



Desert Artists' League

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Nazarene Church - 571 N. Norma St.
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Presidents Message: Happy Valentines Day!

Paint something for your sweetheart!

Painting with Wool Workshop with Robin Harmon, is on Monday Feb. 2, 2026 at Nazarene Church, all arranged and ready to go by Sarah Nystrom. She has plans for March, April, and May. March is the White Elephant Exchange, and April might be a Supplies Auction, with your not needed items and our Inventory. May we will have New Officers installations, and a demo. Sarah, will not be available for our 2026-2027 Programs/Workshops so we need to have a VP Programs person step up, and we still need a President. We will need to start now for our schedule for 2026-2027. Start looking for artists, or members to do demos, classes, and workshops.

Watercolor with Nancy Crawford has started and she will invite you to her Thursday Watercolor Class.

The IT committee has put a link from the classes to the artists paintings, on our webpage, you can see what talented artists we have in this League.

The Membership list is still changing, great that members are coming back, and we have new members also. Hope to see all of you at our February 2, General Meeting, with Demo by Robin Harmon

Nominations for President, February 2026, or any other open positions. DAL needs to have a new President for September 2026-May 2027, and VP Programs person. The IT needs two people to take over the Webpage, FB Page. A DAL member needs to fill these position.

Charylene Peterson

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CA 93556

General Meeting

January 5, 2026
at Fellowship Hall
Church of The Nazarene
571 N. Norma St.
Ridgecrest, CA
6:30pm-8:30pm
Next: **March 2, 2026**

Next: Board Meeting

February 17, 2026
2-4 PM
Location
California Welcome
Center
880 N. China Lake Blvd.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
(760) 375-8202

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

VP Program: Sarah Nystrom: Be sure to Thank Sarah for the GREAT year we are having with her help.

March: I would like to have an art white elephant at the meeting.

Each member participating will bring a wrapped unmarked art item, either made by you, acquired from elsewhere, cards, trinket etc. each member will choose an item based on a number system and other members can "steal" from a previous member if they like what they got, or choose a new item. This continues until everyone had received a gift. I suspect we should have a few extra items available in case someone/s doesn't get the memo. White elephants are usually a pretty fun time.

April: Still open as of now. Going to ask Membership about Art Supplies Auction. Open to Community.

May: I have sent correspondence to Terry via Naomi to present in May details are still being discussed. I will update as I get more information.

Webpage: DAL IT (Information Technology) committee, Lydia Dorfman, and Sarah Nystrom. Will make announcement of needing to update page, and considering a different program. Anyone interested in manage or making a webpage, notify the above names.

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.

Tuesday, January 27th, Sketching will be meeting at Crossroads Church and then going to Red Rock Canyon. Call her or email for time.

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 upsheets. Two people can do it together. Hope you signed up to bring refreshments for February. janiceallen074@gmail.com Janice Allen

Sunshine: Please let me know when to send a card to any of our members. A card was sent. bambieherrington@ameritech.net

Lisa Herrington

Notify Charylene Peterson if you are interested in helping to write the Business Plan for the Art Community. 760-382-5356.

Newsletter: Submittal for February Newsletter. Please send it to me by (January 18th, 2026) so it will go out the Monday, January 26th, the week before the February 2, 2026, meeting.

Art Community: We can work towards this during the summer months. If interested please call Charylene Peterson, 760-382-5356. We need a Village to get this going!

January 20, 2026, we had a short meeting for the Art Community with attendees being interested in this effort. As of now, we are going to compile a Business Plan and the present it to the Community so they are aware of what we want for the Artists' in Ridgecrest. This will be for all areas of "Creativity". Emails will be sent to keep you in the loop.

**DESERT ARTISTS' LEAGUE EXECUTIVE
BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON
September 2025 - ELECTED OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT:

VP MEMBERSHIP: Nancy Crawford (760-375-8275)

VP PROGRAM:

TREASURER: Debra Newton (760-301-4818)

SECRETARY: Naomi Norris (661-317-3683)

COMMITTEES

Volunteer

HIGH DESERT PLEIN AIR: Sally Valiton (760-793-1756)

DVD'S: Donna David (760-382-6722)

GALLERY : RRH - KERR MCGEE - LA FIESTA

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)

FACEBOOK: Debra Newton (760-301-4818)

NEWSLETTER: Charylene Peterson (760-371-3384)

MEMBERSHIPS

Member

Patron

Student

Honorary

Honorary Life

**January Board Meeting:
The Future of DAL**

1. Elect President/VP Programs.
2. The 3 Board Members carry on as the above positions. (3 Meetings each)
3. Reorganize without Board and just meet social get togethers, and paint.
4. Disband DAL

Organize DAL towards a Art Community and not have meetings. Members contribute to the Art Community.

I would like to hear from DAL Members. Please email me or text me or phone for your suggestions, and support.

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.

March: Debbie Newton-Exhibit at the Maturango Museum.

April: Wildflower Show at Maturango Museum. Sally Valiton

Summer Challenge: Suggestion