

DRY CANYON
Arts
ASSOCIATION

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FROM THE BOARD

Wow does your art organization ever have a lot going on. This is a very busy time for us and we hope that you will join with us and volunteer for some of the very important projects we have going. Everything the board decides to do is for the benefit of our members. We are only able to do our projects with your help and assistance. I hope this message reaches a few people who have been on the fence about helping out. We need you. It's plain and simple. We need you and we need your talents and there's a place for you within our active organization. We are all volunteers working for a better artist community within our region. Recently Janet Hardwick stepped up and volunteered to be the volunteer coordinator. What a wonderful thing. You can reach Janet at volunteer@drycanyonarts.org. There are descriptions of the volunteers needed in other articles in this newsletter. There is great personal satisfaction in volunteering in an organization and we would like to have you help us out.

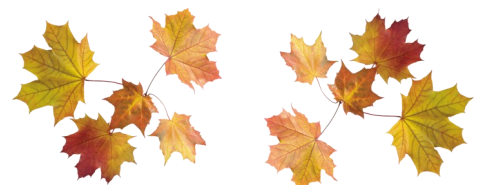
The board of directors of Dry Canyon Arts Association is a group of people who have come forward to give of their time to work for a better artist community. Once a year there is an opportunity for new people to put themselves or another person up for nomination to the board of directors. This is that time. We have a very active board with every member of the board responsible for certain projects. I would encourage you to inquire about becoming a board member. It is a 2 year term. The board meets every two months to decide on big issues. We welcome community members who have various experiences and backgrounds and would like to help us out. You can apply through the website: <https://www.drycanyonarts.org/board-of-directors-how-to-apply>. The Current board members consider all nominations during the month of December with decisions made by the first of the year. If you are interested in joining the board feel free to ask any current board member what it's like and how you can get involved.

The fall art show is coming up rapidly and registration is open. This is a big event for us and it takes a lot of people to put it on. We expect close to 2000 people will be visiting the 44 booths filled with local art and visiting with these artists. These last few years the show has gotten bigger and bigger as we have become more well known. A big portion of the show is the raffle of art from the participating artists. All of the money from the sale of the raffle tickets goes to our program called jumpstart Art. This program funds visual art education in the 8 elementary schools of the Redmond school district. It serves over 3000 K through 5 students. Without our funding there would be no visual art education for these kids. Please spread the word far and wide to all of your friends and relatives to come to the show November 15th and 16th at Redmond high School.

The Dry Canyon Community Art Center renovation is well underway. Led by Brad Rafish and Don Sheets and a host of helpers, the interior is really coming along. The center will have approximately 2000 feet of gallery space, between artist of the month spotlight, gift gallery by local artists and the main galleries that will showcase your work. The center also has two classrooms. The **call for art** for the very first exhibition we'll go out very soon. This first exhibition will run from December 1st to February 1st. We will be changing out the artwork in the galleries every two months. We are trying a new thing in gallery hosting. Instead of having the artists whose work is being shown required to spend a few hours as a gallery host we are hoping to recruit a large group of gallery hosts that we can train in the operations of the gallery. We hope that you are interested and helping us out in this area. You can contact Janet Hardwick at volunteer@drycanyonarts.org to find out more about doing this. I hope that all of us realize that it is up to us to make this venture a success and by your volunteering it will be. The grand opening is scheduled for December 5th to correlate with First Friday Art Walk. We are expecting a great crowd and a great event, all with the purpose of showcasing your work.

I hope you have time to enjoy our beautiful fall weather.

Mel Archer, DCAA Board Chair



DRY CANYON COMMUNITY ART CENTER



Dry Canyon Community Art Center
Enhancing Community through Art and Education



Exciting Volunteer Opportunities at the Art Center

Are you ready to help create something extraordinary in our community? We're looking for enthusiastic, creative, and passionate individuals to join our leadership team and make our art association and community art center a vibrant hub for everyone. Below you'll find a range of volunteer opportunities—no matter your skills or interests, there's a place for you to shine!

Have questions or want to jump in? Join us and help shape the creative future of our community by emailing Janet Hardwick at volunteer@drycanyonarts.org.

Marketing Chair (Starts January 1)

Step into a leadership role and guide our well-documented marketing plan. You'll work alongside a dynamic committee, including a skilled writer, to help shape the center's public image and outreach.

Social Media Assistant

Are you a natural influencer? Join us to amplify the art center's story through Facebook and Instagram. Help us build excitement and share everything our creative community has to offer!

