

## FEBRUARY ARTISTS RECEPTION

We had a very successful opening night on Friday February 4. We want to thank **Adele Hill**, Gallery Coordinator, for setting the gallery up with the help from volunteers **Winnie Collins, Elaine Mathews, Jonathan Caisse, Marilyn Forrest** and **Darlene Goins**.

Additional thanks to volunteers **Caroline Lundgren, Alice O'Neil, Jolene Biss, Nancy Evans, Cynthia Vaughan, Leslie Vaughan, Marcy Wolfs, Susie Burton**, and **Joan Friedman** for working behind the tables on Intake Day.

And lastly thanks to **Robert Rogers** for putting together the refreshments.

It was an evening enjoyed by all. See the picture page for additional pictures.

## MARCH- APRIL Schedule of Events

March 5, 10am **BOARD MEETING**  
 March 8, 2pm **GENERAL MEETING** with demonstration by **Terry Masters**  
 March 26 10am to noon: **ART INTAKE- New Members Only**  
 March 27, 10am to noon: **JURY SCREENING - New members art intake**  
 March 28 10am to 4pm **ART INTAKE – Gallery Members Only**

April 1, 6 to 8pm: **OPENING AND MEET THE ARTIST RECEPTION**  
 April 2 and 3, 10am to 4pm: **ART MART**  
 April 9: 10am **BOARD MEETING**  
 April 12, 2pm **GENERAL MEETING and ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION.**

**NOTE:** The Renaissance Fair will be held in Francis Stevens Park February 26 – 27 and parking will be difficult in the area, so plan accordingly if you are coming to the gallery.

## Student Art Show – A Success



Many thanks to **Don Dietz** for coordinating the Second Annual High School Student Art Show. It was a resounding success. The Saturday afternoon reception was standing room only. It included many students and families, district art teachers and a Palm Springs Board of Education member. The attendance for the overall show was outstanding and attendees were very impressed and complimentary.

Special thanks to those members that made the show possible: **Joe Deluca, Al Miliner, Marilyn Forrest, Andrew Gillispe, Adele Hill, Louise Passey, Elaine Matthews, David Norton, Winnie Collins, Sandy Gruninger, Judith Butler, Muffin Hill, Suzanne Burton, Marcy Wolf** and the extra gallery sitters.

Thank you to the sponsors who provided the advertising, Desert Entertainer, Desert Mobile Home News and KNews

## Reminder for Hanging Members

The Board wants to remind all DAC gallery hanging members of our display rule that **“All artwork must be original – copies of other artists, etc. are unacceptable.”** We have had several instances where artwork has been returned to the artist because this rule was violated.

## **2010-2012 Officers and Committees**

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## **Change Of Positions**

The board wishes to announce that effective Wednesday, February 9, 2011, Louise Passey will be stepping down from Co-President to the position of 1st Vice President. Louise requested the change due to her desire to have more time to dedicate to her art.

Brad Zylstra will move from Vice President to the position of Co-President to serve with Co-President Jonathan Caisse. All events, meetings etc., will remain the same.

The Board thanks Louise for her work as president this past year and looks forward to seeing more of her work in the gallery.

## **Plein Air Painting Schedule**

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: Elaine Mathews 760-328-4911  
elaineartist@yahoo.com

## **Desert Arts Festival Schedule**

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 SPRING 2011:

February 19 and 21, 2011  
March 5 and 6, 2011  
April 9 and 10, 2011

## **Desertscapes**

The city of Palm Desert is again celebrating DESERTSCAPES in the month of April. There will be 3 paintouts during the month and a show of paintings by plein air artist at the Palm Desert library community room on Saturday April 16. Artists will need to display on their own freestanding or table easels. If anyone would like to help with this event feel free to volunteer.

Elaine Mathews [elaineartist@yahoo.com](mailto:elaineartist@yahoo.com)  
780-3284911  
P.S. Cheap display easels can be purchased at Michaels

## **ART MART APRIL 2 AND 3, 2011**

The 2nd Annual DAC Art Mart is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 2 and 3, 2011 from 10am to 4pm each day. Don Dietz and Sally Hedberg are co-chairing this event. Artists are encouraged to sign up for both days, or partner with another artist so that there are no empty spaces.

A signup list is located at the Gallery.

# SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

The Desert Art Center is pleased to present its schedule 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 Dansk Gallery in Palm Desert. Beginner to Advanced students. Preregistration, 4 class for \$140.

website: [www.hawleyfineart.com](http://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](http://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](http://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 5. \$25 for 1. (760) 322 2523

## THURSDAYS

### 9-12 pm **David Fairrington, 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.davidfairrington.com](http://www.davidfairrington.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

### 9-12:30 pm and 1-4 pm, **Frances Poole, DRAWING- Charcoal and Pastel**

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

## February General Meeting

1. Co-President **Jonathan Caisse** conducted the meeting and opened with giving the Treasurer's report. 1st Vice President **Brad Zylstra** confirmed that there is currently \$19,887 in the funds. This is a 20% gain over the previous year. There were no minutes to review from the January 2011 meeting.
2. Jonathan introduced 3rd Vice President **Marcy Wolfs** who reviewed the new program named "The Core Group". There will be a meeting with interested members on Saturday, February 12 at 9 AM, in the small office area. The Core members will be considered leaders during the day they work in the gallery. Incentives will be provided to the Core Group workers. The intent for this group is to try to avoid accounting errors in the gallery paper work.
3. The Art Mart will be held on April 2 and 3. Questions may be directed to **Don Dietz**, the event planner.
4. The Renaissance Faire will be held, again, on the park grounds of The Desert Art Center.
5. A proposed amendment to the DAC By-Laws was handed out and reviewed. The Executive Board desires to establish scholarship amounts, that are given each year, to be based on income. There will be a vote on this issue at the March 8 gallery meeting.
6. There was an ad in the Desert Magazine for The Desert Art Center.
7. Members who have ideas for publicity for The Desert Art Center are to contact **Jonathan Caisse**.
8. **Ray Lanowy** announced that there will be a lecture on reproduction and theft of art at the Rancho Mirage Library, given by the Palm Springs Art Museum Director of Education, Robert Brasier. It will be held on Wednesday, February 16, from 7 to 8 PM.
9. **Ray Lanowy** made comments about confirming that the Board enforces rules regarding copying other artists works. 2nd Vice President **Adele Hill**, **Jonathan Caisse** and **Brad Zylstra** all commented that rules have been applied when issues of that nature have come up. Ray suggested that gallery members be educated about the practice of not copying art works. There was a lengthy group discussion about the practical matters of not allowing

