



Desert Artists' League

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Nazarene Church - 571 N. Norma St.

October 6, 2025

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P.O. Box 1938 Ridgecrest,
CA 93556

General Meeting

October 6, 2025

at Fellowship Hall

Church of The Nazarene

571 N. Norma St.

Ridgecrest, CA

6:30pm-8:30pm

Next: **November 3,**

2025

**October DAL Birthday
Month 68yrs.**

Next: Board Meeting

October 21, 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:



We will be handing out this poster to other ART groups and R/C Businesses, and friends to encourage our effort of making a ART Community in R/C. (Will be revised due to September meeting being over)

My Leadership Class given by the Chamber of Commerce, Started September 26 and will be a monthly meeting Sept thru - May 2026. Hopefully this will help DAL with their Leadership, and to establish a ART Community. Please let the Board know what your goals are for DAL. Review 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 have included the minutes of the last Board Meeting, rather than type it all again.

The October meeting will be our Birthday Celebration, 68 years, we are planning some art activity and having scrapbooks out to look at what and where we were when?

Charylene 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 - 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)
Sarah Nystrom (760-977-7443)
FACEBOOK: Debra Newton (760-301-4818)
NEWSLETTER: Charylene Peterson (760-382-5356)

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.

desertartistsleague.org

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 was be turned in at the Sept. meeting. "Postcard." Start thinking of a Theme, or Subject for DAL Members to do the Summer of 2026-2027.

Webpage: DAL IT (Information Technology) committee, Sarah Nystrom.
desertartistsleague.org 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 beeb sent. bambieherrington@ameritech.net **Lisa Herrington**

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

Fee: Members: \$100 Non-Members \$150

Fall Workshop

Gouache and Watercolor
Techniques

with Dave Kirk

November 3-4

Join Independence, CA Artist Dave Kirk For A Two Day Workshop

This workshop will focus on exploring the versatile water based medium of gouache. We'll also discuss the similarities and differences between gouache and watercolor and how the two can be combined. By practicing both plein air painting and using reference work we'll discuss the concepts of composition, value, and color mixing, experimentation and playfulness.

Open to artists of all levels



Programs/Demos/Workshop

October 6, 2025 - May 2026

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.

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

Newsletter: Submittal for November Newsletter. Please send it to me by (October 19, 2025 so it will go out the Monday 27, a week before the November 3, 2025.

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.

Corrections - Board Meeting Minutes of Sept. 16, 2025.

Dave Kirk Gouache / Watercolor workshop (not acrylic) - Scheduled for Nov 3-4

Penny LePome wants to be in class but has a previous engagement, so is unable to attend.

Nancy's watercolor classes are for beginning and advanced painters.

The next DAL General Meeting will be October 6, not 8th. We will celebrate DAL's 68th birthday!

Desert Artists' League (DAL)
Board Meeting Minutes
09/16/2025

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

Meeting Start

The board meeting agenda was followed, and additional topics were added.

Attendees

Charylene Peterson, Donna David, Janice Allen, Naomi Norris, Penny LePome, Nancy Crawford, Sara Nystrom, Lydia Dorfman.

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, TBD. 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. Charylene announced that Debbie had reported, and later confirmed in our meeting by Sara, that the PayPal on the website is only for membership. Nothing further.

Membership Report: Nancy Crawford - A membership list has been updated several times and distributed. Naomi commented list should stabilize in a month or so and will distribute a formatted one. Nancy mentioned there was one DAL member who does not have a phone number or email. He wants to participate in DAL and hang his artwork, but has no frame or method of hanging the art. It was mentioned we could encourage him to visit thrift stores or Walmart to get a frame. We are still in search for a President from the membership.

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

Sunshine: Lisa Herrington is continuing in her role. It was noted cards were sent to Kathleen Murray tripped over low fence in her home that caused a cut in her left shin and broke her ankle. Sally Valiton was also sent a card and she is recovering from a vicious deep cat 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. The dates of Dave Kirk's workshop were submitted by Sara and Donna David to use the fellowship hall.

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.

- At the last meeting, they discussed various art forms to broaden the group's focus beyond watercolor.

- Fiber arts, woodworking, steel/metal, encaustic, Japanese art, and Chinese brush painting were mentioned.

- Speaker suggests a workshop on making paper or cold wax and oil painting.

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

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Sara provided Charylene with ideas she was working on to incorporate an event like the Pasadena Art League Birthday celebration for us. Sara suggested Programs from past board meetings —

- + 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 **(Scheduled for November 3-4)**

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 **(if there's interest, Sara thinking of February 2026)**

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

September Program: Charylene said that about 20 people attended the September DAL General Meeting. Of that number there were 4 submissions for the Summer Challenge.

October's Program: DAL's 68th Birthday Party. The general meeting will have a free raffle with art supplies or silent auction. There was a call for board members to bring in items for this raffle - art books, cds, supplies, etc. This will be a party; activities may include painting, card making, and "Pin the ear on Van Gogh". Sara will bring supplies. Donna will bring historical DAL scrapbooks; a call for scrapbooks from the - 1970s - 1980s -1990s, as well as 1957, was suggested. This meeting will include a cake that Janice will purchase from a bakery, paid for from the DAL food budget. Charylene mentioned that after this meeting, it would be necessary for Board Members to step up and take turns conducting Board and General Meetings until a President volunteers. She said most important attribute was Communication, and execution - follow through, and

+Organization

+Financial skills

+Control

+Support People to take initiative, help them do stuff!

Charylene will continue updating the newsletter. She is involved in a Leadership skills with the local Chamber Of Commerce.