Fall Art Show Helpers

Support artists and visitors during our exciting fall show. Greet guests, give artists a well-deserved break, and pitch in with the raffle for a rewarding behind-the-scenes experience.

Lend Me Your Walls Assistant

You'll be mentored by Brad Rafish to take the lead at one of our venues—from calls for art to hanging masterpieces and connecting with participating artists, you'll play a key role in our exhibitions.

First Friday Assistant

Get hands-on training from Laurel as you set up for the popular First Friday Art Walks. Place ART flags, set up signs, and help coordinate activities that bring our community together each month.

Art Center Needs:

Art Center Event Planner

Love throwing parties or organizing unforgettable gatherings? Collaborate with our operations team to create memorable events such as our grand opening, founding sponsors reception, and other signature celebrations that make the art center the place to be.

Gallery Hosts

Be the welcoming face of our gallery! Assist visitors, share your passion for art, and help with sales in a lively and inspiring environment.

Public Relations Team

Do you enjoy sparking conversations and sharing exciting news? Become an ambassador for our new community art center as part of the Development, Fundraising, and PR team!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DCAA Up and Coming Events: October and November

October 2025

- First Friday Art Walk: 10/3 (5:00-8:00) **Downtown Redmond**
- 2025 Fall Art Show & Sale *Registration opens on Sunday, 10/5*
(It will remain open until the 43 spaces are filled or the closure date of 11/9.)

More information will be sent out as we get closer to the registration deadline.

- Marketing Meeting: 10/9 (1:00-3:00) **Senior Center**
- DCAA Board Meeting: 10/23 (2:00-5:00) **Redmond Library meeting room**

November 2025

- First Friday Art Walk: 11/7 (5:00-8:00) **Downtown Redmond**
- Fall Art Show Registration Closes: 11/9
- Marketing Meeting: 11/13 (1:00-3:00) **Senior Center**
- Fall Art Show & Sale set up: Friday, 11/14 (6:30-9:00pm) **Redmond high School Commons**
- Fall Art Show & Sale! Saturday, 11/15 (10:00-5:00) AND Sunday, 11/16 (10:00-4:00) **RHS Commons** If you are not in the show, please come by to admire your fellow member-artists and purchase some JumpStart Art raffle tickets!
- Member Meeting: 11/18 (5:00-6:30) General Duffy's Annex

Attention Artists !!

We would like you to share your unused art materials with others during the members meeting and pick up some materials you could use. Part of our mission is to encourage and share with other artists so come on and be part of the materials exchange next meeting. Any questions 503-319-2074, Joan Sheets, Education Chair



How you Can Help !!

We have a **new Facebook page** for updates, events, photos, DCAA happenings events and more. Please go to <https://www.facebook.com/drycanyonarts> and <https://www.instagram.com/dry.canyon.arts> and follow our pages.

Help us create a vibrant arts and culture community in Central Oregon.



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LEND ME YOUR WALLS!

The Lend Me Your Walls program was created to fill a need for the lack of formal art galleries in Redmond. Local businesses “loan” wall space so our members have a place to exhibit and sell their artwork. The duration of each exhibition is from three to six months depending on location.

Our current locations include **Bend Dermatology (Redmond); Birdies Brow & Spa; Feast Food Co.; High Desert Vision Source; Redmond Sr. Center; and St. Charles Hospital.**

Upcoming Calls for Art:

- **Feast Food Co.** - Submission deadline October 21st

We are also looking for anyone interested in becoming a *Venue Lead*. This position is the primary contact with the venue and is responsible for submitting calls for art, printing labels, and hanging the pieces as well as maintaining communication with artists and the venue.

If interested, please contact Brad Rafish at lendmeyourwalls@drycanyon.org



FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK



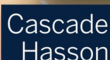
Join us for an evening
event downtown Redmond

- ♦ DO YOU KNOW the benefits of participating in the First Friday Art walks?
- ♦ NO COST to introduce your art to the community.
- ♦ MEDIA exposure in Cascade A&E, Spokesman & more.
- ♦ LEARN what's selling & how to price your art.
- ♦ DISCOVER how to market yourself and your art in a casual, relaxed conversation.

Need more information or have questions?

Contact our FFAW Chair, Laurel Werhane
at firstfriday@drycanyonarts.org or 541-633-6693.

