



SCPD ART CLUB

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

GETTING STARTED

The entire Art Club Board of Directors would like to welcome you. Our group of more than 200 members is made up of both full- and part-time Sun City residents who like to pursue various art activities and take part in club social events. Our goal is to advance interest and provide information, guidance, and instruction in various art forms. We offer weekly classes in various types of painting, drawing, mixed media, and other art forms, as well as several special sessions and activities during the year. Listed below is some important general information about the operation of our club.

MEMBERSHIP

Sun City Palm Desert residency is required for membership. Our membership year starts on July 1st and ends the following June 30th. Dues of \$30.00 per year. Members must complete a membership form each year providing name, local address, phone number, and e-mail address. We are a volunteer organization and need the support of members to be successful. Space is provided on the membership form to indicate your area of interest in helping the club function.

LOCKERS

Locker space is available for \$15.00 per year and is available to members actively participating in classes. Locker renewal fees must be paid by July 1st, or the locker must be emptied and the key returned. A Locker Holder Agreement form must be completed before receiving a key. Locker assignment requests can be sent to Sharon Diamond at gsd787@earthlink.net.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Required general meetings are held a minimum of four (4) times each year. They are announced via our monthly (September through May) newsletters, in the News and Views and via email to all members. They are often combined with social events such as our

annual pizza and holiday parties. If any voting is to take place, a quorum must be present at the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The annual Art Club Directory includes the names of the executive board officers and members at large, teachers, and club members, including emails and phone numbers, general information, and a list of Art Club rules. The Directory is published annually and is available to all Art Club members. Membership must be paid by the end of December to be included in the Directory.

A welcome back pizza party is usually held during the month of November. Each December, the Art Club hosts a holiday party. We also sponsor monthly “Wine and Cheese” socials on most first Saturdays of the month from 5:00-6:30 p.m. These events are wonderful opportunities to interact with fellow members and make new friends. Occasional “Sip and Paint” and other social activities are offered throughout the year. Check the monthly calendar, newsletter, and emails for exact dates.

NEWSLETTER

The Art Club newsletter is written by the club president and distributed via email on the 1st of each month from September through May. It contains a wide range of information regarding the club’s activities, including the club calendar, class schedules, and a list of art related activities and shows around the desert. Reading each newsletter is an important way to stay up to date on what’s going on in the club.

CLASSES

While a few classes are held during the summer, our full slate of classes generally begins in October and runs through April (schedules may vary). A list of classes, days, times, and instructors will be included in the monthly class calendar which is mailed to all members. This calendar is also included in the newsletter and posted in the window of the art studio. You can sign up for any of these classes in the “Art Club Class” notebook or as directed by the class instructor. The notebook will have the name of the CLASS and INSTRUCTOR. A materials list may also be in the book. Please note there are a designated number of attendees for most classes, as determined by the instructor, as well as a wait list. If you need more information about classes, please contact the instructor directly.

DEMONSTRATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

The Art Club arranges for professional artists to hold demos in our art studio, as well as workshops. Please check the art studio for sign-up sheets and the Website Special Events Section for information regarding demos and workshops; some may require a fee.

ART STUDIO HOURS

The art studio is open from 8am until 9pm daily unless it is closed for a special event such as the Arts and Crafts Show. Please do not enter the studio when classes are in progress unless you know it is okay with the instructor. Evenings are generally open and available for free painting to all members. Check the newsletter and email announcements for special workshops or social events that may be scheduled during open time slots. Any time that is not filled with a scheduled activity may be used for open painting.

TABLE COVERINGS AND STUDIO CLEANLINESS

It is the responsibility of all studio users to protect the tables with their own coverings (on top of the plastic cloths which cover the tables) and to clean up their areas after their work is complete. This clean up should include the table, chairs, and floor area around your work area as well as the sink area if you have used it.

MONTHLY EXHIBIT OF MEMBER PAINTINGS

Artwork by members displayed in the art studio is changed monthly, normally on the first Saturday of the month (except during the summer) OR in coordination with the twice-yearly Arts and Crafts Show. On the first Saturday of the month between 8 and 9:30 am, new submissions should be delivered to the art studio and the previous month's paintings should be picked up. A wine and cheese reception is normally held between 5:00 and 6:30 PM the same day. The Art Club provides the wine, and we ask attendees to bring an appetizer to share.

LIBRARY

We maintain a library of useful books and materials that can be used by all club members. If you wish to take a book home, be sure to sign it out in the orange binder located on one of the library shelves. Books are color coded by category. When returning books, please ensure they are returned to their correct location as noted by the colored tape. If the book does not have a color code, please place it on top of the bookshelf in the back of the studio and it will be reshelfed by our librarian.

FIRST AID SUPPLIES

First Aid Supplies are maintained on the rear counter. An eye washing station is located by the sink.

SIGN-IN SHEET

Be sure to sign in whenever taking part in any studio activity. Do not sign in if you are there simply to access your locker, pay your dues, or other "nonactivity" types of visits. We are required to tabulate and submit these activity numbers to our HOA monthly.