November's Program: Kirk's workshop **(Nov 3-4)** was announced was to max out at 15 people and it is priced at \$100 per DAL member and \$150 for non-members. It was noted that gouache is like paint but with a matte finish. DK will need a projector for the program to which he can connect his laptop. With the DK workshop announcement flyer and bio, Penny will send articles to the DI, Yodel, Eastern Sierra, Kern River Valley, etc. Workshop signees who have responded with interest - include at minimum -
 - Donna, Kathleen, Vicki, and Nancy Crawford have paid for the workshop.
 - Naomi, Irene & her sister in law, Rochelle Fulton, Susan Neves, and Sally Valiton have notified Naomi with interest. Penny is interested, but she will be a poll worker on the election day, Nov 4.
 - 15 is the maximum number of students Dave is willing to teach.

December Program: Lydia mentioned that by tradition, DAL had a joint Christmas dinner, early in the month. In past years, Rick and Donna David have graciously opened their home for this event. Lydia mentioned a new opportunity; that is to dine at Marcella's Tea House - perhaps use her restaurant or home for dinner. Janice mentioned she could purchase and bring ham and we bring sides. The date would be the first or second week of that month, usually on Monday.

Possible Workshops - Sara currently thinking for February 2026, or so for Vicki if there is enough interest; it will attract other media artists to the DAL.

Vicki Assegued - fabric artist. She brings all the materials needed for the project and creations.

art out of nothing- collage of buttons, ribbon, etc. All materials are provided by the instructor. The initial quoted price is **\$395** per person for a two-day workshop, not including lodging and travel. If attendance is decreased to only 10 students the fiber arts workshop could cost \$500 per student. We could dip into our accounts to bring costs down to \$300 per student for members. Sara would prefer to decide on this workshop ASAP. See art example.

-The price includes all supplies.

-Sara wants feedback on the price and whether to subsidize costs for members.

- Vicki works part-time on Mondays and Tuesdays, which are the days we would want here in Ridgecrest to do workshops.

-Sara saw her work at the textile museum and she does workshops all over the country.

-Sara suggests they could spend money on this workshop instead of trying to make money. Although expensive, this may be an opportunity to broaden the group's focus beyond watercolor.

Penny suggested **Denise Kramer**, as another workshop instructor who taught printing at the ArtCamp4Adults. She teaches at a college. Her students at camp enjoyed her classes

Penny suggested she could go a program for a month on creating a sketchbook, which she learned at ArtCamp4Adults. She also mentioned she would be willing to make a bulk order through Dick Blick for those taking Dave Kirk's watercolor workshop. See Penny to tag along on this order.



Classes -

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

Another idea was a donation-based system for using the room, potentially charging attendees for classes to generate revenue.

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. Nancy doesn't have any ideas about classes yet until there is actual interest. Her watercolor class is for advanced and beginners. She may need a flyer to advertise to a wider audience. Debbie will not be at the November meeting but will hopefully be at the October meeting, and gather info whether classes should start up again. People can pay for membership anytime, but the new membership sheet will be more complete in November.

It was mentioned that Cerro Coso art classes had attendance and that DAL watercolor and pastels were an alternative and should be advertised more. An issue was evening classes may be an alternative but no one wanted to drive in the evenings.

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). Lori Morris designed a flyer for DAL. We can check the possibility of using space at Urgent Care as well.

Kerr McGee - Kerr McGee has a lot of space now since Carolyn McDaniel has taken home the Desert Solitude DAL group effort. At current time, Janice remarked that she and Donnie only have artwork hanging at Kerr McGee. Charylene suggested a pop-up art sale at Kerr McGee, possibly in the hallways or outside. Another idea is to increase the gallery space here and have monthly receptions where artists can meet the attendees.

La Fiesta - new gallery space was opened at La Fiesta. Janice mentioned it was an opportunity - artworks hanging are Donnie Woods, Janice, Nancy, Wanda Church. It was recommended that we have more literature about DAL at the gallery sites.

Janice announced that paintings should be changed out about every 3 months, and artists should date their cards and keep track of how long their works have been hanging.

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? During the Board Meeting, it appeared Sara understood the payment rules for workshop teachers. DAL is willing to cover travel and lodging expenses for instructors rather than including it in the ticket price. Mileage is reimbursed at 67 cents a mile, lodging at \$137, and a daily food allowance in the \$70 range. The board appeared to be lenient, however, because workshop attendees would want to be generous to Dave Kirk who wanted to charge less (100), but maybe not as much for Vicki Assegued who has a high price for her fiber workshop (395).

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 and Sara continue to work on web outreach and plan to handle updates. It needs work. Sara said the software formats behind webpage needs to be updated for us to take advantage of 4Square, PayPal, interaction with our website.

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, may need to be updated or replaced.

September 14
the Museum.

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Maturango Museum Open Studio Artist's Group Exhibit Opening Reception at
September 27-28

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Maturango Museum Open Studio at artists homes/studios.
November 3-4

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David Kirk Gouache and Watercolor Techniques workshop
November 8

—
Ridgecrest Reconnection Festival - at Desert Empire Fairgrounds Joshua Hall.
According to advertising, focused around Burroughs High School grads and attendees, a "reunion" across many decades.

Next General Meeting 10/6/2025 at Fellowship Hall, Church of the Nazarene
Next Board Meeting 10/21/2025 at California Welcome Center

Meeting closed: at 3:30 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Naomi Norris

Hope all Open Studio Tour persons did well, and enjoyed the guests.

**Several of DAL Members, Sketchers are going up to Cardinal Village this next week.
I will be going up Monday for Quilting and Sketching.....Beautiful area.**