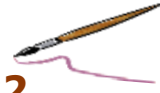


Presidents Message April 2022



We welcome all our PVA members, visitors and guests to our Thursday 12:00 pm, April 21st Gathering in Sundial's East Social Hall. You may bring a snack to share with others for our Gathering. Water, coffee or tea available.

April is here, bringing us Easter Days and warmer weather. Snow Birds are going back to another home, and Summer is approaching. Summer classes are scheduled beginning in June through September, with reciprocity for Artists by the Lake in June, July and August. With the changing of days of our monthly Gathering, we realize it is new to all of us, and the newsletter is later than we are used to but do not let it deter you from signing up for the summer classes. In addition, we have new opportunities for the Artist of the Month in May, June, and July, so be on the lookout. Below is a beautiful quote from **James Crossman, chair**, regarding Artist of the Month.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm for the new features of it. Like a tree that is sprouting new leaves, branches, and flowers, it's beautiful and full of Art Spirit. Its roots are digging in deep. There will be a wonderful "harvest" ahead."

Our last meeting before the Summer is in May, and please check the website calendar for all classes and descriptions. Our Gathering in March was tremendous, and I am thankful for all of you being there. See you at the April Gathering on the 21st.

Mary Stewart, President

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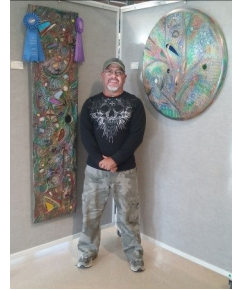
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DANIEL ORTEGA, ARTIST OF THE MONTH - APRIL 2022

PALO VERDE ARTISTS



Daniel Ortega attended Otis Parsons Art Institute In Los Angeles, California, with summer scholarship programs in 1967 and 1968. Life drawing classes and recycling art projects inspired him to pursue fine arts, and his college curriculum included graphic design, architecture, technical illustration, electronic drafting, ceramics, and photography.



Mr. Ortega creates hand-sculpted bas-relief designs from the organic medium he has developed. The medium dries hard and has the appearance of stone or rock. He paints the finished work with acrylic or bio "green seal" paints, leaving it natural earth, plant, or spiced colored. Next, he seals it with a clear acrylic coat. Enhancing his work with sand, glass, stones and metallic finishes creates a beautiful natural contrast on the sculpted surface. His medium comprises non-endangered sustainable plants, wood, flowers, earth, and stone.

His memorial artwork looks the same but has cremated ashes interred into the medium and is featured in Ripley's 8th edition 2012 Annual "Ripley's Believe It or Not! Strikingly true. Ripley's Entertainment exhibits his work in Orlando, Florida, and Hollywood, California museums.

He creates abstract and expressionist artwork with an inner vision and cultural symbolism. Action Painting takes place with each work with layer upon layer of diverse colors applied to his medium. Different textures can be felt with your hands while exploring with your eyes and is similar to discovering a stone relic from an archaeological dig.

Daniel visited many archaeological sites in Mayan, Mixtec, and Zapotec cultures. He relocated to Oaxaca, Mexico, and learned holistic medicine from healers and Nuad Bo-Rarn ancient Thailand bodywork. His artwork expresses earth medicine using sustainable natural resources such as industrial hemp and a coconut husk byproduct powder.



Daniel states, "Earth Friendly Artwork is continually evolving with new sustainable materials and asks the viewer to consider his artistic passion for artwork as a 'save the planet message.'" His artwork honors the earth and all her relations in the circle of life.

APRIL & MAY CALENDAR

Classes are for current Palo Verde Members only & must be paid for in full regardless of how many sessions you attend.

Payments can be made online or in the classroom.

APRIL AND MAY

MONDAYS

Apr. 4, 10 am **GALLERY EXCHANGE** Art Room.

Apr. 18, 1 pm, **CRITIQUE** with Ruth Little, Clubroom, No Fee

May 16, 1 pm, **CRITIQUE** with Ruth Little, Clubroom, No Fee

TUESDAYS

Weekly, 9 am to Noon **OPEN STUDIO** No Instructor. A quiet space to paint or draw

Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26 &

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 1 - 4 pm,

OILS with Doris Canavan, \$60 fee for each month.

WEDNESDAYS No classes in April

May 4, 11, 18, 25, 1 - 4 pm

ACRYLICS, BEGINNER TO EXPERIENCED with Marlene Bonneville \$60

THURSDAYS

Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28, &

May 5, 12, 19, 26, 10 am -12 pm,

ADVANCED DRAWING GROUP Ruth Little \$40 each month

Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28, &

May 5, 12, 19, 26, 1 - 3 pm

PORTRAITS DRAWING & DISCUSSION No Instructor, \$3 if a live model.

FRIDAYS

Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, &

May 6, 13, 20, 27, 9 am - 12 pm

WATERCOLOR with Nancy Gunn \$60 for each month

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Apr. 1, 15, 22, 29

Applying drawing, composition, color theory in watercolors or colored pencils. With Ruth Little \$60

May 6, 13, 20, 27, 1 - 4

Continuing painting exercises with Ruth Little \$60 each month

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