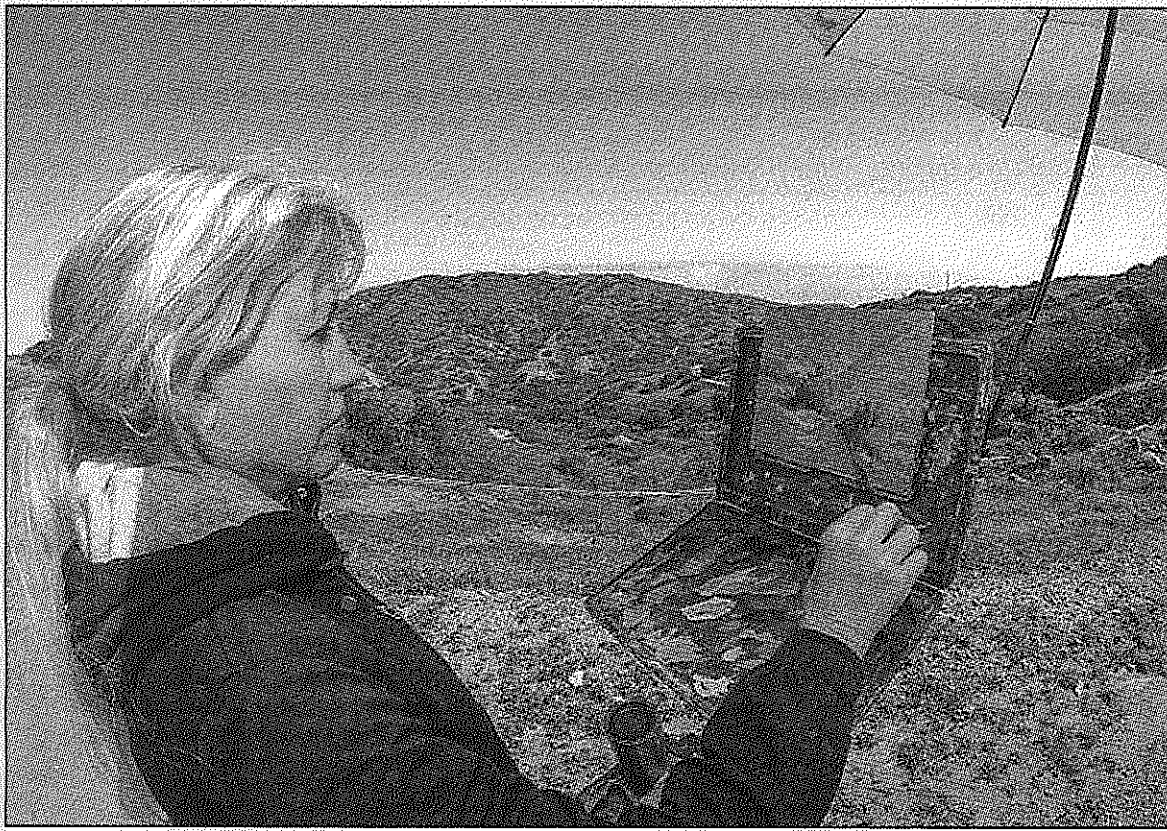


Join the Catalina Island Conservancy For the Wild Side Art Show on Sunday Meet the Final Four Artists Participating in the Show



Debra Huse is one of the artists who will be participating in Sunday's art show. Photo by Jack Baldelli. Photo courtesy of the Catalina Island Conservancy

The Catalina Island Conservancy invites art lovers to join it on Sunday for "Catalina: The Wild Side Art Show" in Newport Beach. The annual event features 10 renowned plein air painters.

In a unique use of art for conservation's sake, the Catalina: The Wild Side Art Show features only works depicting Catalina Island from Avalon to Two Harbors, with a special focus on the lands stewarded by the Conservancy, the wild side.

Please meet four of the artists who have spent time on the island creating art for the event: Debra Huse, Kim Lordier, Ron Rencher and Matt Smith.

Huse is new to the show this year but has been coming the Island for 30 years. She urged others to "learn about the history of the island and this incredible resource that luckily is being lovingly preserved from development, destructive animals, humans and invasive bugs and plants where possible to be shared with generations to come."

"Catalina Island is so diverse and beautiful; it is an honor to paint," she said. "The history of endemic bugs, butterflies, birds, trees, foxes, plants that are only on Catalina Island has deepened my fascination."

Huse has a studio in Newport

Beach, and she is a Signature Member of the American Impressionist Society, Laguna Plein Air Painters and Pastel Society of America. She was a 2015 Featured Artist in "Art of the West" magazine, ranked as "Three to Watch" in "Fine Art Connoisseur" and was featured in "Plein Air Magazine." The plein air impressionist has received numerous awards, including the LAGUNA Plein Air, Sonoma Plein Air and Maui Plein Air in 2015.

Returning to the show this year, Lordier, a San Francisco native, has received recognition for her landscapes at major plein air events, international magazine

competitions, national pastel society shows and museum exhibitions. Most recently, she was the recipient of the Fine Arts Connoisseur Award of Excellence at the California Art Club's 103rd Annual Gold Medal Exhibition. Lordier is a Signature Member of the Laguna Plein Air Painters and the Pastel Society of America, as well as a Distinguished Pastelist in the Pastel Society of the West Coast and Artist Member of the California Art Club.

Rencher spent his post-collegiate years tending to his family's Utah ranch before focusing on his art. The artist worked in watercolors in and around Zion National Park with excursions to the Grand Canyon and the Indian Country of Northeastern Arizona. He works primarily in oils now, which he believes are more conducive to plein air. Rencher teaches workshops throughout the country.

Smith has spent most of his life in Arizona, where he has a deep attachment to the Sonoran desert and lives with his wife Tracy, also a painter. Smith, a Signature Member of the Plein Air Painters of America, can often be found painting plein air in areas as diverse as southern Arizona to the Canadian Rockies, the California coast to the Colorado Rockies. The artist studied traditional landscape artists during his academic career at Arizona State University and has painted in Europe.

To see and purchase the works of these artists, please join the

Catalina Island Conservancy on Sunday at Newport Harbor Yacht Club in Balboa. Proceeds from the event are used to support the Conservancy's conservation, education and recreation programs.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit CatalinaConservancy.org or call 562-437-8555 ext. 1239.

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 nearly 150 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 60 species - and counting - that are found only on Catalina. For additional information, please visit www.catalinaconservancy.org.

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