

Desert Artists' League and Art Gallery



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211 Balsam, Ridgecrest, CA

September 14, 2026

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Hey Everybody - if you have not been by to see the progress that's been made on our DAL Art Gallery you should stop by. The gallery will be the main topic of discussion at the September meeting. Please mark your calendar. We will have exciting news to share with everyone.

This was posted on DAL Facebook page for all members to read or guests and the Artists" of Ridgecrest.

This Summer Break we didn't take off due to obtaining a building for a Art Gallery and we have been doing remodeling for the DAL Art Gallery, Workroom, Teaching area and Storage. We hope to attend our October General Meeting at 211 Balsam St (Next door to the Barber shop, and the Dog Pet Shop. Coffee across the street. WOW!

The Executive Board and Committee Chairs have had several Board meetings to follow thru with the Business Plan A, and Remodeling of the building. Members and the Board have been attending the work days and helping!

Thank you for all your volunteering hours!!

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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 5, 2026**

DAL Birthday Month

**Next: Board Meeting
September 15,
2026**

2-4 PM

Location

**California Welcome
Center**

880 N. China Lake Blvd.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555
(760) 375-8202

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August 11, 2026 - Submitted by Marcela and Mark for your information and it will be covered at our September 14, 2026 meeting at the Nazarene Church.

DAL Executive Board and Committee Meeting

1. Strategic Decisions

- Gallery Remodel: Current forecast is approximately within the approved \$25,000 maximum. The Board decided not to proceed with the drywall work, generating savings.
- Membership: Approved unanimously increasing annually from \$25 to \$35 and changing membership to a 12 month term, renewing annually from the payment date.
- Gallery Operations: Remodel and setup are progressing, with emphasis on completing the space, establishing functional payment systems, and preparing for an October opening.

Executive Assessment - The primary priorities are controlling remaining expenditures, completing the gallery infrastructure, establishing reliable financial and administrative systems, and ensuring the website can immediately process new memberships. At the same time, the Board is advancing the organization's transitions to a 12-month membership model and 501(c)(3) status, establishing the foundation for longer-term growth.

Note: We will be attending the Nazarene Church on Norma for this meeting and in October we will be having DAL Meetings in the Art Gallery, 211 Balsam St.

- 1. Summer Challenge for 2025-2026 should be turned in at September 14th meeting. 250 years**
- 2. Logo samples will be viewed at this meeting.**
- 3. Discussion on the Changes to the ByLaws will be made and voted on.**
- 4. Business Plan, Art Gallery will be presented to members by Presidents.**
- 5. New Membership fee, and we will have a 12 Month year. Dues will be paid yearly when you join.**
- 6. Volunteers and New Members will be needed.**
- 7. Duties of Committee and Members will be talked about.**

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

ELECTED OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Marcela/Mark Everitt (760) 977-8577
VP MEMBERSHIP: Nancy Crawford (760) 464-1586
VP PROGRAM: Eileen Shibley (760) 382-1049
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COMMITTEES

Volunteer

HIGH DESERT PLEIN AIR: Sally Valiton (760) 793-1756
DVD'S: Donna David (760) 382-6722
GALLERY : RRH : Janice Allen (760) 384-8882
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Lydia Dorfman (661) 317-3683
Shelly Fulton (760) 608-0331
FACEBOOK: Debra Newton (760) 301-4518
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MEMBERSHIPS

Member
Patron
Student
Honorary
Honorary Life

Membership Dues:

\$35 each member

Dues can be paid by check or cash at the September meeting.

Debbie Newton Treasure
Nancy Crawford. (assistant)

Dues can be paid, sending check to DAL P.O. Box 1938, or on DAL Webpage Member section.
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 in Art Gallery
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.

Newsletter: Submittal for October Newsletter. Please send it to me by (September 20, 2026 so it will go out the Monday, Sept 28, a week before the Oct. meeting.
before the October 5, 2026 meeting.

If you have questions or you're not attending the September meeting, email them at the address you see on the emails they have sent out to us since May.

We will have corrections and changes to some of this information, just getting it to you before the meeting. Written by Charylene Peterson