS**

Terry was raised here in the desert and has a beautiful appreciation of our valley and desert life. These classes are for beginner to advanced students. Terry's art is known nationally as well as here in the desert.
\$130 for 4. Website: www.desertpainter.com
(760) 324-8300

1-4 pm **Elaine Mathews, OILS/ACRYLICS**

Elaine holds a BA in Art and an MA in teaching. Her large paintings are included in several corporate collections. Classes are for beginner to intermediate students who will paint from photos and learn plein air techniques.
\$115 for 4. (760) 328-4911

WEDNESDAYS

9-12 pm **Kay Henkel, SCULPTURE**

Kay works as a full-time artist out of her studio and gallery in Palm Springs. An honored member of the National Sculpture Society, she uses varied media including clay, plaster and bronze. Many celebrities have purchased her works. Beginner to advanced students.
Call for rates: (760) 320-5276

9-12pm **John Malmquist, DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

John is an internationally published photographer, working in Los Angeles for over 10 years. He wants to help others learn about digital photography, a skill that has become a necessity in the digital age. Beginners to Intermediate: \$100 for 4 classes pr \$30 for 1. Website: www.pixdude.com
(661) 607 5644

1-4 pm **Moira Johannesssen, WATERCOLORS**

Moira's popular classes are well attended, so call for reservations. She has won many awards in local and national shows. She teaches the different techniques of watercolor to students from beginner to intermediate.
\$100 for 4. \$30 for 1. (760) 322 2523

THURSDAYS

9-12 pm **David Farrington, OILS**

David has an extensive background in painting and drawing. He has painted over 500 personal portraits, ballet subjects and he was a Combat Artist for the US Army. \$140 for 4. Website: www.davidfarrington.com
(951) 966-6800

THURSDAYS continued:

9-12 pm **Don Dietz, STAINED GLASS (at Don's Studio)**

Don is a retired teacher with an MA in Vocational Education. He has been making stained glass for 12 years. His work sells throughout the US and Canada. Students learn glass selection, pattern transfer, cutting, grinding, foiling, soldering and finishing. Students will complete a basic project. \$25 per class. (760) 671-5000

9-12 pm **Frances Poole, DRAWING-the painters foundation**

Class is designed as a first step for those wishing to take painting classes or to improve drawing skills. All levels welcome. Frances has her MFA in Drawing and painting, has taught Art for 15 years and is an award winning artist whose paintings have shown nationally in Galleries and Museums for 25 years. Web: <http://www.francespoole.com>
4 classes: \$100. \$30: for one 760-288-3162

1-4 pm **Moira Johannesssen, WATERCOLORS**

See Wednesday's description

FRIDAYS

9-12 pm **Louise Passey, OILS**

Louise is a full-time resident of Palm Springs and has a background in art teaching, set design, fantasy costume design for TV and clothing design. She has an MA with a major in painting and has received recognition in many national and local shows. \$100 for 4.
(310) 629-8155

9-4 pm **Rafael Maniago, OILS**

Rafael is a premier artist from the Philippines where he is known as the "Master Painter of Portraits". He made his name in the art world with his beautiful paintings of figures and landscapes. He limits his class to 7 students and you must call Karen Brobeck for reservations. \$110 for the day.
(760) 322-7303

SATURDAYS

9-12 pm **Meridy Volz, LIFE DRAWING**

Meridy is one of our most popular teachers. Her subjects are nude models. You will have exercises to loosen up and instruction on how to render the human figure. Warm-up is usually in charcoal on newsprint with longer poses in the medium of your choice. \$120 for 4.
(760) 668-9852

9-12 pm **Don Dietz, STAINED GLASS (at Don's Studio)**

See Thursday's description

1-4 pm **Tony Diorio, OILS**

Tony is a master with the palette knife with his beautiful oils of seascapes, flowers and landscapes. He has taught painting and studied art most of his life. Come learn an exciting new way to paint. \$30 per class.
(760) 329-1089 or (760) 534-0043

SUNDAYS

9-12 pm **David Kelly, WATERCOLOR/GOUACHE**

David has extensive experience painting in watercolor. His class will be traditional watercolor for beginner to advanced students. You will work from photographs and observations.
\$120 - 4. (760) 327-3979

Artist of the Month

The ballots are in and counted and the first of our 'ARTIST OF THE MONTH' have been selected by our viewing public. For October and November, Louise Passey and Jim Chamberlain tied in the two dimensional category and Sergio Naduville ceramics was selected for the three dimensional art.

With over 250 ballots, the Board feels this was a very successful project and will continue for the rest of the gallery 2010-2011 season. The next artist(s) of the month will be announced in our January Newsletter.

