

Death Valley '49ers 63rd Encampment

Invitational Western Art Show

November 8th-11th, 2012

Dear Artist,

We cordially invite new artists to jury for the annual *Death Valley '49ers Invitational Western Art Show*. We also encourage all artists who have exhibited in this Art Show to join us again. Help us continue the tradition of providing quality artwork for our Encampment attendees.

The first *Death Valley '49ers Invitational Western Art Show* exhibited in 1951 and has grown into one of the finest and longest running Invitational Western Art Shows in the Southwest.

Slides/pictures of your artwork are juried by the Art Show Committee at the Death Valley '49ers Board of Directors Meetings in January, March, May, July, and September. There is no fee for jurying.

Please read the enclosed materials, complete and return the Application and Waiver as soon as possible.

ALL Artists Applications are accepted on a first received basis.

For more information, visit our website: www.deathvalley49ers.org or contact:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Invitational Art Show is sponsored annually by the Death Valley 49ers at the Encampment in early November. The 49ers are non-salaried volunteers and receive no financial incentives. The compelling beauty of the National Park and the fortunate union of the Death Valley 49ers, National Park professionals and the Xanterra, Inc. staff are unique. The premier western artists, musicians, and other features of this famous Encampment, since 1949, draw worldwide appreciative audiences.

Encampment activities are located at Furnace Creek Ranch, Stovepipe Wells and Panamint Springs Resort. The spacious National Park easily accommodates the thousands of people drawn to attend the events and to enjoy the beauty of the deep valley and high mountains

The Art Show, a prime feature of the Encampment, is held at Furnace Creek. Original Western art is displayed and sold. Prints may be sold from bins and 25% of exhibit may be prints, hung in the exhibit booths. The categories are Acrylic, Oil, Other media, Sculpture and Watercolor. Applications are juried on the color slides/pictures submitted.

The three and one-half-day Western Art Show includes “quick-draws”, teaching demos, two peoples’ composites-- painting with professional artists, a Children's Art Workshop and auctions. An annual Artist Composite painting is started at the Saturday “Breakfast with the Artists” and auctioned the following year at the same event. No commission is charged on art sales, although we require a list of sales and prices at the end of the show for annual evaluation and suggestions. The auction proceeds go to the Endowment Fund, which funds our Education Programs. Our Scholarship Program benefits graduating high school students from the Death Valley area who qualify for college and need assistance.

Other events include talks on the history of the area, music with fiddling and picking contests, horseback trail riders, covered wagon train, 4-wheel drive tours, hikes, gold panning, horseshoe pitching contests, old-time costume contest, dancing under the stars, and much, much more.

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GUIDELINES

Western Art depicts the living scenes, still or otherwise and the artifacts of life as it was or still may be, in the western United States

This could be men, women, children, animals, customs and anything that might be characteristic of the old west. This includes anachronisms and relics, wild or domesticated life, birds, animals, trees and flowers, (not floral arrangements); primitive culture or civilization (not cities); landscapes of desert, streams, mountains, lakes (not seascapes).

The life and times of the Indian, the miner, the mountain man, the Army, the Cavalry, the cowboy, past and present: The open range, picks, shovels, shanties, saloons, desert etc.

Western American celebrates the wide-open West in all its moods and seasons, the creatures that inhabit it, their struggles and triumphs, or defeats. Creation unhampered in the making.

POINTS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE IN JURYING

Originality of concept	Composition	Understanding of subject matter	Color
Presentation, frame, etc.	Drawing ability	Overall appeal	
Perspective	Is this artist copying?		

Please note: Each artist is responsible for California state sales tax. The forms are free and can be picked up at the State Board of Equalization in any large city. For more information contact:

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FIRST TIME ARTIST APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST. _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ Email: _____ FAX: _____

Indicate the media in which you prefer to compete for award (choose one)

Watercolor____ Oil____ Sculpture____ Multi-media____ Acrylic____

Competition entries are limited to an overall size of no more than 34" X 36" including the frame.

Indicate your desire to enter a "quick draw" and/or to donate an item for auction at "Breakfast with the Artists". Half of the sale price goes to the artist and half to the Death Valley '49ers Endowment Fund.

QUICK-DRAW ____ 'PLEIN-AIR COMPETITION' ____ AUCTION ____ DEMONSTRATION ____

You may also wish to participate in one or more of the following: (although there is no compensation for either) There may not be any of these events in November, 2012.

Sketch Book _____ Color Book _____ Recipe Book _____ Other ideas _____

ALL proceeds from these events go directly to the Endowment Fund

1. COMPLETE THIS FORM & MAIL or email with 3-5 colored 5x7" photographs or colored slides.
2. ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR RETURN OF PHOTOS.
3. ENCLOSE A BIOGRAPHY of yourself and your artwork.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE JURIED ON A FIRST RECEIVED BASIS. Invitations are based on the observed quality of work shown in the slides/pictures submitted. All artwork exhibited will be of same quality as the juried photos and will be displayed in an artistic, professional manner.

Registration fee: \$135.00 (Artist registration fee \$100.00 and the *non-refundable Death Valley 49ers Membership* is \$35.00).

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Please indicate the following you would contribute, even though there would be no compensation.

People's Composite _____ Artist's Composite _____ Demonstration _____

Other ideas? explain _____

All Artwork exhibited will be of juried quality and presented in an artistic and professional manner.

Steve Orcutt will be the master of ceremonies for all quick-draw events, and Master Auctioneer at the Saturday "Breakfast With the Artists" event.

Your suggestions, comments, requests etc: _____

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WAIVER

Name (print or type)_____

Address_____City_____St_____Zip_____

Telephone_____Email:_____FAX:_____

RV or car license #, State_____

Competition medium_____Space #_____

(For use of the chairman)

I will make arrangements to deliver my own artwork to the Furnace Creek Art Show location. I will exhibit for the three and one-half days of the art show, **Opening: Nov.8th, Closing: Nov11th at noon (including Sunday a.m.) 2012. I will be present in person. I will exhibit my artwork in a safe, artistic, professional and secure display—be it in a tent or otherwise, against the weather elements, that is possible: like wind, rain, blowing sand or sunshine. The Art Show is outside.**

Original artwork will be displayed and/or sold.--Your Exhibit may consist of 25% Prints hanging. Balance of prints may be sold from bins. Maximum size of competition artwork is 34" x 36" including frame. The competition Artwork and Voting Event is located in the Motel room,/Patio and grass. You may enter artwork in more than one competition category.

The Death Valley '49ers will make every attempt to safeguard competition entries from damage or loss. However, I understand that the Death Valley 49ers, the National Park Service, or Furness Creek Ranch or Xanterra, Inc. shall assume no responsibility or liability for my entries. I therefore exonerate them and any and all persons assisting on their behalf from any and all liabilities.

I will be responsible for my own sales at this show. I will charge sales tax as required and submit payment to the State of California.

Enclosed is a check or money order (unless already paid), made payable to DEATH VALLEY 49ERS in the amount of \$135.00, (registration is \$100.00 and a non-refundable Death Valley Membership is \$35.00) for this Art Show and Encampment. The dates are: Thursday, November 8th –till Sunday noon 11th, 2012.

Signed _____ Date _____

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