



Desert Artists' League

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Nazarene Church - 571 N. Norma St.

September 8, 2025

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P.O. Box 1938 Ridgecrest,
CA 93556

General Meeting

September 8, 2025

at Fellowship Hall
Church of The Nazarene
571 N. Norma St.

Ridgecrest, CA

6:30pm-8:30pm

Next: **October 6, 2025**

DAL Birthday Month

Next: Board Meeting

September 16, 2025

2-4 PM

Location

**California Welcome
Center**

880 N. China Lake Blvd.

Ridgecrest, CA 93555

(760) 375-8202

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Presidents Message:

Welcome back to DAL, hoping everyone had a good summer. The weather has been very warm and we really should be drinking water, and staying in the shade. Do not drink your painting water!

We have a poster that will be going out to other ART groups and businesses, and friends to encourage our effort of making a ART Community in R/C. We were not able to obtain a building but we can carry on at the Nazarene Church. The Fellowship Hall has more seating than what we use at our meetings, and they have a classroom. Please read the Board Minutes that are included to realize what we have planned and how you could be apart of this effort.

I applied to the Leadership Class given by the Chamber of Commerce, and was accepted and it will be Sept - May 2026, so I will be committed to that and DAL. (CC webpage) and see what it is about.

Please look at our Programs, Workshop page and the ideas we have planned. (In the Minutes of the Board Meeting and the Poster. Sarah has been working hard.

I appreciate the support from the Board and Members during my Presidency and all the new Friendships, I have, also for your creativity and knowledge you have shared to make me and others better artists'.

Charylne Peterson, Acting



MISSION STATEMENT

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE TO STIMULATE, MOTIVATE, AND ENHANCE MEMBERS' SKILLS AND APPRECIATION OF CREATIVE ART.

**DESERT ARTISTS' LEAGUE EXECUTIVE BOARD
AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON
September 2023 - May 2024**

ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: **Charylene Peterson** (760-382-5356)
VP MEMBERSHIP: Nancy Crawford (760-375-8275)
VP PROGRAM: **Sarah Nystrom** (760-977-7443)
TREASURER: Debra Newton (760-301-4818)
SECRETARY: **Naomi Norris** (760-375-5631)

COMMITTEES

Volunteer

HIGH DESERT PLEIN AIR: Sally Valiton (760-793-1756)
DVD'S: Donna David (760-382-6722)
GALLERY : RRH - KERR MCGEE: Janice Allen
(760-384-8882)
HISTORIAN: Donna David (760-382-6722)
HOSPITALITY: Janice Allen (760-384-8882)
PUBLICITY: Penny LePome (760-375-5287)
SUNSHINE: Lisa Herrington (312-524-1310)
WEBPAGE (IT Committee)
Lydia Dorfman (551-317-3683)
Sarah Nystrom (760-977-7443)
FACEBOOK: Debra Newton (760-301-4818)
NEWSLETTER: Charylene Peterson (760-371-3384)

MEMBERSHIPS

Member
Patron
Student
Honorary
Honorary Life

Membership Dues:

\$25 one member

\$35 Family

Dues can be paid by check or cash at the September meeting. Debbie Newton Treasure, or Nancy Crawford.

Dues can be paid, sending check to DAL P.O. Box 1938, or on PayPal in the Membership section of our Webpage.

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Nancy Crawford - VP Membership
jaynancycrawford@verizon.net

Membership Benefits include:

1. Web page showing your artwork.
2. Participate in Yearly Wildflower Show sketching,
3. Plein Air weekly, gatherings.
4. Newsletter
5. Priority registration for workshops/speakers
6. Display artwork at galleries
7. Access to DVD library
8. Voting obligation

Try to attend General meetings to enjoy program or demo. We will have two workshops a year with a Nationally known artists. A program or project at General Meetings.

Summer Challenge for June, July, August should be turned in at this meeting. "Postcard." Start thinking of a Theme, or Subject for DAL Members to do the Summer of 2026-2027.

Our Membership at the last meeting May 2025 was 42 members, and 26 attend General Meetings. Getting new members from other groups and having more attendance at meetings is one of DAL goals.

The Board met on August 19th, 2025, Minutes are included in Newsletter to catch up all members that do not attend.

Please read the DAL Letter of Intent - It was presented in March 2025 by John Adams and DAL followed thru to obtain a building and it didn't come about. But, I feel the Members would benefit by joining Art Group together to broaden the ART Community of R/C. Using the Nazarene Church for meetings, receptions, the classroom for Art instructions, and demo, etc. Have Plein Air Sketchers meet in Classroom, and groups that just want to paint together can use it. Will have to schedule it with the church. We already pay a fee for the use of these rooms. Our Galleries can be updated and we could have receptions at Kerr McGee for the Artists to sell their paintings.

