

Desert Artists' League

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Nazarene Church - 571 N. Norma St.
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Past Presidents Message:

April 6th, General Meeting is going to be a very important one. DAL will be voting for our President, and VP Program Board members for our 2026-2027 year.

A Important Notice has gone to everyone on the Membership List, Nancy Crawford, Membership. It is going to take a few moments at the start of this meeting to have everyone vote. See request below. Please attend this meeting. Dues paid members, and members attending this meeting need to vote.

May, will be our last meeting, and we will be on our Summer Break. June, July, and August. Start back up on September 14, 2026. During the summer you are still able to do High Desert Plien Air with Sally Valiton. Make sure she has you on her list. Every Tuesday.

Looking forward to having Board Meetings during the Summer on Tuesdays at 1:30, Welcome Center to work on ART Community, and also the changes that will be happening for 2026-2027 in DAL.

Let's support our Executive Board and Committee Chairs to make DAL where Ridgecrest Artists' want to be.

I have learned about Art, watercolor, pastels, meetings, galleries, refreshments, friendships, and support, during my term of being President. Thank You!

Charylene Peterson

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General Meeting

April 6, 2026
at Fellowship Hall
Church of The Nazarene
571 N. Norma St.
Ridgecrest, CA
6:30pm-8:30pm
Next: **May 4, 2026**

Next: Board Meeting

April 21, 2026
1:30 - 3PM
Location
California Welcome
Center
880 N. China Lake Blvd.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
(760) 375-8202

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MISSION STATEMENT

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MOTIVATE, AND ENHANCE MEMBERS' SKILLS AND APPRECIATION
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

April General Meeting, we will be **voting** for our President Team Leaders, and VP Programs. The members that are in attendance at this meeting will make a quorum for the votes. If we have 20 attendees, 1/2 needs to vote to have it pass, that would be 10. That can be done after everyone arrives.

May 4, 2026 - General Meeting we will have Installation of Officers.

Sept. 2026 - May 2027

President: Marcela and Mark Everitt
VP Programs: Eileen Shibley

**PLEASE ATTEND THIS GENERAL
MEETING AND DEMO.**

APRIL 6, 2026 - 6:30

**Introduce yourself to our new Board
Members.**

Mark and Marcela: Desert Artists' League Bio

Mark and Marcela have been integral members of the Ridgecrest community for decades, bringing a unique blend of technical expertise and creative passion to the local art scene.

Mark was born in the hallways of Ridgecrest Community Hospital, delivered by Dr. Drummond. While he studied art at Cerro Coso, he defines himself as an art enabler rather than an artist. This calling was solidified in the 1980s at the Cal State Fullerton Art Department, where he served as a Gallery Technology Instructor, mentoring college artists on the structural and technical execution of their gallery display designs.

Marcela has called Ridgecrest home since 1995. Following formal training at the Seattle Art Institute (1992–1995) and five years with the Sierra Art Guild, she opened Marcela's My Enchanted Cottage in 2000. For the last 10 years, she has provided art instruction through the cottage's popular Paint Nights, while Mark focuses on "setting the art mood." Through her business and www.tealifestyleart.com, she has fostered a vibrant social art community by hosting a variety of art-centered events.

Together, Marcela and Mark have made art a central pillar of their lives for over 75 combined years. Looking toward the future, they are committed to expanding DAL awareness through high-impact art events and increasing membership by actively engaging local schools, colleges and artist wherever art happens. Their goal is to foster a dynamic League that evolves based on where its members are willing to go and grow, combining Mark's "enabler" skills with Marcela's deep experience in community engagement and art as a lifestyle.

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Marcela E.
www.tealifestyleart.com
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April Program- Marcela Everitt
Presenting an abstract Palette knife demo featuring a horse



Eileen Parlet Shibley - Desert Artists' League Bio

From the most wonderful, albeit humble, beginnings in a little farming community in South Dakota, Eileen moved to Ridgecrest, CA. Like hundreds of others, she came for the summer. That was in 1973. She waited tables at her brother's pizza parlor (John's Pizza) during the day and set type at the Daily Independent at night. Knowing that she didn't want to wait tables forever, she took the Clerk-Typist test on the base at the China Lake Naval Weapons Center and was hired as a GS-3. She spent the next 38 years supporting the Navy base at China Lake, earning a B.S. degree along the way and finding herself in positions of ever greater responsibility.

