

# Sun City Palm Desert Art Club Newsletter

## April, 2026

*"Whether you succeed or not is irrelevant, there is no such thing. Making your unknown known is the important thing."*

*Georgia O'Keeffe*



### **President's Message**

Congratulations on a wonderful Spring Arts and Crafts Show! A big "Thank You" to everyone who helped put this show together - the artists, the wine and cheese hosts, the intake crew, the hanging team, the greeters, the treasury group, and the sign-out and clean-up helpers. Special thanks to CC Duran, coordinator of this event. What a great group of artists, helpers and friends we are! We are so lucky to be a part of this wonderful club!

### **Arts and Crafts Show Winners!**

Congratulations to the Arts and Crafts Show People's Choice winners!

**First Place:**

**Judi Peterson,  
"Wolf and Maiden"  
Colored Pencil**

## **Arts and Crafts Show People's Choice Award Winners!**



**Third Place:**

**Judi Peterson,  
"German Shepherd",  
Colored Pencil**



**Second Place:**

**CC Duran,  
"Chili Roasting Time"  
Oil**

## **Congratulations to Our 2026-2027 Art Club Board!**

Congratulations to our newly elected 2026-2027 Art Club Board! The following members will serve from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

<b>President</b>	Kathy McDonald	<b><u>Members At Large</u></b>
<b>Vice President</b>	Deb Gonsalves	Gary Diamond
<b>Secretary</b>	Roz Spiritus	Sharon Diamond
<b>Treasurer</b>	Barbara Hetu	Win Glas
		Jaime Hernandez
		Starr May

Thank you to all members who attended the March General/Election Meeting. This is a wonderful board and I am confident that their leadership will serve us well!

### **Two April Workshops**

There are two exciting workshop being offered this month. They are:

**“Putting Stunning Shadows and Highlights in Your Landscape Paintings”**, by Marilyn Froggatt  
Tuesday, April 7 and Tuesday, April 14 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. All mediums welcome. This is a two-day workshop and attendees should plan to attend both days. Participants will start two unique landscape paintings of natural desert scenery. The instructor will introduce color and shape to create mood and atmosphere, depth and perspective, how to balance your painting and tools for a creative focal point. Video and demo support will be offered. Advance sign up is required. **This class is currently full with a wait list.**

**“Creating Exciting Watercolor Abstracts With Neutrals”**, by Kathleen Scoggin  
Saturday, April 25 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. In this workshop, you will let loose and play; use neutrals for dramatic effect; learn how to use composition and design to plan a strong painting; and use line, shape, color and texture to its full potential. You will receive step-by-step instructions for a “no fail” abstract with lots of WOW! The cost is \$60. **The sign-up sheet is currently on the front table of the art studio and there are a few spaces left. Sign up now!**

### **Spring-Summer Class Schedule Update**

Some of our ongoing art classes will be winding down at the end of the month for the season.

Last day of classes for the Monday morning **Beginning Watercolor** class - April 13

Last day of classes for the Thursday afternoon **Intermediate/Advanced Watercolor** class - April 16th

Last day of classes for the Tuesday morning **Oil Painting** class - May 5

Last day of classes for the Wednesday morning **Acrylic** class - June 30

Last day of Sunday **Art Appreciation** class - June 29

The new Monday afternoon **Fundamentals of Watercolor** class, the Wednesday afternoon **Mixed Media** class, the Thursday morning **Basic Drawing** class and the Friday morning **Advanced Drawing** class will continue through the spring/summer until the studio is closed for remodeling.

***Art club members are welcome to paint independently or in self-led groups any time a class, workshop or meeting is not in session.***

### **New Art Club Website - New Web Address**

All of the SCPDCA club websites have been revised this season. Our Art Club webmaster, Paul Harris, has worked hard to update and improve the Art Club website. Please visit it at **[art.scpdcaclubs.com](http://art.scpdcaclubs.com)**. Membership forms, art hanging information, new member information, calendars and lots of other information is available for you to read and print.

### **Art Studio Remodel**

As you know, there are plans to remodel the craft rooms (art studio and ceramics studio) in the very near future. The association's goal is to do the work this summer. As of this date, we do not have a timeline/dates to share with you. We have been told that the project is currently out to bid and construction dates will follow. As soon as we have more information, we will share it with you. Please remember to clear all of your things from the art room/storage room/lockers before you leave town!

### **Renew Your Membership Now**

Art Club membership forms are now being accepted for 2026-2027 season. Forms are available on the front table of the Art Studio and on the Art Club Website. The website can be accessed at [art.scpdcaclubs.com](http://art.scpdcaclubs.com) . ***Please fill the form out completely*** and submit it, with a check for your dues (and locker fee, if you plan to renew it) to the locked wooden box in front of the art room.

### **-----OUT AND ABOUT - LARGER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES-----**

**The Coachella Valley Watercolor Society** offers wonderful demonstrations and workshops. Visit their website for membership information and the calendar of events. <http://cvws.org>

**The Artist Council** (formerly know as Galen) has ongoing exhibitions, as well as workshops and classes. Visit their website for the latest events. [www.artistscouncil.com](http://www.artistscouncil.com)

**The Desert Art Center** in Palm Springs sponsors a gift shop of local artwork, as well as workshops and classes. Visit their website for more information and the calendar of events. ([www.desertartcenter.org](http://www.desertartcenter.org))

### **Desert Plein Air Association (DPAA)**

Get more information at [www.desertpleinair.org](http://www.desertpleinair.org)

**California Art Club, Palm Springs Desert Chapter - Great Paint Out, Saturday, April 4, 2026 at Sunnylands, Rancho Mirage. Parking lot opens at 8:30 a.m. Plein Air Painting - Call Marilyn Froggatt at (760) 966-0173 for more information.**

### **Art Walk and District Events** (<https://backstreetartdistrict.com/galleries>)

Visit lots of galleries.

5 to 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month

2600 S. Cherokee Way Palm springs, CA 92264

### **Art in Public Places** ([www.playinlaquinta.com](http://www.playinlaquinta.com))

See the map for exploring all of the wonderful public/outdoor artwork in our larger community.

**Palm Springs Art Museum** - Various permanent and temporary exhibits

## SCPD Art Club Master Calendar of Events 2025-2026 (Print and Save)

April 1, 2026	Newsletter Sent		Via Email
April 7 and 14, 2026	<b>“Painting Powerful Landscapes” Workshop</b>	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Art Studio
April 14, 2026	Board Meeting	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Art Studio
April 25, 2026	<b>“Creating Exciting Watercolor Abstracts With Neutrals”</b>	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Art Studio
May 1, 2026	Newsletter Sent		Via Email
May 2, 2026	Art Hanging	8:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Art Studio
May 2, 2026	Wine and Cheese Social	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Art Studio
May 12, 2026	Board Meeting	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Via Zoom
June 6, 2026	Art Hanging	8:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Art Studio
June 6, 2026	Wine and Cheese Social	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Art Studio
June 9, 2026	Board Meeting	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Via Zoom