



## March 2010 Newsletter

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# President's Message

**"Painting the simplest and most beautiful of nature's creations is a pleasure hard to beat." Kathy Dunham**

Dear Members:

The history of the Desert Art Center of the Coachella Valley, Inc. began when Mary Wolseth organized a small group of artists in 1950 and conceived the idea for the present non-profit organization. Their mission was to promote and preserve the traditional arts and to encourage and develop an interest in art education. The first president was Zaddie Bunker who said her chief concerns were the acquisition of buildings and grounds suitable for classes in the arts and crafts.... to meet the increasing demand of winter visitors and retired residents. The high schools were in need of daytime outlets and adequate laboratories for teaching of crafts.

Through hard work and considerable investment of time and money, the Desert Art Center has grown, attracted tourists and residents, and stood firm on its commitment to "create, educate and appreciate."

This being our 60th year, the Desert Art Center will celebrate its success, history and future with an "ART MART" in the park on April 3 and 4. This area is a perfect place and is reminiscent of the early years when paint-outs were organized and art was for sale in the parks. From April 2 through May 31, a display of photos, news clippings and featured articles depicting the 60 years of the Desert Art Center's success will be one of our many highlights in the Gallery.

Congratulations to the new Executive Board Elect. Swearing in of the new executive will take place at the 2nd May luncheon (place to be announced soon and also in our next newsletter).

Our next General Meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> (followed by a small reception) will include the PSUSD student winners of the Desert Art Center Scholarships. It is very important for our members to be there to support them and encourage them to continue their education in the arts.

Be well, be safe

*Adele*

## Schedule of Events

**March 28, 10 am to noon -- Art Intake And Jury Screening - New Members Only**

**March 29, 10 am to 4 pm -- Art Intake - Gallery Members Only**

**April 2, 6 to 8 pm -- "Meet The Artists" Reception and Exhibition. Palm Springs First Friday Art Walk 4 to 9 pm.**

**April 2 thru 4 -- DAC's 60th Diamond Anniversary Celebration and Art Mart, Gallery and Frances Stevens Park**

**April 10, 9 am -- Board Meeting, Studio**

**April 13, 1:30 pm -- General Meeting, Auditorium, DAC Board Elections, Scholarship Award Presentations.**

**May 1, 9 am -- Board Meeting, Studio**

**May 2, Noon -- Luncheon, Swearing In Of New DAC Board, Cost approx. \$15, Location to be announced -- signup list will be available at the next intake.**

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## Schedule of Classes

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

### 2008-2010 OFFICERS

<b>President .....</b>	<b>Adele Hill</b>	<b>416-5476</b>
<b>Vice President .....</b>	<b>Jonathan Caisse</b>	<b>902-1690</b>
	building maintenance, security supplies, demonstrators	
<b>2nd Vice</b>		
<b>President .....</b>	<b>Kay Henkel</b>	<b>320-5276</b>
	<b>Janet Lower</b>	<b>321-6055</b>
	Gallery Coordinators: Gallery display, Art Screening committee, Artists of the Month committee	
<b>3rd Vice</b>		
<b>President .....</b>	<b>Marcy Wolfs</b>	<b>416-9646</b>
	Volunteer Coordinator: Gallery sitters, event sitters, daily gallery door openers	
<b>Treasurer .....</b>	<b>Terry Casella</b>	<b>333-0014</b>
	membership, newsletter	
<b>Recording</b>		
<b>Secretary .....</b>	<b>Laverne Manderscheid</b>	
	meeting minutes	<b>343-0043</b>
<b>Corresponding</b>		
<b>Secretary .....</b>	<b>Open</b>	
<b>Auditor .....</b>	<b>Rosalina Anderson</b>	<b>951 845-6990</b>
<b>Historian .....</b>	<b>Lynn Reich</b>	<b>323-6928</b>
	past & current DAC events & activities, library	
<b>Past</b>		
<b>President .....</b>	<b>Karen Brobeck</b>	<b>322-7303</b>
	liaison & resource	
<b>Events</b>		
<b>Coordinator .....</b>	<b>Winnie Collins</b>	<b>323-2061</b>
	hospitality, event set-up/take down, event security, contracts/rentals	
<b>Publicity</b>		
<b>Coordinator .....</b>	<b>Sally Hedberg</b>	<b>328-1291</b>
	PR, publicity for DAC, graphics, website	
<b>Classes &amp; Workshop</b>		
<b>Coordinator .....</b>	<b>Moira Johannessen</b>	<b>322-2523</b>
	organizes all classes/ workshops, instructors	

