

Sun City Palm Desert Art Club Newsletter

February 1, 2026

"The object isn't to make art, it's to be in that wonderful state which makes art inevitable." Robert Henri



President's Message

Put yourself out there and show your art! Are you hanging your art in the monthly hangings? Are you showing your art in the semi-annual Arts and Crafts shows? In the words of Nike, "Just do it"! We are a club of beginning through independent artists and we encourage everyone to hang their art.

Yes, your art is good enough! If you aren't sure how to frame and prepare it for hanging, come to the February 17th workshop to learn how. Let's fill our walls with art!

Art Hanging and Wine and Cheese Social - February 7th

Our next hanging and Wine and Cheese Social will be this Saturday, February 7th. Deliver your art works to the art room between 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. for hanging. Then, celebrate the art at the Wine and Cheese Social that evening from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Bring an appetizer to share. Your guests are welcome. The art club will provide the wine. ***Please pick up your currently hanging art work on Friday, February 6th after 1:00 p.m. or on Saturday, February 7th by 9:30 a.m.***

February 10th General Meeting - Special Presentation on AI and Art by Jay Samit and Lunch

Have you wondered about the impact of artificial intelligence on the visual arts? Are you interested in learning ways to use AI to develop your own art? Renowned AI expert, author, artist and Art Club member, Jay Samit, will present the latest on AI and art at our February General Meeting. Jay will demonstrate specific AI programs and how to use them. ***Don't miss this special Art Club General Meeting on February 10th at 12:30 p.m. in the San Gorgonio/San Jacinto rooms. Sandwiches, chips, cookies and water will be served.***

Upcoming February and March Workshops - Workshops fill up quickly, so sign up early!

How to Prepare Your Art For Hanging - February 17 at 1:00 p.m. - Demonstration by Mariana Maldonado-Pagan

Learn how to correctly frame your art and prepare it for hanging, using the appropriate hardware, before the Spring Arts and Crafts Show. Mariana will demonstrate all that you need to know and handouts will be provided. **No pre-sign up required.**

Learn to Use Soft Pastels with Chris Acosta - March 2 and 3, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Are you fascinated by the vibrant colors and rich textures of pastel paintings? This two-day workshop is for anyone who wants to learn to use soft pastels for the first time as well as for those of you who have painted with pastels before. Please plan to attend both days. Materials will be provided. **The sign-up sheet will be available on the front table in the art studio beginning February 1st.**

Empty Your Locker Before You Leave For The Summer!

Although we don't have firm dates yet, the tentative timeline for the art studio remodel is this summer. If you go to cooler climates for the summer, please make sure to **COMPLETELY EMPTY** your locker before you leave. We don't have the capacity to store personal belongings, so items left in lockers will be donated or discarded.

New Art Club Email Service Will Begin March 1st

The Art Club will begin using Mail Chimp to create and send club emails beginning March 1st. This is a more efficient way to send emails to large groups and more easily accessible on different computer platforms. We will send out additional information as we get closer to our implementation date.

Sip and Paint Evening - February 27th - 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Sold Out!

The Sip and Paint event is sold out. It will be a wonderful evening of art, camaraderie, and wine.

Art Club Directories Are Now Available

You may now pick up an art club directory on the front table in the art studio (only one per member, please!). Art club policies and practices are listed in the front of the directory and members' contact information is included. Thank you, Gary and Sharon Diamond, for putting these together for us!

-----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

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)

Desert Plein Air Association (DPAA)

Get more information at www.desertpleinair.org

California Art Club, Palm Springs Desert Chapter - Plein Air Painting - Call Marilyn Froggatt at (760) 966-0173 for more information, dates and locations. Everyone Welcome!

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)

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

The Art Class Schedule and Calendar of Events for the year are on the following pages.

2025-2026 Art Class Schedule

Class Title	Day and Time	Teacher	How To Enroll
Beginning Water Color	Monday 9:00 - 12:00	Carolyn Manchester c2jag62@gmail.com	Contact teacher
All Mediums Independent Painting	Monday 1:00 - 4:00	Cindy Green cindynwrs@seanet.com	Show up in class or contact teacher
Oil Painting - All Levels	Tuesday 9:00 - 12:00	Chris Acosta chrisacosta1000@gmail.com	Show up in class or contact teacher
Acrylic Painting - All Levels	Wednesday 9:00 - 12:00	Jo Salata redpent99@aol.com	Show up in class
Mixed Media	Wednesday 1:00-4:00	Cindy Green cindynwrs@seanet.com	Contact teacher
Basic Drawing	Thursday 10:00 - 12:00	Sharon Diamond gsd787@earthlink.net	Contact teacher
Intermediate and Advanced Watercolor	Thursday 1:00 - 4:00	Joyce Kingman joyce@jkingman.com	Contact teacher
Advanced Drawing	Friday 9:00 - 12:00	Sharon Diamond gsd787@earthlink.net	Contact teacher
Art Appreciation	Sunday 1:00-2:30	Gerrie Kahn	Weekly emails will announce topic; show up to participate

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

February 1, 2026	Newsletter Sent		Via Email
February 7, 2026	Art Hanging	8:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Art Studio
February 7, 2026	Wine and Cheese Social	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Art Studio
February 10, 2026	General Meeting #3 - Presentation on AI and Art by Jay Samit	12:30 - 2:30 p.m.	San Gorgonio/San Jacinto Rooms
February 17, 2026	Board Meeting	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Art Studio
February 27, 2026	Sip and Paint	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Art Studio
March 1, 2026	Newsletter Sent		Via Email
March 2 and 3, 2026	"Painting With Pastels" Workshop	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Art Studio
March 7, 2026	Art Hanging	8:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Art Studio
March 7, 2026	Wine and Cheese Social	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Art Studio
March 10, 2026	Pizza Luncheon - Elections General Meeting #4	12:30 - 2:30 p.m.	San Gorgonio/San Jacinto Rooms
March 17, 2026	Board Meeting	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Art Studio
March 20, 2026	Volunteer Luncheon	12:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Desert Willow
March 23 - 26, 2026	Studio Closed For Art Show Set Up	4 Days	
March 26, 2026	Wine and Cheese Reception	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Art Studio
March 27 - 28, 2026	Arts and Crafts Fair	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Art Studio
April 1, 2026	Newsletter Sent		Via Email
April 7 and 14, 2026	"Painting Powerful Landscapes" Workshop	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Art Studio
April 14, 2026	Board Meeting	4:00 - 5:30 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 1, 2026	Newsletter Sent		Via Email
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