

Desert Artists' League NEWSLETTER

May 2010

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The next Desert Artists' League meeting will be held **Monday, May 3** at the Kerr McGee Center, beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m. This will be the last official DAL general meeting for the 2009-2010 season! The next official DAL general meeting will be next September. Read below for summer activities, as DAL members will be keeping busy with art projects.

MAY PROGRAM Peggy Sands of Sedona, AZ (www.peggysands.com) will be our guest artist for May, and will conduct a three-day workshop. The program is about "What I Do to Get My Creative Juices Flowing Again." Sounds interesting!

Sands is also conducting a three-day workshop May 1, 2, and 3 (Saturday through Monday) to be held at the former Primerica building on Panamint St. We have one opening left.

From her flyer: "Creativity and Composition: the art of breaking the rules. This workshop is not for anyone who wants to remain precious around their work. We'll throw the paint around, make a mess, create using whatever we can get our hands on, and MAKE IT WORK. Understanding how composition functions frees you to create whatever you want...These 3 days are about how to "make something work" and of course have a blast at the same time." See also: www.peggysands.com

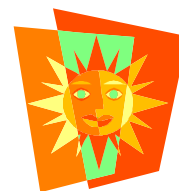
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. Our new elected officers for the 2010-2011 season will be installed this evening. Please be sure to attend and support this new board.



Art Hobo's will be meeting on **May 22th** (**NOTE: THIS IS A DATE CHANGE.** It has been scheduled for an earlier date.) for an outing to Inyokern to do some sketching and painting of the older buildings. The activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the gas station just before you get into Inyokern.

Then on June 12th will be a trip to Whitney Portals. Meet at the south end of the WalMark parking lot at 8:00 a.m. in order to caravan to the site. Bring a chair, your lunch, drink, art supplies, and don't forget the bug spray. Probably a jacket too! CALL or E-MAIL Juanita Willis if you plan on attending or if you need a ride at -375-5649 home, cell 760-608-1763, yogi93555@yahoo.com.

Juanita says any anytime the mood hits you to get outside and paint or sketch this summer and would like company, contact her and she would be glad to join you and/or find someone to go along!



MEMBERSHIP: Our VP-Membership chairperson, Helen Baker, will be accepting dues for the 2010-2011 season at the May meeting. And if you renew your membership by May 26, new DAL member (and digital artist) Jim Dixon has offered to create an original art bookmark as a special reward to the first 25 people who renew (at no cost to you -- the club will bear the expenses). If you qualify, furnish Jim with a digital image of your artwork and he will turn it into one of his beautiful bookmarks. Thanks, Jim for doing this!

VIDEOS: We have a nice collection of art videos and DVDs to loan to our members. Along those lines, member Janice Allen has offered to coordinate a special summer activity, whereby an "how to" art DVD/video will be shown. First WATCH, then STOP and DO, which means painting or drawing as the DVD/video teaches. This sound like fun! There will be more information and probably a sign-up for this activity at the May meeting.

May Show & Tell is
IMPRESSIONS OF
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*(SUGGEST SOMETHING IN AN
IMPRESSIONISTIC STYLE!!)*



REFRESHMENTS Thanks to Irene Katzensten and Nancy Crawford for bringing refreshments to the April meeting.

Those bringing refreshments to the May meeting will be notified.

SUMMER CHALLENGE. DAL will be starting a new Summer Challenge. Only a few have expressed an interest in this so far, but is open to any member who wants to take part in this event. This project will be preparing a new art collage to replace the one now hanging in the Kerr McGee Center (at the back entrance near the kitchen). This new challenge is entitled: *"The Beauty and Diversity of Our Valley."* There will be a meeting on **Thursday, May 13, 6:00 p.m. at Casa Java** to discuss the project. Bring your photos of the valley and hills, representing the beauty and versatility of area. We are looking for more artists to participate. Paintings from the old collage will be returned to artists. Contact Juanita Willis for further information.

LIBRARY DISPLAY: DAL will have an art display in the local Kern County Library this August. Not sure of the exact date right now, but be sure and watch for it!

SANTA'S ART SHOP!!! We have already received information about Santa's Art Shop, Did you know Christmas is only seven months away???? We will be sending an application for space when we receive the form. We'll keep you informed as to what's going on! (Artists, start getting ready for this event!)

HOSPITAL GALLERY DAL continues to work with the Ridgecrest Regional Hospital to set up an art gallery whereby our members can display and sell their art work, when the new addition of the hospital is completed. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, this opportunity is for DAL members only. There will be no charge to show your art, but each artist will be expected to pay a 10 percent commission

to DAL for any sales. Members will be notified when the gallery is ready for the artwork to be hung. Bring your best work, securely and nicely framed and ready to hang (no alligator hooks, please). Displaying your art work will be at your own risk. Neither the hospital nor DAL will be responsible for any damage or loss to any artwork on display.



KERNVILLE ART

WALK will be held May 8. A number of our members took part in this last year, whereby they set up their artwork to show, and possible sell, to the public. DAL members are invited again this year to be part of this. The location will be the same area as last year,. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Walker of Kernville at 760-376-2239 ASAP.



CHARLOTTE WHITE was our guest artist and workshop instructor last month. She generously returned her fee of \$530 to DAL, and requested that it be given to a local art student for purchasing art supplies for the Fall Semester of 2010. She specified that the recipient be a student at Cerro Coso Community College or a graduate of Cerro Coso who is going on or is presently a student at CSUB. The board is working out the details in order to comply with her instructions.



WILDFLOWER SHOW. On Sunday April 12, we had three DAL artists (Lura Zimmerman, Janice Allen, and Nancy Crawford) participate in the 2010 Maturango Museum Wildflower Show. They all painted wildflowers, creating

superb wildflower portraits. The Museum was very appreciative, and the onlookers were also interested and enthused. Thanks to all who participated.



SCHOOL SUPPORT: DAL

continues to support the local schools with donations of art materials to one school per year. The selection this year is teacher Angie Pritchard's kindergarten class at Las Flores.

SADNESS With much sadness, we must report the passing of another of our long-time members, Lynnett Siler who passed away April 12. A memorial service was held at the Grace Lutheran Church on April 17th. She was a long time member of DAL, although she missed a few years due to ill health. She taught art for many years. -- I remember learning more from the first art lesson I took from her when she taught adult art at Burroughs H.S., than from a whole semester at Cerro Coso Collage! Jw -- She will be missed .

IN MEMORY of Edna Skeer and Lynn Siler, DAL will be purchasing appropriate art DVDs in remembrance these DAL members, to be placed in the DAL library.

HELPFUL HINTS??

↳ Charlotte White, our guest artist for April, shared this bit of information: Frames with that linen lining are now out of date! And black frames are in style! -- It would depend on what the subject of the painting is all about!! --

↳ Ever need to enlarge or scale a drawing or photograph? In the March/April 2010 edition of California Blacksmith, magazine of the California Blacksmith Association, there is an article "Make Images Big with Downloaded Software."

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The article gives two links to freeware which can scale and print an image to almost any size (up to 60 ft by 60 ft). These packages appear to scale the image up, then print it on multiple sheets of regular paper that you can then paste together to form the large image. The links are: www.arje.net/rasterbator and www.homokaasuy.org/rasterbator. The article did NOT report any experience in using these packages. From Mike

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Next board meeting The board may be called to meet sometime during the summer. You will be notified as to the date, time, etc.

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