



# March 2009 Newsletter

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## President's Message

Dear Members,

Over the past season some significant changes were made to improve the operations of the Desert Art Center. We saw the Gallery rules modified for art display, easy to follow procedures behind the front desk, and a Membership Resource Guide for each member to use as a reference. We have seen written articles in newspapers, postcard invitations, and new signs on and outside the building. We have used less paper and more e-mail. D.A.C. newsletters, classes and events are posted on our website. We've had great receptions and special events in our Gallery and general meeting days have been changed to Tuesday afternoons.

These adjustments have made the running of the business easier for all of us. Our beautiful art has been selling and we have surpassed last year's sales. Our membership has increased and classes continue daily. We have become BIG BUSINESS over the past few years and our future depends on how we can navigate through today's economic downturn and how we can strategically plan for the upcoming years ahead.

April 14<sup>th</sup> will be the last meeting for the season and we will be presenting the Art Scholarship winners from our local schools – a part of our mission to promote art in the community. Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> will be our luncheon at the O'Donnell Golf Course when we all select our Artist of the Year.

I look forward to another great season starting in October 2009 and if you haven't taken the opportunity to become involved with this organization, I highly recommend it. My friendship list just got bigger and better.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Be well, be safe.

*Adele*

## Upcoming Dates

**March 29, 10 to noon** – Screening for new members' art, Studio

**March 30, 10 am to 3 pm** – Gallery members bring in art for display and sign up for gallery sitting.

**April 3, 5 to 9 pm** – Spring Art Show and Artist's Reception and First Friday Gallery Walk

**April 4-5** – Art Festival in Francis Stevens Park

**April 9, 9 am** – Board Meeting

**April 14, 2:00 pm** – General Meeting, Auditorium, Presentation of Student Scholarships

**April 25, 10 am to 5 pm** – Banning Cultural Alliance Annual Art Hop.

**May 1, 6 to 9 pm** – First Friday Galley Walk

**May 12, 11:30 am** – "End of Season" Luncheon at the O'Donnell Golf Course. Artist of the Year will be chosen from the year's Artist of the Month winners. \$25 per person – menu items to be published in April newsletter and at the Gallery.

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## 2008-2010 OFFICERS

<b>President</b> .....	<b>Adele Hill</b>	<b>416-5476</b>
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<b>3rd Vice President</b> .....	<b>Elaine Matthews</b>	<b>328-4911</b> Volunteer Coordinator: Gal- lery sitters, event sitters, daily gallery door openers
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<b>Publicity Coordinator</b> .....	<b>Sally Hedberg</b>	<b>328-1291</b> PR, publicity for DAC, graph- ics, website
<b>Classes &amp; Workshop Coordinator</b> .....	<b>Moira Johannessen</b>	<b>322-2523</b> organizes all classes/ work- shops, instructors

## *2009 Schedule of Classes*

Please call the instructors to sign up for classes.  
Instructors will advise you of supplies.

<b>Monday</b>	9:30 – 3 pm	<b>Betty Jacobs, Oils</b>	<b>328-6663</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 – noon	<b>Terry Masters, Oils</b>	<b>324-8300</b>
	9 – noon	<b>Jone Dupre, Drawing/Cartooning</b>	<b>619 846-5663</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9 – noon	<b>Kay Henkel, Sculpture</b>	<b>320-5276</b>
	1 – 4 pm	<b>Moira Johannessen, Watercolor</b>	<b>322-2523</b>
	1 – 4 pm	<b>Robert Rogers, China Painting</b>	<b>778-1880</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	9 – noon	<b>David Fairrington, Oils</b>	<b>951 966-6800</b>
	9 – 12 noon	<b>Don Dietz, Stained Glass</b>	<b>671-5000</b>
	1 – 4 pm	<b>Moira Johannessen, Watercolor</b>	<b>322-2523</b>
<b>Friday</b>	9 – 4 pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> )	<b>Rafael Maniago, Oils</b>	<b>322-7303</b> <i>(Rafael will also be available on Sat- urday if there are students interested)</i>
	9 – 3 pm (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	<b>Tony D’Orio, Oils</b>	<b>329-1089 or 534-0043</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	9 - noon	<b>Louisse Passey, Oils</b>	<b>310 629-8155</b>
	9 – noon	<b>Meridy Volz, Life Drawing</b>	<b>668-9852</b>

### SPECIAL EVENT: Model Session in the Auditorium

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30 – 2:30 pm  
Clothed model, no instruction, cost \$10.  
Contact Moira at 322-2523 for information.

