



Desert Artists' League

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Nazarene Church - 571 N. Norma St.
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P.O. Box 1938
Ridgecrest,
CA 93556

General Meeting

May 4, 2026
at Fellowship Hall
Church of The Nazarene
571 N. Norma St.
Ridgecrest, CA
6:30pm-8:30pm
Next: **September 14,
2026**

Next: Board Meeting

May 19, 2026
1:30 - 3PM
Location
California Welcome
Center
880 N. China Lake Blvd.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
(760) 375-8202

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Marcela/Mark Everitt will be writing in the Summer Notes, and in our September Newsletter. They're on a vacation in Italy, for their Anniversary.

Past Presidents Message:

May 4, 2026 - General Meeting is going to be the last one for this session. September 25 - May 2026. DAL members voted at the April General Meeting for President, and VP Programs. September 14, meeting we will have installation of Officers. We are happy to announce, Marcela and Mark Everitt will be our DAL President Team, and Eileen Shibley will be our VP Programs. Welcome! (see Board and Committees) Thanks to the others that are staying.

Nancy Crawford, Membership has updated the membership list and we have 47 members at this time. You may pay your dues \$25 or family \$35, starting in May. Please verify your information with her for others to be able to contact you during Summer Break. June, July, and August. And DAL will begin on September 14, 2026.

During the summer High Desert Plein Air with Sally Valiton, every Tuesday will be available. Your name needs to be on the list.

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. Board Meeting on May 19, 2026 will include Marcela/Mark agenda for DAL. Your welcome to attend.

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

Charylene Peterson

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Membership: jaynancycrawford@verizon.net **Nancy Crawford**
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.

**DESERT ARTISTS' LEAGUE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON
September 2026 - May 2027**

ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Marcela/Mark Everitt (760) 977-8527
VP MEMBERSHIP: Nancy Crawford (760) 464-1586
VP PROGRAM: Eileen Shibley (760) 832-1049
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 (442) 384-8882
PUBLICITY: Penny LePome (760) 294-7057
SUNSHINE: Charylene Peterson (760) 382-5356
WEBPAGE: Lydia Dorfman (661) 317-3683
Shelly Fulton (760) 608-0331
FACEBOOK: Debra Newton (760) 301-4518
NEWSLETTER: Charylene Peterson (760) 382-5356

MEMBERSHIPS

Patrons
Student Member
Honorary Members
Honorary Life Members

**April 6, 2026 - Demo
presented by Marcel
Everitt**



**Membership:
Nancy Crawford
dues is Sept to Sept.**

**Read about DALs next
presenter [Terry Leeds](#)
on May 4, 2026,
General Meeting.**

Guests are welcome.

The Desert Artists' League will meet on **Monday, May 4, 2026** at the Church of the Nazarene 571 N Norma St, Ridgecrest, CA from 6:30pm TO 8:30pm. The presenter will be **Terry Leeds**. He specializes in character development for board games. He has taken a variety of art classes growing up and in college, and earned a specialized certificate in Digital Design from UCSD Extension (2004). He has been a freelance graphic designer since 1997 (mostly board game companies), Graphics Director, San Diego Air & Space Museum (2005-2020), and currently a graphic artist for GMT Games (2020-present). Some contemporary artists who have inspired him include: Keith Ferris/Robert Taylor/Jack Fellows (aviation art), Robert Bateman (wildlife art), Randall Scott (marine life/historic art), Robert Watts (Artist/Illustrator/Educator), Kwanchai Moriya (Illustrator/Designer), James Gurney (Artist/Illustrator. He is fascinated by work of Alphonse Mucha and Hiroshi Yoshida.



High Desert Plein Air:**sally67rc@gmail.com****Sally Valiton**

If your on the email list you will be notified, and if you would like to be on the list. Contact her, 760-793-1756. They have done several outings in April, and joined a group from Bishop. Let her know if you would like to continue during the Summer Months. They meet at Starbucks April 21, due to the wind.

DVDs:**desert.songs45@yahoo.com****Donna David**

They will be available to check out at each General Meeting and are being given for the Show and Tell gifts.

Tech Equipment:**Rick David**

Available to set up equipment for the presentations/classes. Let him know what is required and about the set up at each meeting.

Galleries -**jan.allen@mediaccmbb.net****Janice Allen**

Paintings at the galleries (Kerr McGee, RRH, and La Fiesta, will be changed out quarterly and they will be for sale.

Historian -**desert.songs45@yahoo.com****Donna David**

A Scrapbook will be compiled from news items, cards, photos, etc. It will be shown at the September 2026 General Meeting.

Hospitality:**janiceallen074@gmail.com****Janice Allen**

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 May.

Publicity:**wetlands100@zoho.com****Penny LePome**

Notices on Yodel, fb, and webpage and given to other art groups for having workshops attended. Darla Baker from Daily Independent has published events and meetings. Please remember to give the copies to Donna David for Scrapbook.

Sunshine:**charylenesqw@msn.com****Charylene Peterson**

Please let me know when to send a card to any of our members. A card will be sent or flowers.

Webpage:**lddorman.ld@gmail.com -Lydia Dorfman****sweetchelle612@gmail.com - Shelly Fulton**

DAL IT (Information Technology) committee, Working on Webpage. Putting revised Membership list on Members only. Nancy Crawford, jaynancycrawford@verizon.net would like you to verify your info before she sends it to them.

Facebook:**newtondebbie52@yahoo.com****Debbie Newton**

DAL facebook page will be monitored and unwanted posts will be deleted.

Newsletter:**charylenesqw@msn.com****Charylene Peterson**

Submittal for Summer Notes June Newsletter will be May 17, 2026. It will be sent out

Monday, May 25, 2026, for June.. I would like the Board and Committee Chairs, and Members to submit reports, events, etc. Please contribute!

Messages:

Charylene Peterson, is asking you to notify her, if you are interested in a ART Community or any interest you might have for DAL 2026-2027. Attend May 19, 2026, or contact her.

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! Marcela/Mark will be informing us of their plans for DAL at the Board Meeting, May 19, and I will also be covering the ART Community interest.

*Would you like the Minutes of our Meetings included in the Newsletter that is sent out Monthly, or just have them at the meetings? This will be determined by the New Board.

Nancy Crawford:

Name tags have been updated for newest Membership list. See Nancy 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.

Events:

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

sally67rc@gmail.com Sally Valiton

This was well attended. April 10, 11, and 12 - Wildflower Exhibit Maturango Museum schedule for sketching.

OPEN STUDIO TOUR - OCT. 2026 will be in touch with DAL.

jaynancycrawford@verizon.net Nancy Crawford

NEW — — All welcome - tell your artists friends about this

Gathering of Painters - Just started this group.

Thursday, May 7, at 10:00 (open for a couple of hours)

The Nazarene Church - 571 N. Norma St.

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

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.