

Sun City Palm Desert Art Club Newsletter

March 1, 2026

"Sometimes, the little things you don't think are anything when they're happening turn out to be what marks a whole period of your life." Andy Warhol



President's Message

Spring is on the way! It's time for rebirth, fresh starts and the **Spring Arts and Crafts Show!** Add your finishing touches to your work; frame your paintings; and enter your art in the show (see details below). We will also have our final **General Meeting** of the season this month, complete with a pizza lunch, where we will elect next year's art club officers. I hope to see you at these "don't miss" events!

Art Hanging and Wine and Cheese Social - March 7th

Our next hanging and Wine and Cheese Social will be this Saturday, March 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, March 6th after 1:00 p.m. or on Saturday, March 7th by 9:30 a.m.**

March 10th General Meeting - Board Elections and Pizza Lunch - Please Plan to Attend

Come to our last General Meeting of the season on Tuesday, March 10th at 12:30 p.m. in the San Geronio/San Jacinto rooms. **Elections of next year's board members will be held and it is critical that we have a quorum. Please plan to attend!** A pizza lunch will be served.

Spring Arts and Crafts Show - Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, 2026, 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m

Entry forms will be available on the art room front table beginning Monday, March 9, 2026

Friday, March 20, 2026

Entry forms due. Collection box on front table. Please do not disturb classes. No late forms will be accepted.

Monday, March 23 through Friday, March 27, 2026

Studio is closed to all classes and personal work (no exceptions).

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 - 8:00 AM-10:00 AM

Check-in of artwork. All information on the forms must be printed, completed in full and turned in with the artwork. Forms are found on the Art Club website and in the Studio. The Studio will be locked at 10 AM (**no exceptions**). No access to the Studio during hanging. Participating members must work 2 hours during the sale. The volunteer signup sheet will be in the Studio.

Thursday, March 26, 2026 - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Wine and cheese opening; bring an appetizer; your guests are welcome

Friday, March 27, 2026 - 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Sale is on!!

Saturday, March 28, 2026 - 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

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Artwork hung on panels, art in the Patio Sale Area and Bins, are to be picked up at 3:00 PM sharp (no earlier) and signed out at the front table. Art work on walls will remain hanging for the month. Contact Cecilia (CC) Duran (626) 644-9411 with questions.

New Watercolor Class to Begin April 6th - Enroll Now!

If you would like to learn to paint in watercolor, a new 8-week **Watercolor Fundamentals** class will begin on Monday, April 6th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. This class, taught by Deb Gonsalves and Lorna Boa, will cover the basics in watercolor painting for those of you who have never painted in watercolors or are just beginning and would like to review the basics. **Email Deb at goldiepf05@gmail.com to enroll.**

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

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

(workshop is full)

Further Exploring Colored Pencils with Judi Peterson - March 14, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

This workshop is for art club members who have taken Judi's colored pencil workshops previously and would like to continue their colored pencil journey. **Sign-up sheet** is currently on the front table in the art studio.

Painting Powerful Landscapes with Marilyn Froggatt - April 7 and April 14, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

All mediums are welcome! Marilyn will cover the following landscape concepts: color and shape to create mood and atmosphere, depth and perspective, creating a focal point and balancing the painting. **Sign-up sheet** will be on the front table of the art studio on March 7th.

Mixed Media Workshop with Kathleen Scoggin - April 25, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Save the date! Additional information about this workshop will be available soon. **Sign-up sheet, with class details**, will be on the front table in the art studio on March 25th.

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.

-----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

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
NEW CLASS! Introduction to Water Color (8 week class)	Monday 1:00 - 4:00 Begins April 6th	Deb Gonsalves & Lorna Boa	Email Deb at goldiepf05@gmail.com
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

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

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 14, 2026	Exploring Colored Pencils Workshop	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Art Studio
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
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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