Participating Businesses



HELP WANTED

OK members, it is time to have a little heart to heart with each one of you so please bear with me. As I hope you know, all of the people who produce the events that a lot of you participate in are volunteers. The board members are all volunteers and put in many hours of work on your behalf. The new art center is a massive undertaking by volunteers to promote art opportunities for you in our area.

We need your help to continue these programs. Without you stepping up these programs will fade away. Please look into your heart and have a little self conversation, "can I spare some time to help out our growing community of artists and art supporters". It is up to each one of us to do our part, without you it won't get done.

Mel Archer, volunteer board chair

Here are today's opportunities!

Social Media Manager.

We need someone who really knows their way around Meta products (and maybe Bluesky and dare we say TikTok?) and can make a difference for us. This position can be as hands-on or work-from-home as you would like.

First Friday Art Walk.

Laurel has agreed to stay on as heading up this task, but she sure needs a helper. A once a month commitment to help in any way you can. Its lots of fun!

Lend Me Your Walls, venue leads.

Looking for someone to take over the Senior Center venue. Easy to do, will train, put out a little effort every 3-4 months

Marketing Chair.

The marketing chair has a great team, including a graphic designer, at least one writer, a social media manager, and many more. Their job is to take the products of their talented team and distribute them throughout the media landscape of Central Oregon to keep DCAA in the news. The format and contacts are already done by Jan our talented marketing committee chair, however she is retiring from that position.

Newsletter Editor.

We need someone who can gather information, event schedules, and news from various sources, then work with our graphic designer to mold it into a short and sweet newsletter. The shorter the better!

Event committee Volunteers.

Jay is doing an incredible job, but he needs helpers that he can call upon for specific events.



To find out more, email Beth at secretary@drycanyonarts.org

We look forward to hearing from you!



ART THERAPY

Treating Ourselves While Treating Others – A Win-Win!

It's quite ironic and quizzical how at times we seem to operate on an 'input' for every 'output' paradigm... for many reasons. When we're considering a volunteer role or more involvement with a group of fellow artists like DCAA, the choice requires a good hard look at what supports our growth and what will nurture our larger community.

Even with strong belief in a group's project roles of meaningful opportunities, we find our comfort zone to step well into view. An organization's expansion includes individual expansion; concerns that need to be internally addressed.

Thoughts and contemplations will continue ... disciplined assistance, leaving our ego at the door, etc. We ponder the overall role responsibilities, and how well we might best fit the organization's goals and priorities.

First and foremost, we want to understand how volunteer enrichment takes place within us, and with the chosen organization. Beginning with an open heart and respect for self and others, our path can unfold to reveal surprising clarity. A larger group holds the multiplying effect of upliftment with equipoise and nourishment as key factors. We're able to see the possibility of experiencing our own congruence with a chosen task.

As Artists, we often measure fulfillment by the works we create and the audiences we inspire. But what if the most profound impact we could ever make comes not just from what we produce but from what we give? Volunteering our Creative Spirit for DCAA or any organization, is not just about lending a hand — it's about igniting a spark that benefits the entire community, our friends, and our own artistic journey!

Incredible art organizations thrive on passion, diversity, and collaboration; yet many are stretched thin ... running on the dedication of a few to serve the dreams of many. When we bring our creative energy to the table, we're contributing something quite unique that only we can offer. Our skills, our perspective, and our personality fill essential gaps and help a vital organization, like DCAA, not just to be alive but to be fully vibrant.

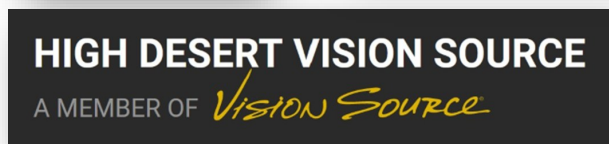
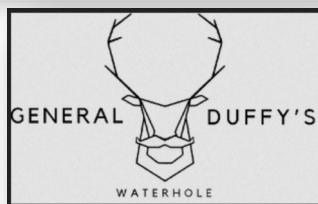
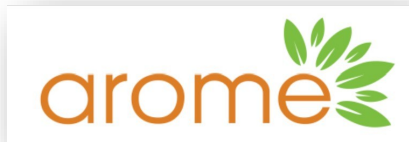
We all want our artistic voices to be heard ... to matter! Volunteering with DCAA ensures shaping the foundation for future generations of Creatives. We can inspire others to give back, to nurture emerging talents, and to help build a stronger, more creative and inclusive community. In this process, we can honor and delight Spirit and our Artist Community.

~ Offering by Molly Freitag



Inspire,
create,
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