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	9:30 – 3 pm <i>Betty Jacobs, Oils</i> (760) 328-6663
	1:30 – 4:30 pm <i>Carolyn Hawley, Oils</i> (760) 401-3639
	6 – 9 pm <i>Terry Masters, Oils</i> (760) 324-8300
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	9 – noon <i>Terry Masters, Oils</i> (760) 324-8300
	9 – noon <i>Joné Dupré, Drawing/ Cartooning</i> (619) 846-5663
	1 – 4 pm <i>Elaine Mathews, Oils/ Acrylics</i> (760) 328-4911
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	9 – 12 noon <i>Kay Henkel, Sculpture</i> (760) 320-5276
	1 – 4 pm <i>Moira Johannessen, Watercolor</i> (760) 322-2523
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	9 – 12 noon <i>David Fairrington, Oils</i> (951) 966-6800
	9 – 12 noon <i>Don Dietz, Stained Glass</i> (760) 671-5000
	9 – 12 noon <i>Frances Poole, Drawing</i> (760) 288-3162
	1 – 4 pm <i>Moira Johannessen, Watercolor</i> (760) 322-2523
<b><u>Friday</u></b>	9 – 4 pm <i>Rafael Maniago, Oils</i> Cell: (562) 286-4099 Studio: (562) 866-2534
	9 – 12 noon <i>Louisse Passey, Oils</i> (310) 629-8155
<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	9 – 12 noon <i>Meridy Volz, Life Drawing</i> (760) 669-9852
	1 – 4 pm <i>Tony DiOrio, Oils</i> (760) 329-1089 or (760) 534-0043
<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	9 – 12 noon <i>David Kelly, Watercolor/Gouache</i> 760-327-3979

## Member News

- ✦ Congratulations to our members who have been selected for the ACE2010 show at the Palm Springs Art Museum ([www.pamuseum.org](http://www.pamuseum.org)) on display now until March 28<sup>th</sup>. An auction of their works is on-going at [www.psmuseum.org/auction/thumbnails.php](http://www.psmuseum.org/auction/thumbnails.php)
- ✦ Bonnie Ruttan will be having a solo show at The STUDIO in the Backstreet Art District in Palm Springs. Opening reception for her show, "New Directions," will be on May 29, 6 to 9 pm. The show will run through the end of June. Contact Bonnie for information at 760 320-2425.
- ✦ Many of our members exhibited at the Riverside County Date Festival and Coachella Valley Watercolor Society shows. If you were a winner in either of these shows, please send in your names so we can acknowledge you in the next newsletter.
- ✦ Judy Nagel's photos are on display in the lobby of the Hi-Desert Water District Building in Yucca Valley until April 15<sup>th</sup>. For information, call Judy at 760 835-6187.

## Welcome New Members...

Jerry Hanson – Woven newspaper/Acrylics  
Marilyn Lee Willour – Mixed  
Lynda Reynolds – Photography

## Member Opportunities

- ✦ Banning Center for the Arts is pleased to announce that the [Pass Artist Association](#) will hold their annual Spring Art Show in conjunction with Banning Cultural Alliance's annual Art Hop Festival being held on [Saturday, May 1, 2010](#) in Banning. Artist application deadline is April 1, 2010, but spaces are limited. Booth spaces range from \$25-\$50. Interested artists may contact the event coordinator at 951-922-0500 or visit their website at [www.banningculturalalliance.org](http://www.banningculturalalliance.org).
- ✦ Dore's Mountain Metals and Sculpture Garden on Highway 243 between Idyllwild and Mountain Center will be having a Spring Art Fair on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Artists interested in participating can call 951-659-3797 or 951-659-0791 for information. There is no booth or commission fee.

