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Nazarene Church - 571 N. Norma St.

August 18, 2026

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P.O. Box 1938 Ridgecrest,
CA 93556

General Meeting

September 14, 2026

at Fellowship Hall

Church of The Nazarene

571 N. Norma St.

Ridgecrest, CA

6:30pm-8:30pm

Next: **October 6, 2026**

DAL Birthday Month

Next: Board Meeting

August 18, 2026

4-5 PM w/zoom

Location

California Welcome

Center

880 N. China Lake Blvd.

Ridgecrest, CA 93555

(760) 375-8202

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Notes/Announcements

from Board Meetings

June/July 2026

Open Studio Tour

Summer Challenge

DAL Logo

Santa's Art Shop

DAL Members:

Hoping everyone is having a good summer. The weather has been very very warm and we really should be drinking water, and staying in the shade.

August 18, 2026 Tuesday, will be the Board Meeting for DAL to begin on September 14, 2026. The budget, status of building, Gallery, etc will be given for approval.

Several announcements in this Summer Notes have come from the June 23, and July 21, Board Meetings. The Presidents, and Executive Board and Committee members have been conducting Board Meetings to carry on with DAL for 2026 and 2027.

DAL Members will appreciate the support from the Board, Committee Chairs, and Members to obtain a Gallery (Building), increase the Membership, and to be active in the Art Community of Ridgecrest.

You can ask to see the Board Minutes or talk with them about what you would like to be involved with.

Sally Valiton has arranged for the Sketchers to be active during the summer and she will continue to notify those that are interested.

Charylene Peterson
Newsletter Editor

Open Studio Tour Applications need to be turned in.

Members, please be working on your **Summer Challenge** USA at 250 it is due September 14, 2026 Details on next page.

Use your creativity and design a new **DAL Logo** and bring it to the September meeting.



Santa's Art Shop Committee will be in touch with participants.

DAL Executive Board June 23, 2026

Present: Mark and Marcela Everitt, Nancy Crawford, Eileen Shibley, Naomi Norris.

Key Outcomes: Ratifying bylaw changes, authorizing a commercial property search, initiating a 501c3 public charity transition, and empowering designated officers to sign corporate filings. Financial plan discrepancies identified by Naomi were explained and will be corrected in the next revision Desert Artists' League Gallery Master Business Plan (Option A)

Decisions Made

Bylaw changes ratifies

Commercial property authorized

501c3 public charity transitions approved

Officer signing authority approved

Summer Challenge confirmed: Theme America's 250th Anniversary; size 11x14 horizontal, medium open (canvas, board, or watercolor paper. Bring to share at September 14, 2026 Meeting. A email was sent out with directions.

Financial Plan Corrections

Youth Instruction math error

California AB506 compliance

Masterclass budget discrepancy

Pending Confirmation

Revised youth instruction

Masterclass cost model

Chamber of Commerce

501c3 grant strategy

Open Questions

Exact space availability

Summer Challenge display avenue - bring to September meeting.

Action Items - Mark, Mark and Marcela, Eileen, Naomi.

Marcela lead scout for commercial properties.

DAL Executive Board July 21, 2026

Attendees: Mark and Marcela Everitt, Charylene Peterson, Eileen Shibley, Cam Alden, Carol Dazellum, Debbie Newton Donna David, Naomi Norris, Janice Allen, Nancy Crawford (zoom) Quorum was in attendance.

Key Outcomes

Approved participations in Santa's Art Shop (membership recruitment and outreach initiative)

Approved launching a member logo design challenge

Implemented a AI-assisted meeting minutes.

Primary Discussion Topics

Gallery Development

Website Modernization

Marketing & Outreach

Operations & Finance

Board Decisions:

Participate Santa's Art Shop December 5 & 6

Proceed with a member logo redesign

Prioritize website improvements

Adopt AI-assisted meeting minutes

Action Items:

Mark and Marcela

Debbie Newton

Lydia/Shelly

Board, Committee, Members

Janice Allen

Event Committee

Charylene Peterson Newsletter

Participating Members

Upcoming Art Events of Interest

Maturango Museum "Reflections"

Kernville Summer Festival Artisan Vendor Market August 8th

Tehachapi Mountain Festival, Sat and Sun Aug 15, 16 Central Park

Bishop Labor Day arts and Crafts dates to be determined

Submitted: Naomi Norris and Mark Everitt