DAL Intent Letter

Our intention is to acquire a designated space for the members of the Desert Artist League, to show their work, teach classes, host Art Markets and sell handmade goods/crafts. With a portion of the proceeds from all activities and sales to be used to fund the Art Leagues future success.

To incorporate, as an appropriate non-profit, that benefits the goals of and brings value to members.

To utilize our organization to invigorate the arts community and expand membership.

To create a larger space for the arts in Ridgecrest, and a thriving art community for all.

Members of the Desert Artist League both current and future will be asked to contribute time, vision, experience and expertise to this endeavor as their situations permit.

March 17, 2025.

DAL is in need of a member to step up and be President for September 2025 - May 2026. Charylene Peterson is Acting in this position for the Summer months, and would like to have someone take over for the meetings. Suggestion: Board members pick which meetings they would like to cover until President position is filled.

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Note: Since this has been passed we will be working in teams for sections and to make changes, etc. If you feel you can contribute in a certain area, please notify Sarah and Charylene of your interest. Several members are not coming to meetings, but have paid their dues, they can help from home, and do something to make this effort for DAL and Ridgecrest Art Community. Thank you!

Programs/Demos/Workshop

September 8, 2025 - May 2026

September 8, 2025 - General Meeting - will be at Nazarene Church

Open Meeting for visitors to come and help re-organize DAL for the ART Community of Ridgecrest. Announcements, Show and Tell, Sign Up for Workshops. Refreshments. Members will bring artwork or project they did for the Summer months, and share and will go around the room for each person to let DAL know what they would like to contribute and have their interests given.

See Poster attached.

DAL Board Meeting - September 16, 2025 California Welcome Center 2-4pm

October 6, 2025 - General Meeting - will be at Nazarene Church

Birthday Month DAL - Will have Announcements, Show and Tell, Sign Up for Workshops, Refreshments.

PROGRAM: Painting Project all Members attending, with Sarah Nystrom, she will announced supplies and subject at September Meeting.

Board Meeting: October 21, 2025, California Welcome Center 2-4pm

November 3, 4, 2025 General Meeting - will be at Nazarene Church

Announcements, Show and Tell, Sign Up for Workshops. Refreshments. Demo by David Kirk.

WORKSHOP: David Kirk - two day workshop November 3, 4. To Be Announced at September meeting and posted on the DAL webpage. Will be at the Nazarene Church.

Board Meeting: November 18, 2025, California Welcome Center 2-4 pm

December 2025- Christmas Social - No General Meeting

Social location and details will be Announced at each previous meeting.

Posted on Webpage.

Board Meeting: December 16, 2025, California Welcome Center 2-4 PM

January 5, 2026 - General Meeting - will be at Nazarene Church

Will have Announcements, Show and Tell, Sign Up for Workshops, Refreshments.

Program/Workshop will be announced.

February 2, 2026 - General Meeting - will be at Nazarene Church

Will have Announcements, Show and Tell, Sign Up for Workshops, Refreshments.

Program/Workshop will be announced.

Board Meeting: February 17, 2026, California Welcome Center 2-4 PM

March 2, 2026 - General Meeting - will be at Nazarene Church

Will have Announcements, Show and Tell, Sign Up for Workshops, Refreshments.

Program/Workshop will be announced.

Board Meeting: March 17, 2026, California Welcome Center 2-4 PM

April 6, 2026 - General Meeting - will be at Nazarene Church

Will have Announcements, Show and Tell, Sign Up for Workshops, Refreshments.

Program/Workshop will be announced.

Board Meeting: April 21, 2026, California Welcome Center 2-4 PM

May 4, 2026 - General Meeting - will be at Nazarene Church

Will have Announcements, Show and Tell, Sign Up for Workshops, Refreshments.

Program/Workshop will be announced.

Board Meeting: May 12, 2026, California Welcome Center 2-4 PM

DAL CLASSES

CONTACT INSTRUCTORS FOR ATTENDANCE

ART Room, Nazarene Church 571 N. Norma

Pastels with Debbie Newton - debbienewton52@mchsi.com

Time: 8:30 Fee: #10 sometime supplies needed.

Watercolor with Nancy Crawford - jaynancycrawford@verizon.net

Time: 8:30 Fee: \$10

Acrylic painting with Donna David - desert.songs45@yahoo.com

Time: Third Saturday of the month at 10 - 12. Fee: \$10

Classes

Forest Kat Studio

Kathleen C. Murray Contact: (719) 291-5243 forestkat2015@gmail.com

Members, if you would like to be a Instructor or give classes in your Studio, contact a Board Member. Thank you to all the Instructors!

desertartistsleague.org lists other DAL Instructors: Lois Hinman, Mary Simpson.

