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Community Update by Curt Watts
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECOGNIZES ITS BEST & BRIGHTEST STARS

The City of Cathedral City works closely with its local Chamber of Commerce to promote and encourage continued success among members of the Cathedral City business and civic service community. It's especially fitting, therefore, that each year the City's best & brightest

"stars", and those who support their continued success, are recognized at the Chamber's annual **Orion Awards**. This year's event was held on Friday, June 17th at the recently renovated DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at the corner of Vista Chino & Landau Boulevard.



The festive evening event began with a reception and silent auction featuring over fifty special offerings donated by area businesses and organizations. The wide variety of silent auction items included restaurant gift cards & certificates, specialty packages for spa services, hotel stays and golf outings, one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces, a cruiser bike and a year-long VIP pass to the Mary Pickford Movie Theatre. The dinner and awards announcements started with a stirring rendition of the National Anthem sung by 16-year old **Demondra Martin** from the Boys & Girls Club of Cathedral City. Her stellar performance was coordinated with a flag salute featuring the "Presentation of Colors" by four student members of the Cathedral City High School Junior ROTC.

The evening's signature presentation of the Orion Awards, recognizing outstanding performance and accomplishments in nine different categories, was masterfully led by **Emcee Austin Ray**, whose career credits include serving as the Master of Ceremonies & featured singer for the final show at the world renowned Stardust Resort Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

CONGRATULATIONS to this year's Orion Award winners and nominees in each category:

• VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - SUE TOWNSLEY

Member of Cathedral City Public Arts Commission, Cathedral City Historical Society Advisory Board and Boys & Girls Club of Cathedral City Board of Directors

Additional Nominees: Alan Carvalho, Gillian Cross, Roger Culbertson, Loretta Nelson and Karen Panico-Willis.

• CITY OFFICIAL/STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR - DEANNA PRESSGROVE

Environmental Conservation & Public Works Manager for the City of Cathedral City

Additional Nominees: Stan Henry, Leisa Lukes, Charles McClendon, Josie Meza and Chris Parman

• **RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR - BONTA RESTAURANT & BAR**

Owned & operated by Hector & Petra Salvatierra - offering an eclectic Mediterranean, European & Argentinian cuisine in its 2nd year of operations on E.Palm Canyon @ Cathedral Canyon Drive

Additional Nominees: AJ's on the Green, El Portal, Sammy's Place, Tony's Burgers and Zobo & Meester's

• **INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR - ESCAPE ROOM PALM SPRINGS**

A live adventure experience like no other – offering the perfect activity for date night, a night out with friends or corporate team building & special events.

Additional Nominees: Animal Samaritans, Frankie's Old World Italian Bakery, Tesla, Winslow Drake and Zobo & Meester's

• **NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR - AGNES PELTON SOCIETY**

Sponsor of Annual Cathedral City Home Tour of Artist & Historic Homes in Cathedral City Cove

Additional Nominees: Angel View, Cathedral City Historical Society, Desert ARC, DIGICOM and Invisible Sea

• **WOMAN OF THE YEAR - KAREN PANICO-WILLIS**

Member of Cathedral City Parks & Community Events Commission and Cathedral City Police Chief's Advisory Council, Co-Owner of D & D Carpet

Additional Nominees: Lesa Bodnar, Phyllis Mongiello, Jonetta Page, Karen Riley and Sue Townsley

• **MAN OF THE YEAR - SCOTT ROBINSON**

Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Cathedral City

Additional Nominees: Natchhattar Chandi, Bart Gorendycke, Terry Nelson, Nick Nickerson and W. Bruce Steever

• **SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR – D & D CARPET**

A family owned and operated full service flooring store on Perez Road, D & D Carpet has been helping Coachella Valley homeowners select and install new flooring for more than a decade.

Additional Nominees: Body Concierge, The David Rohr Floral Studio, FirstSigns Cathedral City, Performance Plus Automotive and Univocity Media

• **LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR – NICOLINO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT**

Opened by Mark and Rhonda Carnavale in 1985 with great recipes passed down from Papa Nicolino, this local favorite restaurant continues to be popular with all who enter its doors.

Additional Nominees: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Chandi Group USA, Forest Lawn, Rocky's Pawn Shop and SERVPRO of Palm Springs

SPECIAL THANKS to the evening's sponsors which included:

- Jessup Auto Plaza
- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Bennion Deville Homes – Team Art, Terry & Kara

- BURRTEC
- Cathedral City Auto Center
- The David Rohr Floral Studio
- Desert Regional Medical Center
- The Desert Sun
- Eisenhower Medical Center
- Forest Lawn

News

City Council Requests Your Input on Becoming a “Charter” City

The State Constitution allows cities to be governed for its municipal affairs (land use and zoning, city expenditures, contractual rights) either as a “General Law” city (controlled by the State Legislature) or as a “Charter” city (a “mini constitution” - established and controlled by local voters and the City Council). Cities that do not adopt a “Charter” by the will ...