## Instructor's Corner – Don Dietz



Don Dietz teaches Stained Glass from his home studio as part of the Desert Art Center classes. His class is 9 to noon on Thursdays. If you have seen his work hanging in the gallery, you will know we are fortunate to have him.

Don graduated from San Francisco State University with a Masters Degree in Industrial Education. He taught crafts, graphic arts and drafting for 34 years. After retiring he began traveling extensively throughout the United States, making his motor home his studio.

Don's ability to work with colors and patterns within the glass to achieve the overall effects in his landscapes and subjects makes his work unique. His projects have been sold throughout the United States and Canada. He currently shows his work both at DAC and at Artisans Gallery in Idyllwild.

"As an artist I enjoy the challenge of "Painting with Glass". I develop many of my designs and patterns from my own digital photography. Many of my pieces reflect my love of the desert, nature and the mountains. When choosing my glass, I take into consideration how the glass appears in natural light. I work within the glass to achieve the overall effect in the subject".

His students learn glass selection, pattern transfer, cutting, grinding, foiling, soldering and finishing. They will complete a basic project. \$25 per class. For more information, call Don at (760) 671-5000.

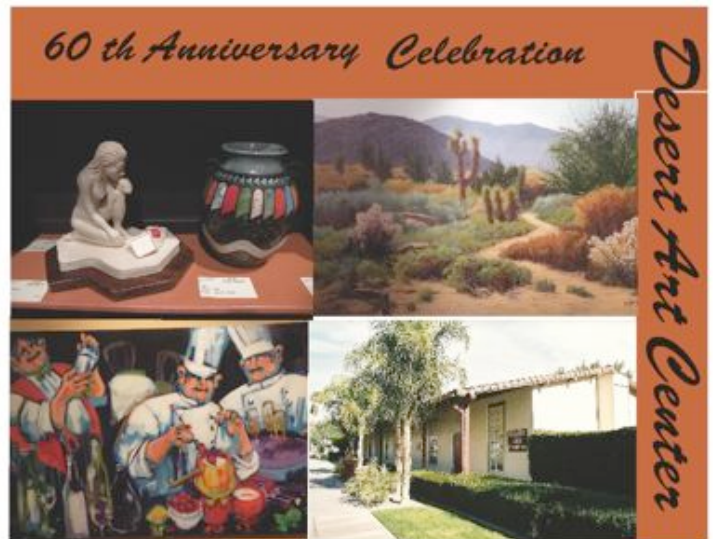


# *Desert Art Center 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

## *April 3rd and 4th*

Desert Art Center is the oldest art organization in the Coachella Valley. Its founders are part of Palm Springs history and we hope to showcase the history and our present achievements with photos and information on panels for the public and members to view. If you have photos to be used for this purpose, please let me know.

Sixty years ago, the organization did not have a gallery. The members would sell their art out in the open and many times on the lawn at the Desert Inn. They called this sale an Art Mart. We are going retro and will have an Art Mart in the green space behind the Gallery. Thirty-six artists have signed up for this event. Every medium will be represented and at least ten people will demonstrate throughout the day.



We only have so much equipment for this event. Some of you, not involved, might have booth equipment to lend for this occasion. Let me know if you have umbrellas, extra easels or display screens.  
**Winnie Collins, Events Coordinator 760-832-7092**

## *Executive Board Elect*

### *2010 - 2012*

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for 2010-2012 to the membership at the March General Meeting. They were elected by a unanimous vote. Congratulations!

CO-PRESIDENTS	Louise Passey Jonathan Caisse
1st VICE PRES	Brad Zylstra
2nd VICE PRES	Adele Hill
CO-3rd VICE PRES	Marcy Wolfs Suzie Burton
TREASURER:	Terry Casella
RECORDING SECRETARY	Lea Jenkins
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Barbara Mathenay
AUDITOR	Rosalina Anderson
HISTORIAN	Winnie Collins



Desert Art Center Member to fill the position of Gallery Coordinator. Position requires organizing the front desk, ordering gallery supplies, keeping track of daily receipts, taking inquiries and organizing intake days. Some data entry will be required. Hours are flexible. A stipend is being offered.

