



CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY

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Catalina Island Conservancy's 8th Annual *Catalina: The Wild Side* Art Show and Sale Returns to Newport Harbor Yacht Club on Oct. 21 *Nationally Recognized Plein Air Painters Support the Conservancy's Programs*

NEWPORT BEACH – The works of 11 nationally recognized plein air artists will be featured on October 21 at the Catalina Island Conservancy's 8th Annual *Catalina: The Wild Side* Art Show and Sale. The event supports the Conservancy's conservation, education and recreation programs and showcases Catalina Island's beauty with over 90 specially created paintings.

The event, which is the Conservancy's second largest annual fundraising event, celebrates the long-standing tradition of plein air painting on Catalina Island. Each featured artist spends time on Catalina creating works from Avalon to Two Harbors and beyond – Catalina's rugged *wild side*. Paintings are done in the plein air style – painting the outdoors while working with the natural light and outdoor elements.

This year's artists whose work will be on display and available for purchase are Cindy Baron, Brian Blood, John Cosby, Don Demers, Kathleen Dunphy, Andy Evansen, Debra Huse, Laurie Kersey, Michael Obermeyer, Colin Page and Joe Paquet.

"For those who love the Island, the Conservancy's annual *Catalina: The Wild Side* Art Show and Sale provides a wonderful exhibition of paintings by leading plein air painters representing their unique vision of Catalina's landscape," says Victoria Seaver Dean, a Conservancy Board Member and Event Chair for the *Catalina: The Wild Side* Art Show and Sale. "Continuing this tradition of plein air painting on the Island provides the Conservancy a unique way of documenting their restoration efforts over time. By joining us at the show, you have the opportunity to add to or start your plein air collection while knowing that the proceeds from the sales benefit not only the artist, but also the Conservancy's conservation, education and recreation programs."

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, will be displayed in rotating exhibits at the Trailhead - the Conservancy's new visitor

center opening later this year. This collection is the only exhibit of Catalina plein air art available for public viewing and free of charge on the Island.

The *Catalina: The Wild Side* Art Show and Sale will take place at Newport Harbor Yacht Club's new facility and is open to the public. Attendees have the opportunity to interact with the artists, support the Conservancy's work and take home their favorite view of Catalina Island if they choose to make a purchase. Pre-sale tickets are available online at the Conservancy's website, www.catalinaconservancy.org. Full details are as follows:

Date: Sunday, October 21, 2018

Time: 1:30-2:30 p.m. Priority Preview and Purchases

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

Place: Newport Harbor Yacht Club
Newport Beach, CA

Registration: www.catalinaconservancy.org

[Early bird ticket rates are available through September 15, 2018](#)

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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.