When she retired, Eileen took her first art class locally from Nancy Crawford, and her life began to change. The three hours in class seemed to last for only minutes and there was never enough time. She has taken many art classes since then but has no formal art education experience. Eileen loves the watercolor medium and still gets excited about watching the colors flow across the page. She's always ready to start the next project.

In addition to her watercolor paintings, Eileen is a storyteller, and she generally has a story to go along with each of her paintings. She published her first book of paintings and stories in 2022 and her second book just became available on Amazon. Eileen is affiliated with the Desert Artists League and feels lucky to live in this little desert town.

Info from Sarah Nystrom, VP Program

May 4, 2026, program has been established for some time and will be Terry Leeds, brought to our attention by Naomi Norris. He is primarily a digital artist and will be traveling from Temecula to present. He creates a variety of media, most recently creating characters for a board game.

All welcome - tell your artists friends about this.

Gathering of Painters

Thursday, March 26 at 10:00 (open for a couple of hours)

The Nazarene Church - 571 N. Norma St.

Annex art room (thank you to Donna David.)

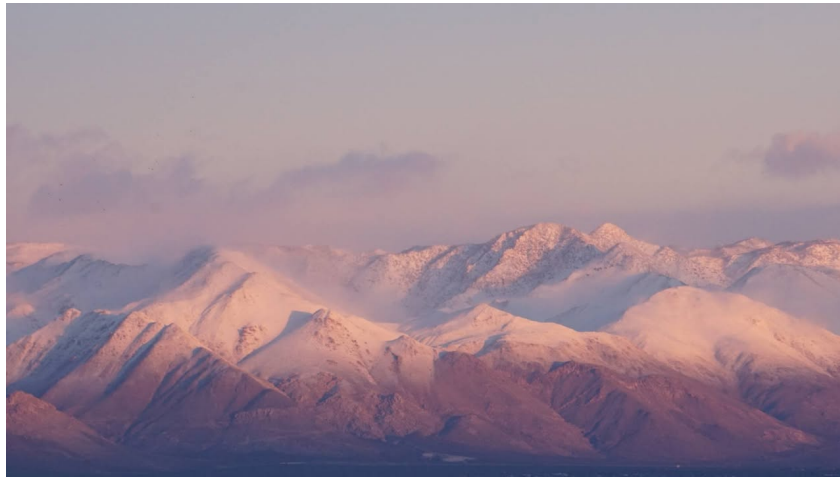
To get to the room come through the south gate on Norma.

Parking is closest in the lot just south of the gate.

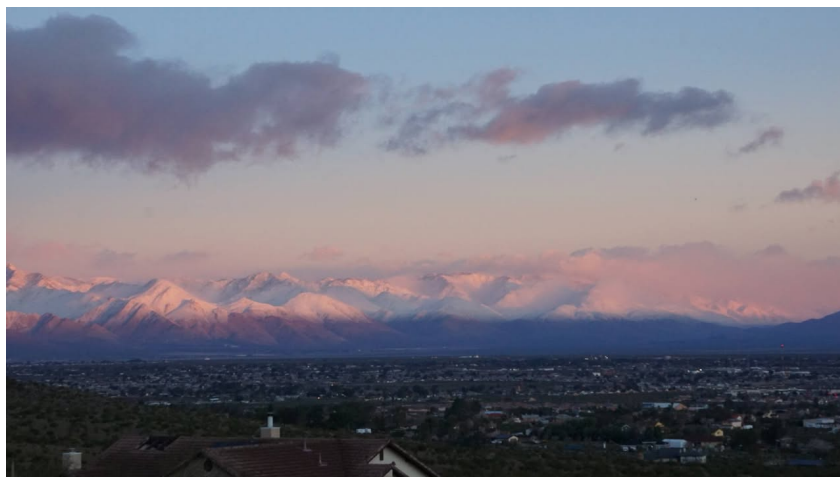
Bring your art supplies and a table cover and join us for a little social painting.

