



CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY

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**Catalina Island Conservancy's
9th Annual *Catalina: The Wild Side* Art Show and Sale
Returns to Newport Harbor Yacht Club on Oct. 20
*Nationally Recognized Plein Air Painters Support the Conservancy's Programs***

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. – The 9th Annual *Catalina: The Wild Side* Art Show and Sale will take place Sunday, October 20, featuring 11 nationally recognized artists. Over 90 paintings created especially for this show will be available for sale that highlight Catalina Island's wildlands, Avalon and Two Harbors.

The event, which is the Conservancy's second-largest annual fundraising opportunity, celebrates the longstanding tradition of plein air painting on Catalina Island. Newly-created works, many painted in the plein air style – which involves painting nature while experiencing the outdoors, working with natural light and the elements – will be on display and available for purchase.

This year's artists whose work will be on display and available for purchase are Cindy Baron, John Cosby, Don Demers, Aimee Erickson, Andy Evansen, Paul Kratter, Kris Lael Temple, Kim Lordier, Michael Obermeyer, Colin Page and Joe Paquet.

"The artists participating in the annual *Catalina: The Wild Side* Art Show and Sale provide their unique visions of the Conservancy's wild lands," said Victoria Seaver Dean, a Conservancy Board Member and Event Chair. "The event offers an opportunity to see these nationally-acclaimed artists and add to or start your own Catalina collection while supporting the Conservancy's use of art to benefit conservation."

In addition to helping fund the Conservancy's programs, proceeds from the art show also support the Conservancy's permanent collection of plein air art. The collection, which showcases the Conservancy's conservation efforts and progress in habitat restoration on the Island, is displayed in a rotating exhibit at the Trailhead - the Conservancy's new visitor center in Avalon. This collection is the only exhibit of Catalina plein air art available for public viewing and free of charge on the Island.

The Conservancy is appreciative of the support of Capital Group as an Artist Partner and Bluewater Grill as a Palette Partner.

Pre-sale tickets for this year's Catalina: *The Wild Side* show are available online at the Conservancy's website, www.catalinaconservancy.org. Full details are as follows:

Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019

Time: 1:00-1:30 p.m. Patron Sponsor Access

1:30-2:30 p.m. Priority Access

2:30-4:00 p.m. General Access

Place: Newport Harbor Yacht Club

Newport Beach, CA

Registration: <https://www.catalinaconservancy.org>

[Early bird ticket rates are available through September 14, 2019](#)

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About the Conservancy

Formed in 1972, the Catalina Island Conservancy is one of California's oldest land trusts. Its mission is to be a responsible steward of its lands through a balance of conservation, education and recreation. Through its ongoing efforts, the Conservancy protects the magnificent natural and cultural heritage of Santa Catalina Island, stewarding approximately 42,000 acres of land and more than 60 miles of rugged shoreline. It provides an airport and 50 miles of biking and 165 miles of hiking opportunities within its road and trail system. The Conservancy conducts educational outreach through two nature centers, its Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden and guided experiences in the Island's rugged interior. Twenty miles from the mainland, the Island is a treasure trove of historical and archaeological sites. It also contains numerous rare and endangered animals and plants. The Island is home to more than 60 species that are found only on Catalina. For additional information, please visit www.catalinaconservancy.org.