Hoping to have more Instructor from the groups that would like to join us.

Photos are needed for scrapbook and webpage. All Board Members attend meeting for one all together. If you have any to submit of the meetings, social time, Plein Aire, please give them to Donna David - Historian.

Webpage: DAL IT (Information Technology) committee, Sarah Nystrom. They will announce the process to fill in a form to request putting data on Webpage or posting your artwork in the Artists section.

desertartistsleague.org Lydia Dorfman/Sarah Nystrom

High Desert Plein Aire Sally Valiton, sally67rc@gmail.com - 760-793-1756 If your on the email list you will be notified, and if you would like to be on the list. Contact the above.

Show and Tell please bring your Artwork and fill out a ticket to be drawn and then we will have artist talk about the painting or project they brought.

Hospitality: Refreshments will be provided by the members from the sign up sheet. Two people can do it together. Hope you signed up to bring refreshments for

November **Janice Allen** janiceallen074@gmail.com

Sunshine: Please let me know when to send a card to any of our members. A cards have been sent. bambieherrington@ameritech.net **Lisa Herrington**

VP Programs: see Program/Workshop page Sarah Nystrom senstrom@gmail.com

Newsletter: Submittal for October Newsletter. Please send it to me by (September 22, 2025 so it will go out the Monday, Sept 29, , a week before the October 6, 2025

Thank you Lori Morris for publishing this poster for DAL to announce the first meeting of 2025-2026 session. She will be able to do more posters for us to be able to publish notices to all ART - Artists in the Community to be a part of DAL and Ridgecrest. Penny LePome is Publicity for DAL and would like everyone to submit their ART and notices to be included.

Pass the poster to a friend that isn't a member of DAL, but is interested in any form of ART.



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WE NEED YOU TO BE INVOLVED...

Join the Desert Artists League as we evolve into the future!

We will be celebrating our 68th Birthday in October
and with this Birthday we want to leap into the future of DAL
with your wonderful suggestions for future programs.

We are interested in young members and groups to continue with
new ideas, like 4D, Gem & Mineral, Fabric Arts, Stained Glass,
Ceramics, Crafts, Book Illustrators, Graphic Arts and Authors, Mural
Painting, Face Painting, Wood Working, Zentangle, Watercolor,
Oils Pastels and more!

Our first meeting is Monday, September 8, 2025

6:30 - 8:30pm at Nazarene Church N. Norma St.

**We will be discussing New Workshops, and
asking you to volunteer for various positions
that are open on the DAL Board.**

OUR GOALS THIS YEAR:

- CREATE AN ARTISTS SPACE
- OFFER MORE CLASSES AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN
- MOST IMPORTANTLY, MAKE THIS A FUN SPACE
FOR EVERYTHING ART!

*Let's Make DAL a Place where Community
Comes Together to Make Art!*



Please contact Charylene Peterson: 760-382-5356
if you are interested in sharing your creativity!

Desert Artists' League (DAL)

Board Meeting Minutes

08/19/2025

Meeting came to order: 2 p.m. at California Welcome Center R/C

Meeting Start

This current meeting is the first board meeting to start planning for our 2025-2026 year. The board meeting agenda was followed, and additional topics were added.

Attendees

Charylene Peterson, Donna David, Janice Allen, Naomi Norris, Penny LePome.

Old/New Business:

Art Supplies and DAL inventory could have been used in new building. They are currently stored at Charylene's home. She may hold an inventory sale on these items. Options for an inventory sale are to hold a "sale" at a meeting, with members selling their own items, or holding an auction of supplies.

Treasury Report: Debbie Newton - currently out of town.

Membership Report: Nancy Crawford - currently out of town. An updated membership list will be available in October. We are still in search for a President.

Plein Air: Sally Valiton will continue to meet on Tuesdays.

Sunshine: Lisa Herrington is continuing in her role. It was noted Charylene fell and had a painful hairline fracture injury on her left arm. Kathleen Murray tripped over low fence in her home that caused a cut in her left shin and broke her ankle. Penny LePome may drive Kathleen down to de'Benneville Pines for art camp. Sally Valiton in attempting to give medicine to her sick cat got a vicious deep scratch.

General Meetings

Secretary submitted official letter to the Nazarene Church for meetings planned starting in September. We can add to it requests for workshop dates, and cancel if/when we need to modify meeting location. The proposed General Meeting Dates requested from the church are: September 8, October 6, November 3, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4. Meetings are currently from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on those days.