Small donation for use of this room. (Optional choice.)

Nancy Crawford - jaynancycrawford@verizon.net



These photos were taken by my neighbor and I think several artists' would like to paint them. It was taken when we had the snow fall recently. I can send them to you, just request.



Webpage: DAL IT (Information Technology) committee, Lydia Dorfman, and Shelly Fulton. Working on Webpage. Putting Membership list on Members only section. Nancy Crawford would like you to verify your info before she sends it to them.

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 her.

Tuesday, March 24, let's get out early before the heat. We will meet up at 8:30 at the wild horse/burro compound. (Head east, toward Trona), just a short ways past town you will see a turn off to the right. Take that. Bring art stuff, chairs, hats sunscreen, water, and maybe carrots for our models.

April 7, we have been invited to meet with the Bishop sketches to sketch in Keeler. More info on this will be coming next week.

April 14, we are meeting the Bishop group on Randsburg. Again more info forth coming.

Hope to see you Tuesday! March 24, Sketching will be meeting at 8:30

Show and Tell please bring your Artwork and fill out a ticket to be drawn and then you will receive a small gift. **Nancy Crawford**

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 April and May. janiceallen074@gmail.com **Janice Allen**

Sunshine: Please let me know when to send a card to any of our members. A card was sent. Cards were sent for Juanita Willis family and Thank You for donations. Position is open at this time

Newsletter: Submittal for February Newsletter. Please send it to me by (April 19th, 2026) so it will go out the Monday, April 27th, the week before the May 4, 2026, meeting. I would like the Board and Committee Chairs, and Members to submit reports, events, etc. I try to cover it all, but I'm having to look up it all, and fill in my own take on what is going on. Please contribute!

Notify Charylene Peterson if you are interested in helping to write the Business Plan for the ART Community or any interest you might have for DAL moving forward for 2026-2027. Remember DAL was established in 1957 and we have passed thru the Covid phase, and are getting new members, new board members, workshops, programs, demo, classes for the future. Let's keep painting and follow our Mission Statement!

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January 20, February 17, and March 17th, we had a short meeting for the Art Community with attendees that are interested. As of now, we are going to compile a Business Plan and present it to the Community so they are knowing the Artists' in Ridgecrest. This will be for all areas of "Creativity". Emails will be sent to keep you in the loop. Meetings will be the third Tuesday at 1:30 every month during the Summer, June, July, and August. California Welcome Center. Charylene Peterson - 760-382-5356

Membership: Pay through the webpage pay pal or make payment at our meeting to continue to get your newsletters and retain your benefits. Nancy has compiled the Membership list which will be on DAL webpage. Visitors pay \$5 after their first visit being **FREE**. Bring a friend, or a new member to any of our DAL meetings.

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Nancy Crawford

Name tags have been updated for newest Membership list. See her if you do not have one. Some of you have taken them home, bring them to this meeting. Make sure your information is correct for the Membership List also.

Debbie Newton - Exhibit at Maturango Museum now "Seeing Through My Eyes." Beautiful paintings with using different mediums, and nice matting and frames.

April 10, 11, and 12 - Wildflower Exhibit Maturango Museum schedule for sketching.

Sally Valiton, sally67rc@gmail.com

No Summer Challenge, but I think our new Board Members can come up with some very good ideas for next year. Suggest: Paint the photos I have put in this Newsletter for this Summer Challenge.

Oh, I just remembered also, we played a game at the Christmas Social and were asked to draw or paint, do a art project from the item we drew from the bag and we could put it on the Show and Tell table. Let's do it before we go to Summer Break.....Put it on the table in April and in May. Get busy!. Mark and Marcela will be pleased with your creativity.

Charylene will be doing Summer Notes, submit information if you would like DAL members to keep in touch.