Those wishing to show interest in this position may contact President Adele Hill at [desertartcenter@hotmail.com](mailto:desertartcenter@hotmail.com)

or by mail at

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 PO Box 2813  
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 before March 26<sup>th</sup>.

# March 9, 2010 General Meeting

- ✚ Meeting called to order by Adele Hill at 2p.m. Adele welcomed everyone to our meeting, and introduced 3 new members
  - Judy Woodard---jewelry and oils
  - Jack Lake---drawing
  - Addy Cameron----painting, glass and jewelry
- ✚ **MINUTES:** were approved as written in our newsletter by Jonathan Caisse, seconded by Marcy Wolfs.
- ✚ **TREASURERS REPORT:** Terry reports we are doing well. We have \$21,000.00 in Gallery sales and have paid \$15,000.00 back to the artists. We have \$9,000.00 in yearly membership dues. Our expenses so far this year are \$22,400. It was moved by Charlene Goins, and seconded by Susan Chonette to accept the treasurer's report, as given.
- ✚ **MEMBERSHIP:** Terry reported he is sending renewal reminders. We now have 109 exhibiting members, and 55 general members.
- ✚ **NEWSLETTER:** Terry reports the newsletter will be out soon and anyone wishing to submit something should send it to the DAC email address.
- ✚ **EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR:** Winnie Collins said our 60th Anniversary will be April 3 and 4, with an Art Mart in the area behind the Gallery. There will be an exhibition of our artists works in booths--there is still room for any of our artists to have a booth/or area to display, so please let Winnie know. Our Anniversary show will also be in conjunction with our Meet the Artist reception, on Friday, April 2, from 4p.m to 8p.m.

- ✚ **MAINTENANCE:** Jonathan said he has contacted the City again, to furnish our building with hot water, and they stated it would be fixed.
- ✚ **PUBLICITY:** Don Dietz reported that Sally Hedberg has placed 6 ads touting our 60th Anniversary, in the Desert Sun, Desert Entertainer, the Review, and the Mobile Home News. There will also be 2 write ups in the Desert Sun.
- ✚ Elaine Matthews reported the Plein Air group meets the 1st Thursday of every month. The next area meeting will be at the Coachella Reserve at 9 a.m.
- ✚ Jonathan thanked Don Diets and Ray Lanowey for building storage cabinets on both sides of the stage in the Auditorium.
- ✚ Adele reports our new computer is up and running.
- ✚ **ARTIST OF THE MONTH:** Jonathan introduced Diane McClary--Desert Plein Air Painter and Instructor, she also teaches at the Palm Springs Art Museum. Diane gave a short talk on her education and experience, then gave an informative demonstration on painting a desert scene
- ✚ The winner of our raffle--which was a painting donated by Diane McClary--was Carol Trousdale
- ✚ Marcy Wolfs won a \$75.00 gift certificate

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY LAVERNE MANDERSCHIED,  
SECRETARY**



**2D Artist of the Month  
Anna DeLuca**

## Watercolor demonstration by Diane McClary



**3D Artist of the Month  
Darlene Goins**

## Raffle Winner Carol Trousdale





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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

The Desert Art Center sponsors Plein Air Painting Days the first Thursday of each month from 9 to 3 pm. Bring own supplies and a bag lunch.

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

April 1, 2010    1000 Palm Preserve  
May 6, 2010    Andreas Canyon

**Attention Plein Air Painters!** The city of Palm Desert is celebrating plein air painting of the past and present. We are invited to paint at The Living Desert and the Memorial Gardens April 9, 10, and 11; and also on the 14th at College of the Desert near the Marc Gallery. Plan to attend and bring a painting or two with you.  
Contact: Elaine Mathews 328-4911

The **Plein Air Artists of Riverside** are affiliated with the Riverside Art Museum and will be exhibiting of some of their works at the Riverside Arts Project starting Mar. 6 through May 6, 2010. More information on this Plein Art Group, their outings, newsletter and events can be found at: <http://pleinairartistsofriverside.blogspot.com/>

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

Many thanks to Joy Meredith of Crystal Fantasy in Palm Springs for her support of the Desert Art Center by maintaining our website!

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