copied works of art to be hung in the gallery. Ray submitted a handout regarding this topic. Adele Hill indicated that the Board will review this submission.

10. **Roma Bogard** was introduced by Jonathan. Roma gave an informative presentation about her approach to her art works which is known as non-objective art. Her book is called "For The Love of Art. Insight into the Creative Process. A Collection of Artistic Impressions." Roma is to be contacted to purchase this book for \$25.

The following is a summary of her presentation.

Roma reviewed three art traditions: Representational, Abstract and Non-Objective. She also discussed the processes of Printmaking. There are etchings, silk screens or serigraphs, wood blocks and mono-prints. She gave a demonstration on making hand-made paper. Roma passed around many examples of her work. Roma mentioned two artists that were influential to her work, Mabel Hutchinson and Ruthie Stark.

Member Abby Cameron won the raffle of a framed art work by Roma.

Roma allowed members who purchased a raffle ticket to choose one of her art pieces, either a large print or hand-made paper sheet.

End of minutes. **Nancy Evans**

### ***A note from Robert Rogers:***

The reports on the February 4 opening reception were very complimentary on the food.....and that is thanks to many of you who came through with delicious and attractive finger food. I thank all who contributed food and those who helped in the setting up, keeping tables neat and cleaning up when it was over. Start thinking about what delicious morsel you will make for the opening on April 1!!!!

Would whoever was kind enough to take the black tablecloths home to wash, please bring them back. We need all of them for the openings.

***Thank you, thank you, thank you,  
Robert Rogers***

## Member News

**Victor Picou** has recently installed 8 sculptures in AUNT EFFIE'S GARDENS sculpture garden, located at 2393 N. Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Spring. They will be holding an "event", Saturday February 19, 2:00pm -- 5:00 pm to introduce Victor's Sculptures. So please come by during the afternoon to enjoy this new and delightful oasis of creativity; lots of sculptures, desert plants, pots, unusual garden decor and refreshments.

**Don Dietz, Peter Hennessey, William Rivera, and David Salters** have been invited to show their work in the Desert Hot Springs City Council Chambers, Carl May Community Center, 11711 West Drive, behind City Hall, for the next two months. For information on when the chamber is open please contact Dot Reed, 760 835 4567, the Community and Cultural Affairs Commission for Desert Hot Springs.

## New Member Orientation

On Saturday, March 12, at 10am, the Board will hold its first new member orientation for members who have joined the Desert Art Center since September 2010.

The purpose of the orientation is for the board to meet the new members and familiarize them with the Desert Art Center activities and committees with the purpose of getting their participation in the workings of the DAC.

The board hopes to have an orientation meeting monthly or bi-monthly for new members. The Orientation will be mandatory before a new member can opt to become a hanging member.

If you are a new member you should be receiving an invitation to the orientation soon and the board is looking forward to meeting you.

## In Memory

**Jolene Biss** passed away suddenly on of February 10. An oil painter and pastel artist of native American subjects, nature, landscapes and the desert, she was a long time member and volunteer at the Desert Art Center.

## Gallery Assistants

In our January Newsletter we introduced the idea of the gallery core team. This has now evolved into the Gallery Assistant

**Purpose:** to improve the quality of all transactions behind the front desk in the main gallery and to promote the gallery and its contents to gallery visitors.

We now have approximately ten people interested in becoming a Gallery Assistant. Incentives for taking on these duties:

- to be responsible for sales transactions
- work with gallery sitters
- provide a knowledgeable resource for the sitters and visitors on DAC procedures and events.

Incentives for those who choose to become a Gallery Assistant include:

- Displaying additional art work on the day of serving as gallery assistant.
- making the \$40 gallery membership fee optional.

If you are interested in becoming a gallery assistant please contact either Marcy Wolfs or John Malmquist. This is open to all members of the Desert Art Center.

## By-Law Change

The Board desires to amend our by-laws, as noted below to allow the Desert Art Center to increase our scholarship amounts that are given each year based on our income.

ARTICLE X COMMITTEES, Paragraph G:

"The Scholarship Chairperson shall obtain candidate nominations and designees for the annual DAC monetary awards; such awards ~~limited to not more than three (3) \$500.00 awards per annum~~ **shall be an amount established by the Executive Board each year.**"

This will be voted on in our March 8 General Meeting.

**February 4 Reception**

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*General Meeting February 8*



Jonathan Caise running meeting



Rona Bogard discusses printmaking, etchings, silk screens or serigraphs, wood blocks and mono-prints and demonstrating the making of home made paper.

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Publication deadline is the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please place submissions in the gallery newsletter box or email to Brad Zylstra [brad\\_zylstra@yahoo.com](mailto:brad_zylstra@yahoo.com)

Our newsletter and photo links are now posted on our website at [www.desertartcenter.com](http://www.desertartcenter.com)

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