



Desert Artists' League

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P.O. Box 1938
Ridgecrest,
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: **February 2, 2026**

Next: Board Meeting

January 20, 2026
2-4 PM
Location
California Welcome
Center
880 N. China Lake Blvd.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
(760) 375-8202

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Presidents Message: Happy New Year!

We didn't have a Scheduled General Meeting in December, so this is dated for DAL January 5, 2026 meeting. Our Christmas Social, was on December 8th at Marcela and Mark Everitts. (Photos in this issue and on FB)

Programs/Workshops will be listed from Sarah Nystrom. If you have any interest in the workshops offered please tell her to put your name on the sign up sheet so we can guarantee attendance for these great Artists'.

We will need to start now for our schedule for 2026-2027. Joe Oakes, Rich Gallego, and Colleen Reynolds, might consider coming back. Make a suggestion!

Watercolor with Nancy Crawford and other instructors will tell us about their plans for 2026/7. Get in touch with instructors. If your name is on the list to be called, they will contact you. The IT committee has put a link from the classes to the artists paintings, you can see what talent they all have.

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 January 5th, General Meeting, with Demo by Lori Michelin.

Nominations for President, January 2026, or any other open positions. DAL needs to have a new President for September 2026-May 2027. A DAL member needs to fill this/these position. We will have to revisit the other positions on the Board and Committee Chairs in January 2026.
Voting/Elections on slate of officers in April, May installation of Officers.

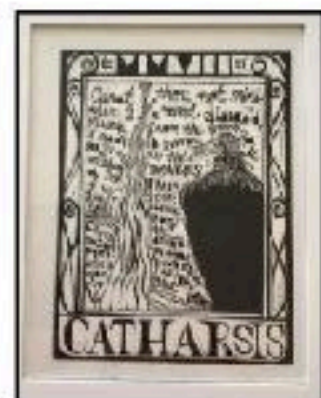
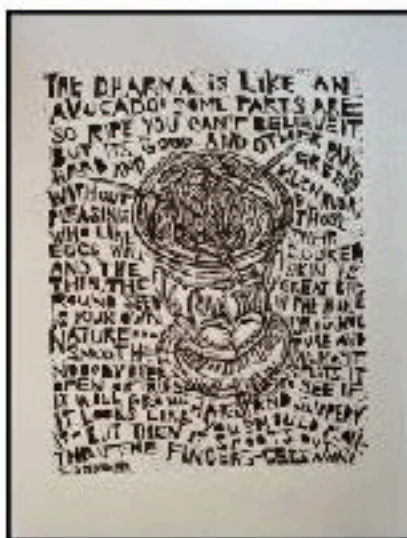
Charylène Peterson

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Hello All! Artist and Print Maker Lori Michelin will be joining us at the January general meeting. It should be quite interesting, and I'm looking forward to hearing about her process. She also includes mixed media in her work, as well as some unusual subjects. Her joint show at the Maturango was also very successful, hope you can join us. January 5, 2026 6:30-8:30

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**DESERT ARTISTS' LEAGUE EXECUTIVE BOARD
AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

September 2025 - ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Charylene Peterson (760-382-5356)
VP MEMBERSHIP: Nancy Crawford (760-464-1586)
VP PROGRAM: Sarah Nystrom (760-977-7443)
TREASURER: Debra Newton (760-301-4518)
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 - LA FIESTA

Janice Allen (760-384-8882)

HISTORIAN: Donna David (760-382-6722)

HOSPITALITY: Janice Allen (760-384-8882)

PUBLICITY: Penny LePome (442-294-7057)

SUNSHINE: Lisa Herrington (312-524-1310)

WEBPAGE (IT Committee)

Lydia Dorfman (661-317-3683)

Sarah Nystrom (760-977-7443)

FACEBOOK: Debra Newton (760-301-4518)

NEWSLETTER: Charylene Peterson (760-371-3384)

MEMBERSHIPS

Member

Patron

Student

Honorary

Honorary Life

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.

jaynancycrawford@verizon.net

Nancy Crawford

Welcome **New Members:**

**Joann Barbee, Rochelle Fulton,
Amanda Honious, Grant
Labarre, and Ray Wood.**

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 in our galleries
7. Access to DVD library
8. Voting obligation

Events coming up for DAL: Wildflower Show at Maturango Museum. Sally Valiton is arranging the sketching schedule. Thank you for taking time to be involved with this for DAL. Debbie Newton will have a Exhibit at the Maturango Museum in March.

Summer Challenge: We still have time to have someone submit one before our Summer Break, June, July and August. Present it finished at our September 2026 meeting.

VP Program: Sarah Nystrom:

February: I have just confirmed details for a painting with wool workshop with Artist Robin Harmon

This will be a one day 9-4:00 workshop on February 2nd with a presentation at the meeting that evening. *All supplies are included for the workshop*.

Focus will be on landscapes but participants are welcome to create any design or artistic representation they want.

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.

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, December 30th, Sketching will be at Carls' Jr. at 9:30.

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

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

Lisa Herrington

Art Community: We can work towards this during the summer months. If interested please call Charylene Peterson, 760-382-5356.

Survey: Nancy Crawford gave a summary of the data at our meeting, last year. The Board is wondering if we should do another one to reflect the Art Community effort.

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

Merry Christmas Social - DAL 2025- Dec. 8th.



Marcela and Mark Everitt

Remember Mark asked you to get a item from the bag and do a ARTIST project with whatever you got and bring it to share at a DAL meeting.



Thank you for the Christmas Spirit, and fun! DAL members all enjoyed the evening.