Almost everyone in the gallery received a vote and many comments on the art and the gallery were received:

- 'Good skin color' and 'love her work' (**Barbara Mathenay** for Irish Bob)
- 'happy experience' (**Kay Henkel's** Wind Dancers)
- 'Very nice color, use of brush strokes, consistent throughout, beautiful color' (**Terry Masters**)
- 'Original concept, mysterious texture' (**Francis Poole** the Guardian)
- 'Very nice use of color' (**Dottie Lynch** - Contemplation II)
- 'I enjoyed both being hand made, thank you' (**Linda Maxson** Sun goddess and Catch and Return)



Louise Passey, Board President and instructor oil painting techniques.

Comments:

- 'well done' (**THE PARTYS OVER**)
- 'I like the way the artist used beads in the piece' (**FIONA THE FARIE**)



Sample of Jim Chamberlain's southwest and Native American paintings, now in the gallery.

Comments:
TIME TO GO

- 'Just fantastic, beautiful, and breathtaking. It went hard'
- 'its really beautiful'
- 'very haunting, love the color and the solitary buffalo'

- 'Good presentation' (**Moira Johannessen** 'Tulips')
- 'Speaks to me. Composition is balanced, color palette is in harmony' (**Ray Lanowy** – Ocean Scape)

and on the Gallery comments were:

- 'Interesting works'
- 'Eclectic group of artists'
- 'Everything is Beautiful, it's hard to make a decision'
- 'I love this place. I wish if I was rich to en sure the gallery continues'
- 'Great Studio and Gallery'
- 'Nice works'
- 'Talent'
- 'Lovely, thank you'
- 'Wonderful Gallery with extremely pleasant and well informed staff'
- 'Love supporting local artists'
- 'Nice space, very professional'
- 'Wonderful Gallery. Looking to join and take classes when I move here for the winter'



One of the many "Raku" ceramics by Sergio Naduville that inspired our public:

Comments:

- 'Love the raku'
- 'Loved it, bought it' (**6X6 GEOS**)
- 'unique, clean, classy'
- 'very refined'

Seats are still available for the Getty Villa Museum Bus Tour

Saturday, January 8, 2011, a 50 passenger deluxe bus will depart the Desert Art Center at 7:30am and take you to the Getty Villa Museum, in Malibu. The bus will return and approximately 6:00pm. Call or go to the Desert Art Center to sign up.. For further information please call **Sally Hedberg** at (760) 671 5000.

Riverside County Fair

The Riverside County Fair will be held February 18-27, 2011. Entries for Fine Arts will be accepted up Friday, January 21st at 5pm. For information please contact Lynne Brady at 760 391 3491. Entry fees are only \$9for each entry. There are several Competition Handbooks at the Desert Art Center front desk



**Holiday lunch at the
O'Donnell...see page 7 for pictures**

A reminder for the Gallery Openers and Gallery Sitters:

The board is requesting that the gallery openers review with the sitters the process for opening and sitting the gallery. The openers need to review the sales slip and credit card process. We have had several problems this fall with missing information on the sales receipts. Soon, early next year, we will have bigger sales slips that will make easier to fill out.

If there is any thing needed at the front desk please contact the Gallery Manager, **John Malmquist** at (661) 607-5644.

Carolyn Hawley News

In the October newsletter we mentioned that **Carolyn Hawley** had been invited to show in the 41st Mountain Oyster Club contemporary Western Art Show and sale in Tucson AZ.

Will, Congratulations to Carolyn - her painting **Just A Little Bull** sold.



The show opened for sales on Sunday Nov 22 , all the paintings have an intent to buy by each painting as more than one person might be interested in the piece. Her painting had 47 signatures with intent to buy.

To see all the work in the show visit their website <http://www.mountainoysterclub.com>

Desert Arts Festival Schedule At Francis Stevens Park

West Coast Artists has a series of six art festivals that are held at Frances Stevens Park, adjacent to the Desert Art Center. They will be celebrating there 25th year. These events are held and benefit local non-profit organizations. Following is their schedule for 2010 – 2011:

December 11 and 12, 2010
January 29 and 30, 2011
February 19 and 21, 2011
March 5 and 6, 2011
April 9 and10, 2011

NEW CLASS

Beginning in January, **Frances Poole** will be offering an oil painting class on Wednesday afternoons in the small gallery. For information please call Francis at 760-288-3162

PICTURE PAGE



Admiring a Kay Henkle sculpture

**December 3rd Opening
and Artist Reception**



Adele and our tree



Our entertainment



Marcy Wolfs and Robert Rogers



Jewelry admirers



Enjoying the opening



Louise Passey and Terry Casella



Not too cold for some wine

Visit www.desertartcenterphotos.shutterfly.com to see more pictures

HOLIDAY LUNCH, DECEMBER 11, 2010



Many thanks to **Karen Brobeck** for arranging this year's holiday lunch at the O'Donnell Club. And thanks to **David Norton** for entertaining us with the Raffle! Everyone enjoyed the food and beautiful warm late fall day in Palm Spring. The O'Donnell Club was the perfect place for our party.



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