Charylene wanted to encourage many art groups to attend, particularly the September meeting. She would like to invite younger members, from a variety of arts, to come, including 4D and Gem & Minerals, crochet, fabric arts, stained glass. Charylene is secretary for the 4D group. Penny is eager to advertise the meetings; she advertises activities for DAL and 4D on Yodel and local newspapers. What was 4D was asked. Charylene said it included tile craft, architectural ceramics, woodworking. Lydia may bring cupcakes to the September General Meeting. Perhaps more teas; a pot of coffee late in the evening was no longer needed. Another idea was proposed — perhaps to have refreshments at the beginning rather than end of the general meeting.

Ideas for General Meetings:

- + Expand attendance by finding transportation for interested people.
- + Possible time change from 6:30 to 8:30 to start at 4:30. The Board meeting discussed the idea of proposed change to the hours because there is a preference for driving during daylight hours and not in the evenings. Charylene suggested that we review the hours and possibly propose a change to the membership. If meeting times change, have substantial snacks, appetizers.
- + Show & Tell
- + Summer Challenge (tiny postcard sized painting) or weather, and guess the artist
- + Go around room and introduce themselves
- + Refreshments
- +

+ Programs for the Year-

Sara provided Charylene with ideas she was working on to incorporate Pasadena Art League Birthday celebration for us. October will be a workshop meeting - tablecloth covering tables and floor. We'll have a "68 year old cake" for our birthday party.

Sara's suggested Programs included —

- + Acrylics and tape to paint ballerina in silhouette
- + Acrylics with paint and roller for abstract effects
- + Paint and pass - Paint for 5 minutes, then pass to next person
- + Paint the person sitting across from you
- + Bring an ugly painting and improve it
- + Possibly November program - bring a white elephant art item, then use it in a gift exchange
- + White elephant can also be done in December also
- + Possible Workshops :

Dave Kirk - Painter; he wants to come during cooler months (January - May)

Vicki Assegued - fabric artist. She brings all the materials needed for the project and creates art out of nothing- collage of buttons, ribbon, etc. All materials are provided by the instructor

Daisy Dickerson - Muralist, has done a mural at the Salvation Army building

Joe Oaks - Acrylic Painter

Rich Gallego - Watercolorist

Contact from Kernville - How to Price your art

Classes -

idea proposed was for perhaps do demos during "class times" or modify the watercolor or pastel class time to provide more critique. This classroom can also be used for sketchers.

Donna's acrylics class has been well attended with many families and younger students attending. Sometimes those have been full at 16 attendees. Donna mentioned that the only time this church class room is used by school students in the current calendar is on Tuesday. On the third Saturday of the month this room is used for her acrylic painting class. The room is available other days of the week.

Gallery -

Charylene indicated that perhaps the time for planning/considering gallery space, a "building," had come and gone. Although we don't have a gallery building, we can work on improving the current locations where we currently have gallery space - at Ridgecrest Regional Hospital, Kerr McGee Center where we have long hall and a large wall space where summer challenges have been hung. Sara gave feedback that there is quite a lot of foot traffic at RRH. We can improve the signage and make the hand out information more attractive and advertise more. It was suggested to have a variety of paintings (not just flowers). It was suggested to have Lori Morris design a flyer for DAL. We can check the possibility of using space at Urgent Care as well.

By Laws -

No updates to the bylaws were needed at this time. However, one area of the by- laws needed to be clarified and understood by everyone interfacing with guest artists — the contract for workshop teacher artists. The payment obligation needs to be clear. How much of workshop artist's meals and motel stay should be covered, since they do receive payment for the workshop? What if they want to come early or stay over? What should DAL cover? Carolyn McDaniel to help us clarify in by-laws.

ITT related -

Contract for the Webpage will end in 2025, choose new host or continue as is? Review contract and vote on extending or renewing, or go to other? Decided to remain with this contract for now.

Lydia, Debbie and Sara continue to work on web outreach.

An attempt to establish a PayPal account was made, but further information is needed, including the business name. An account was set up using the existing email address.

Announcements -

Camera for use at workshops and demos and in the classrooms, is currently with Debbie Newton.

Need to have list of persons what will be using it, giving them the instruction sheet. Monitor at the church, fellowship room that was used, didn't have the right colors, needs to be updated or replaced.

August 22 @ 5-7 pm -Trish's Eastern Sierra Custom Picture Framing & Gallery - grand opening at 6622 Inyokern Road, Inyokern. Phone 760-382-3303.
Penny LePome and Naomi Norris will not be at the September 8 General Meeting.

Next General Meeting 09/8/2025 at Fellowship Hall, Church of the Nazarene

Next Board Meeting 09/16/2025 at California Welcome Center

Meeting closed: at 3:30 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Naomi Norris

NOTES: This is for you to write dates that you are intested in or committees you would like to help. Programs/Workshops you would like to attend.