# March 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 General Meeting Minutes

- ❖ The general meeting was called together by its President Adele Hill on March 10, 2009 at 2:20pm.
- ❖ **Adele Hill** asked if there were any new members and introduced Sarah Rose Clay from Rancho Mirage.
- ❖ The President asked if all had read the minutes from the last meeting and **Terry Casella** moved that the minutes be accepted as written, it was seconded by **Don Dietz**.
- ❖ **Terry Casella** gave the treasurer's report saying that we had sold over \$17,000 so far this year. Over \$12,000 of that has been paid to the artists. We are on target and a little higher than last year. **Winnie Collins** moved that we accept the Treasurer's Report and it was seconded by **Louise Passey**.

## Committee Reports

- ❖ **Maintenance** – **Jonathon Caisse** is getting a plumber to give us a bid on installing a line for instant hot water in the kitchen. Jonathon also asked that the members remember to bring our A-Frame sign inside at 4pm. It has been left out several times and will cost us \$175 to replace. Also, those members sitting the gallery should also check the restrooms before closing the gallery for the night. Make sure they are locked!
- ❖ **Membership** – **Terry Casella** has called everyone who is delinquent of his or her dues. Many people have not renewed however all the active members have sent n their money. Remember, if you lapse in your dues and you are a gallery member you must be re-juried in order to hang in the gallery.
  - New Membership Resource guides have been issued to each paid member. Be sure to keep the binder, as new ones will only be issued to NEW members every year. The binders will be updated throughout the year. Further explanation of what is contained in each binder will be addressed in the newsletter. Thank you to **Nancy Evans, Louise Passey** and **Terry Casella** for the hard work in assembling the books.
  - **Please go through the binders to make certain there are no errors. If you have any corrections please email Terry Casella or the DAC email address with your changes.**
- ❖ **Classes** – There is a new drawing group on Sundays. This is a group of members who want to draw without an instructor but with a live model. Please call **Moira Johannessen** for information.
- ❖ **Publicity** – **Sally Hedberg** announced that they have ordered postcards for the next opening and **Judith Nagel** if designing a brochure.
- ❖ **Events** – **Winnie Collins** ask that all members be sure to sign up for food for meetings or openings, security, working on First Fridays etc. Sign up sheets are at the front desk and will also be available at the gallery changeover day.
- ❖ **Artist of the month** – **Anna DeLuca** announced that April 14<sup>th</sup> would be the presentation of scholarships to our high school students. We will still have artist of the month so please call her if you are interested. We will be having an Artist of the Year presentation at our May Luncheon.
- ❖ **Adele Hiill** announced that there would be a new system for gallery artwork sign up days (see attachment). There were several pieces missing after our last sign up so security precautions are necessary. There will be 3 tables: #1 is for signing up and putting on stickers; #2 Sign-ups for committees, food, security and work dates; and #3 is the sign out table. You will check out your old works then take them out the back door. Please be patient as you bring in your new works. Pottery and sculpture people will bring in their works on Tuesday instead of Monday.
- ❖ **Karen Brobeck** moved that the meeting adjourn and it as seconded by **Janet Lower**.
- ❖ **Ray Lanowy** was voted to be the Artist of the Month. **Jonathan Caisse** introduced **Louise Passey** who then presented a very enlightening demonstration of her oil techniques and working style.

Thank you to Louise Passey for an enlightening demonstration!



Artist of the Month –  
Ray Lanowy



Raffle Winner for Louise's  
creation – Pat Stevens

## Announcements

- ❖ **Robert Rogers will be taking orders for name tags up until March 31 which will be the last day for this season to order. Anyone wishing to have one ordered, call Robert at 778-1880 or sign-up in the Gallery.**
- ❖ **FIRST IMPRESSIONS DO COUNT**  
If you do not acknowledge people who come into the gallery, don't be surprised when they leave empty handed. Check Gallery Etiquette page in the front of the Daily Record Book/Log for ideas on how to greet people visiting the gallery and on the telephone.
- ❖ **Our responsibility as a displaying Gallery Member to sit the gallery** at least once per month. If for some reason you cannot fulfill your obligation and cannot arrange for a replacement sitter, you will be assessed a \$40 fee. Please contact **Elaine Mathews** when you are making changes to your schedule or to assist you in finding a replacement sitter.
- ❖ There are **two new Palm Springs events** that the DAC Gallery can be involved with. The "**Saturday Stroll**" each Saturday from 1 to 5 pm will have activities in Frances Stevens Park and our artists can participate by painting outdoors during that time. The first Friday evening of each month there will be an "**Art Walk**" in uptown Palm Springs and our Gallery will be open from 4 to 9 pm to take advantage of the event.
- ❖ **Ray Lanowy** has donated one of his professional lights to the Desert Art Center to be used by the drawing and sketching classes. We don't have one of this caliber and are very pleased to have it!