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Arianna Menon Recognized for Her Service

Arianna Menon Recognized for Her Service During last night's special city council meeting, Parks and Community Events Commissioner Arianna Menon was recognized for her service on the commission. Mayor Stan Henry and the entire Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to thank her for enhancing the quality of life for those who live, work and play in Cathedral City. Commissioner ...

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Temperatures Are Forecasted to Soar Near 120 Degrees - Tips to Prevent Heat Related Stress

When temperatures soar near 120 degrees, even those acclimated to the desert, can suffer from heat related stresses. Please

review these high temperature stress prevention tips provided by the Cathedral City Fire Department. If you are need of a cooling center, the Cathedral City Senior Center offers its location for everyone. It is located at 37171 W Buddy Rogers Avenue. ...

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Cathedral City Councilmembers Honor the Victims of Orlando

Cathedral City Councilmembers Honor the Victims of Orlando Cathedral City was well represented at the Candlelight March for Orlando on Thursday evening in Palm Springs. More than 300 people participated in the march that started at Francis Stevens Park to Arenas Road and back. At the pre-march rally, Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis spoke about the importance of honoring the ...

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Cathedral City Wants Your Input on Fair Housing

The Fair Housing Act of 1968 prohibits housing discrimination based on of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, national origin, or disability. On July 8, 2015, H.U.D. released "Affirmatively Further Fair Housing Choice" which is a final rule ...

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Upcoming Events

Cuisine & Art Tuesdays

Back by popular demand!

"Cuisine & Art Tuesdays" - A Delectable Dining & Art Experience Every Tuesday in July

Go to where the interior designers from around the globe go while they visit the Coachella Valley, the

Cuisine & Art Tuesdays

Every Tuesday in July, 4pm-9pm

Only

\$10.95

amazing art and décor galleries along
Perez Road in ...

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Nine Cities Challenge Blood Drive

The 2016 Nine Cities Blood Drive Challenge is on! Coachella Valley communities are going head-to-head to collect the most LifeStream blood donations to assist local hospital patients and save lives! The summer is the most challenging time of year for hospitals to maintain ample blood supplies for emergency and everyday needs. Your help at this time is especially critical! Round ...



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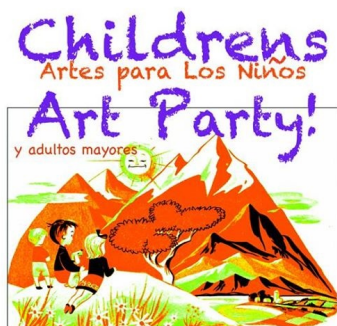


Illustration by CC Cove artist, Val Samuelson, from "Music Round The Town" (1955)

CATHEDRAL CITY COVE
FREE Artmaking

Second Saturday, Each Month, 1-3 pm

The Cathedral Center
37-171 W Buddy Rogers Ave.
INFO: 760-459-3564

Patrocinadores: Agnes Pelton Society y SCRAP Gallery

Cathedral City Cove Art Party for Children & Elders

Children's Art Party for children and elders. The SCRAP Gallery and the Agnes Pelton Society hosts the Children and Elders monthly Art Party at the Cathedral City Senior Center, 37-171 W. Buddy Rogers Ave., on the Second Saturday of each month from 1-3 PM. Admission is free. Participants create art pieces made of recyclable materials and also meet and ...

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City Hall at Your Corner

Have an issue you would like to speak to your city councilmembers about or learn what is happening in Cathedral City? Then join us for "City Hall at Your Corner" hosted by two member of the City Council. "City Hall at Your Corner" is scheduled once a month through November 2, 2016 at various locations throughout the City and at ...

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FallFest

KevaWorks, the promoter of the Tamale Festival in Indio, visited the Cathedral City Balloon Festival in February and decided that they wanted to start a new annual event for the Coachella Valley called FallFest. It will be a family-friendly, community event that will take place October 20-30, 2016 in Downtown Cathedral City. FallFest will include a full carnival, complete with ...

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Halloween Spooktacular at FallFest

Trick or Treat, Meet Your Fire and Police, and Win a Bicycle with a Cool Seat at Cathedral City's Spooktacular on Halloween The Cathedral City Police Department, Cathedral City Fire Department, City of Cathedral City's Special Events and many non-profit organizations bring to you the Halloween Spooktacular at FallFest, Sunday, October 30, 2016 from 1-4 pm. The event will occur downtown ...

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Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Cathedral City is proud to sponsor the 4th Annual "Dia de los Muertos" featuring: mariachi bands folkloric dancers an art contest for middle and high school students a children's craft area supervised by SCRAP Gallery information tables food vendors This year, an an altar will be constructed that focuses on the 4 families who founded Cathedral City in the late ...

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