

# Sun City Palm Desert Art Club Newsletter

## January 1, 2026

"Painting is an essential function of human life. Wherever human beings live, painting has existed and exists. Painting is a language, as with words."  
Diego Rivera



### President's Message

Happy New Year! May all of your wishes for 2026 come true. I wish you a year filled with peace, joy, love and laughter. May you feel the spirit of creativity and may all of your art be fabulous! A big "Thank You" to those of you who donated toys during our first December toy drive. Your generosity made many children in our desert very happy! The toy drive was so successful that we hope to participate again next year.

### Art Hanging and Wine and Cheese Social - January 3rd

Our next hanging and Wine and Cheese Social will be this Saturday, January 3rd. Deliver your art works to the art room between 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. for hanging. Celebrate art and the New Year 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, January 2nd after 1:00 p.m. or on Saturday, January 3rd by 9:30 a.m.**

### Upcoming January and February Workshops

See below for workshop descriptions and sign-up information. These will fill up quickly. Sign up early!

**Create With Colored Pencils with Judi Peterson - January 10 and January 17 - 1:00-4:00 p.m.**  
Workshop is full.

**Watercolor Workshop with Ian Cook - January 15 and January 22 - 1:00-4:00 p.m.**  
Workshop is full.

**"Cubist Vibe" Abstraction with Mardi deVeuve - January 24 - 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.**  
Participate in this mixed media intuitive abstraction workshop taught by guest artist, Mardi deVeuve Alexis. Work with shapes and patterns to create cubist-style abstractions. Cost - \$65. **The sign up sheet is currently on the front table of the art studio.**

**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.**

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

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? Art Club member, artist and renowned AI expert, Jay Samit, will present the latest on AI and art at our February General Meeting. Learn about specific AI programs and how to use them. Mark your calendars now for the **Art Club General Meeting on February 10th at 12:30 p.m. in the San Gorgonio/San Jacinto rooms. Save the date!**

## **Sip and Paint Evening - February 27th - 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Back By Popular Demand!**

Tickets for the February 27th Sip and Paint will be sold in front of the Art Room on Tuesday, February 3rd from 11:30 a.m - 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and include an evening of fun, painting instruction, all supplies and wine! No painting experience is necessary to participate in this event. It is open to all SCPD residents and guests. Bring a friend! Tickets will sell out quickly, so buy yours early!

## **Donations of Art Supplies - "Free Stuff"**

As many of you know, people frequently donate art supplies to our club members by leaving them in the art room on the side counter (under the windows). While this practice is much appreciated, some guidelines for donations are necessary. Please read and follow those below:

- make sure everything you donate is usable and in good condition (no dried out tubes of paint, paint stiffened brushes, marred or broken frames, etc.)
- make sure that your donations fit on the counter; **please keep the floor clear!** (if you have large items, ie. large frames, a large mat cutter, etc., post an item description along with your contact information on the counter so that interested club members can contact you to arrange a pick up.)
- keep the amount of items you donate manageable (we cannot handle a full studio or garage clean-out at once; please donate a few items/a couple of boxes at a time)
- indicate that your items are free to take by taping a "FREE" label/paper to your box/pile/items
- check back in a week and, if any of your donated items are still there, please remove them and take them to a local donation center or otherwise dispose of them.

## **Backroom Storage Reminder**

Please make sure your name is written on your work in the storage room. This room is for storage of "in-progress" work only, so please take your work home once you're no longer working on it.

## **-----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 - Plein Air Painting - Call Marilyn Froggatt at (760) 966-0173 to RSVP and 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](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

## 2024-2025 Art Class Schedule

<b>Class Title</b>	<b>Day and Time</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>How To Enroll</b>
<b>Beginning Water Color</b>	Monday 9:00 - 12:00	Carolyn Manchester <a href="mailto:c2jag62@gmail.com">c2jag62@gmail.com</a>	Contact teacher
<b>All Mediums Independent Painting</b>	Monday 1:00 - 4:00	Cindy Green <a href="mailto:cindynwrs@seanet.com">cindynwrs@seanet.com</a>	Show up in class or contact teacher
<b>Oil Painting - All Levels</b>	Tuesday 9:00 - 12:00	Chris Acosta <a href="mailto:chrisacosta1000@gmail.com">chrisacosta1000@gmail.com</a>	Show up in class or contact teacher
<b>Acrylic Painting - All Levels</b>	Wednesday 9:00 - 12:00	Jo Salata <a href="mailto:redpent99@aol.com">redpent99@aol.com</a>	Show up in class
<b>Mixed Media</b>	Wednesday 1:00-4:00	Cindy Green <a href="mailto:cindynwrs@seanet.com">cindynwrs@seanet.com</a>	Contact teacher
<b>Basic Drawing</b>	Thursday 10:00 - 12:00	Sharon Diamond <a href="mailto:gsd787@earthlink.net">gsd787@earthlink.net</a>	Contact teacher
<b>Intermediate and Advanced Watercolor</b>	Thursday 1:00 - 4:00	Joyce Kingman <a href="mailto:joyce@jkingman.com">joyce@jkingman.com</a>	Contact teacher
<b>Advanced Drawing</b>	Friday 9:00 - 12:00	Sharon Diamond <a href="mailto:gsd787@earthlink.net">gsd787@earthlink.net</a>	Contact teacher
<b>Art Appreciation</b>	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)

January 1, 2026	Newsletter Sent		Via Email
January 1, 2026	No Classes - New Year's Day	1 Day	
January 3, 2026	Art Hanging	8:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Art Studio
January 3, 2026	Wine and Cheese Social	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Art Studio
January 10 & 17, 2026	<b>"Drawing With Colored Pencils" Workshop (must pre-register)</b>	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Art Studio
January 13, 2026	Board Meeting	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.	Art Studio
January 15 & 22, 2026	<b>Watercolor With Ian Cook Workshop (must pre-register)</b>	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Art Studio
January 24, 2026	<b>"Cubist Vibe Abstraction in Mixed Media Workshop" (must pre-register)</b>	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Art Studio
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	<b>General Meeting #3 - Presentation on AI and Art by Jay Samit</b>	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	<b>Sip and Paint</b>	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Art Studio
March 1, 2026	Newsletter Sent		Via Email
March 2 and 3, 2026	<b>"Painting With Pastels" Workshop</b>	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	<b>Pizza Luncheon - Elections General Meeting #4</b>	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	<b>Volunteer Luncheon</b>	12:00 - 2:00 p.m.	<b>Desert Willow</b>
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	<b>Arts and Crafts Fair</b>	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Art Studio
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	4:00 - 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
May12, 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