## Welcome New Members...

Sonja Johnson  
John Tiffie

Acrylics/ Watercolor  
Acrylics

# Member Bio

## Rhet Topham, Our Graphic Artist

Submitted by Sally Hedberg

Not all the volunteers' work in the DAC gallery is visible. Those behind the scenes such as Rhet Topham who supports his partner Bret Maling are the glue that keeps the DAC going. Rhet and Bret moved to Palm Springs three years ago from Big Bear Lake. They enjoy being in the Palm Springs creative community. Bret pursues his love of oil painting while Rhet continues his graphic arts and writing. Besides graphic arts, Rhet is a writer and has written for film and television mostly in the Horror Genre. He is also a freelance web designer. And he just finished his first book, "Twozees, "a collection of off beat stories".

With the invention of the World Wide Web in 1995, Rhet went about teaching himself the HTML. He then got degrees in Graphic Design and Animation. This combined with his writing has led him on his career path. Art has always been important to Rhet. He says, "I am fortunate that crafting work from language is considered an art form."

Rhet continues to do the DAC post-cards that are sent for the openings and does the copy for the tags and brochures. The DAC thanks Rhet for all his creative work.

# GENERAL MEETING AND ARTIST DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULE

The public is invited to our General meeting and Artist Demonstrations. Meetings are held in the auditorium at the Desert Art Center, 550 N. Palm Canyon Drive. There is a social hour from 2 – 2:30 pm with the meeting to start at 2:30. *Don't forget to bring your art for artist of the month! We now have two categories – Flat work and 3D. Contact Anna Deluca (323-1043) to sign up.*

Tuesday – April 14, 2:00 pm

General Meeting and Presentation of Student Scholarships

Tuesday – May 12, 11:30 am

End of Season Luncheon at the O'Donnell Golf Club, \$25 per person. Menu to be presented in April newsletter and in the Gallery. Artist of the Year will be chosen from Artist of the Month winners for the year.

## Member News

- Many of our members have been accepted into the P.S. Art Museum's Artist Council Juried Show. Missing from list in last newsletter: **Beverly McDonald**. Congratulations.
- Congratulations to our members who have been accepted into the Fine Arts Show at the Date Festival! They include **Rosalina Anderson, Sleepy Bierman, Marcia Blevins, Rick Christie, Jean Denning, Hermann Fischer, Carolyn Hawley, Marlene Johnson, Sharon Mason, Judith Nagel, Carol Tomlinson, Meridy Volz, and Thomas E. Whalen**. **Carolyn Hawley** won Best of Show and many others won awards in their class.
- Congratulations to our members who won awards at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Show of the Coachella Valley Watercolor Society. They include **Bonnie Ruttan** who won the Betty Mitchell Award and **Joyce Kingman** who won a Juror's Award.
- At the Art Alliance of Idyllwild "the eye of the Artist" show **Gwen Novak** won the Artist Choice First Place award and **David Farrington** won the People's Choice First Place award. Congratulations!
- Teachers from the DAC will also be teaching classes this Spring at the P.S. Desert Art Museum. Our teachers are world-renowned and we are SO lucky to have them teaching at the DAC! Those interested in attending these classes can call the Museum to sign up.
  - **Kay Henkel**, who teaches clay sculpture at the DAC, will be teaching a sculpting workshop from April 20-24.



**David Farrington**, who teaches Oils at the DAC, will be teaching a portrait class April 4-5.





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The Desert Art Center, which was established in 1950 and the oldest art organization in the Coachella Valley, is a non-profit group whose purpose is to promote art in the community and provide scholarships to Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs and Cathedral City High School seniors.

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## *Plein Air Painting Schedule*

### **Open to All – No Teacher – Fun – Free**

April 2, 2009      1000 Palms Preserve  
May 7, 2009      Andreas Canyon

**For more information please contact Elaine  
328-4911 or go to our website:  
[www.desertartcenter.com](http://www.desertartcenter.com)**

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