

# **Death Valley '49ers 63<sup>rd</sup> Encampment**

## **Invitational Western Art Show**

**November 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

### *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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