



CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY

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6th Annual *Catalina: The Wild Side* Art Show Set for Oct. 23

Event Features Works Interpreting the Island's Rugged Wildlands, Avalon and Two Harbors

LONG BEACH – The 6th Annual *Catalina: The Wild Side* Art Show will be Oct. 23 and will feature the paintings of 10 nationally recognized plein air painters, who have interpreted Catalina Island's wildlands, Avalon and Two Harbors in their works.

Sponsored by the Catalina Island Conservancy, this year's show will take place at the Newport Harbor Yacht Club in Balboa. As it has every year since its inception, the show will feature newly created works, painted in the plein air style, which is painting nature while in nature. The artists whose works will be on display and available for purchase are Brian Blood, John Cosby, Don Demers, Kathleen Dunphy, Andy Evansen, Debra Huse, Laurie Kersey, Kim Lordier, Ron Rencher and Matt Smith.

"The artists participating in the 6th Annual *Catalina: The Wild Side* Art Show are providing a rare and beautiful portrait of the Conservancy's protection and restoration of the Island," said Ann M. Muscat, PhD, Conservancy president and CEO. "This event is an exceptional opportunity to see and purchase the works of these nationally acclaimed plein air artists and to support the Conservancy's unique use of art for conservation's sake."

Proceeds from the sales of the artworks benefit the Conservancy's conservation, education and recreation programs, and support the Conservancy's permanent collection of plein air art that documents the organization's conservation efforts and progress in habitat restoration. Many of the paintings acquired during previous shows are on display for the public in the Conservancy's Nature Center in Avalon Canyon. Here are the details about the event:

Date: Sunday, October 23

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

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

Place: Newport Harbor Yacht Club

720 West Bay Avenue

Balboa, CA 92661

Registration: www.catalinaconservancy.org
(562) 437-8555 ext. 239

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.