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## **9th Annual Catalina: *The Wild Side* Art Show and Sale Raises More than \$180,000**

### ***Sale of works of 11 Nationally Recognized Plein Air Painters Support Conservancy Programs***

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. – The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Catalina: *The Wild Side* Art Show and Sale drew art lovers who admired and purchased scenes of Catalina Island at Newport Harbor Yacht Club on Sunday, Oct. 20. More than 100 paintings by 11 nationally-recognized plein air artists featured renditions of Catalina’s wildlands, as well as landmarks in Avalon, Two Harbors, Middle Ranch, and Airport in the Sky.

The artist roster featured a mix of long-time Catalina painters and newcomers. Cindy Baron, John Cosby, Don Demers, Aimee Erickson, Andy Evansen, Kris Lael Temple, Kim Lordier, Michael Obermeyer, Colin Page, Joe Paquet and Paul Kratter used their talents to bring attention to the thousands of acres of wildlands the Conservancy stewards, as well as the local communities. Artists traveled to Catalina throughout the year to paint outdoors in the plein air style, a tradition that has flourished on the Island for more than 100 years.

“Catalina Island Conservancy supporters and art fans wait all year for the opportunity to see these incredible artist interpretations of the Island they love,” said Catalina Island Conservancy President and CEO Tony Budrovich. “Thanks to the artists and Catalina enthusiasts, Catalina: *The Wild Side* Art Show and Sale significantly contributed to Conservancy programs.”

Gross sales from this year’s event totaled more than \$180,000. Proceeds from the art show help fund the Conservancy’s conservation, education and recreation programs. As part of the Conservancy’s educational exhibits, a rotating display of plein air paintings from the Catalina: *The Wild Side* art collection is featured at the Trailhead in Avalon. The collection captures the history of Catalina and nature as it is occurring, providing a unique view of the Island’s ever-changing ecology.

“The paintings created by nationally-recognized, contemporary artists this year for the Catalina: *The Wild Side* Art Show are not only important artistically, but also for the varied stories they tell of Catalina,” said Victoria Seaver Dean, a Conservancy Board Member and Event Chair. “The paintings have the unique ability to tell the story of the Island’s ecological history over many years through the lens of the artist.”

Remaining works are available for purchase through an online sale that will run through 11:59 p.m. PST on Saturday, November 22. Paintings available for purchase can be seen online at the Conservancy's website, [www.catalinaconservancy.org](http://www.catalinaconservancy.org).

The Conservancy expresses its appreciation for the continuing support of the event's Corporate Partners Capital Group and Bluewater Grill, as well as our individual patron sponsors Lynne Brickner and Gerald Gallard, Blanny Avalon Hagenah, Lee and Theresa Hennis, and Howard and Jeanne Tuttle.

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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](http://www.catalinaconservancy.org).

