



**OPENING EVENTS
MARCH 23rd
ON VIEW
THROUGH
APRIL 14,
2024**

Artwork Locations

- A** *Beneath the Clay, 2024*
Debra Scacco
Galleta Meadows, near Scorpion sculpture
- B** *Holocene Screen, 2019/2024*
Pearl C. Hsiung
East edge of Mall parking lot
- C** *WE YOU ME*
Gallery Exhibition
The Mall, 587 Palm Canyon Dr., Suite 208
- D** *I Stand Here Looking Back and Now*
I See the Present, 2021
Nery Gabriel Lemus
ABDNHA Borrego Botanical Garden
652 Palm Canyon Dr.
- E** *Un Dialogo, Dos Conversaciones, 2022*
Allison Wiese
Galleta Meadows, near Camels



Events

- 1** *Borrego Unity Run/Walk: The Performance*
Karla Diaz (Starting point)
Galleta Meadows, Near Grape Pickers sculpture
- 2** Meet artist Debra Scacco
Galleta Meadows, near Scorpion sculpture
- 3** Drop-in painting workshop
Pearl C. Hsiung
The Mall, 587 Palm Canyon Dr., Suite 208
- 4** Artist Talk
Public Library, 2580 Country Club Rd.
Community Room
- 5** Opening Reception
The Mall, 587 Palm Canyon Dr., Suite 208

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – MARCH 23, 2024

10:00am – 12:00pm

1 ON MAP

Borrego Unity Run: The Performance by Karla Diaz

From Galleta Meadows, corner of Big Horn Rd. and Di Giorgio Rd., to Seley Ranches, 901 Borrego Valley Rd.

Join artist Karla Diaz for an event that celebrates the stories of the people who make up the vibrant community of Borrego Springs. Diaz's participatory performance is a guided 5k run/walk that will center the histories of labor and community as they relate to the unique landscape of the Anza Borrego desert. **Wear comfortable shoes for running/walking, and be sure to bring water, sunscreen, and a hat.** We will journey from Galleta Meadows past land that holds Borrego's agricultural stories, concluding at Seley Ranches, a family-owned citrus orchard focused on developing a more sustainable future for farming in the valley. **A shuttle bus will be available along the route during the event.** A self-guided version of the route will be accessible after the event.

11:00am -12:00pm and 1:00-2:00pm

A/2 ON MAP

Meet Artist Debra Scacco

Galleta Meadows, corner of Big Horn Rd. and Di Giorgio Rd.

Debra Scacco's "Beneath the Clay" is inspired by the stories of water embedded in the land around Borrego Springs, newly commissioned for this year's Festival. This work will be on view through April 2024.

12:00-2:00pm

3 ON MAP

Drop-in Painting Workshop with Pearl C. Hsiung

Candlewood Gallery at The Mall, 587 Palm Canyon Dr., Ste. 208

B ON MAP

Holocene Screen by Pearl C. Hsiung

East edge of The Mall parking lot (between Country Club Rd. and Palm Canyon Dr.)

Join artist Pearl C. Hsiung to create a collaborative painting inspired by the patterns of ocotillo and cholla branches. We will be using oak gall ink, a substance derived from natural growths on oak trees commonly used in

manuscripts and paintings since ancient times. On your way to or from the workshop, be sure to see Hsiung's sculpture *Holocene Screen*, installed in the gravel area east of the paved parking lot between the Mall and the US Post Office. It was originally made for the first Candlewood Arts Festival in 2019, and returns to Borrego Springs for the first time since its debut. The sculpture explores how we understand the terms *natural*, *artificial*, and *cultural* and the ways this framing impacts our actions. This work will be on view through April 2024.

2:00-3:30pm

4 ON MAP

Artist Talk

Community Room, Borrego Springs Library, 2580 Country Club Rd.

A lively conversation between the artists of this year's Festival.

4:00-6:00pm

5 ON MAP

Opening Reception - We You Me and the Candlewood Arts Festival

Candlewood Gallery at The Mall, 587 Palm Canyon Dr., Ste. 208

Celebrate the artists! Join us for the opening party for the Candlewood Arts Festival and *We You Me*, a group exhibition organized by and featuring students from Borrego Springs High School, mentored by artist Jake Freilich. This year, Freilich collaborated with BSHS welding instructor Mike Kitten to engage his students in creating steel works for the exhibition. Look for artists from past and current editions of the Candlewood Arts Festival in the gallery as well, reflecting on the themes of belonging and identity, including Tanya Aguiñiga, Sherin Guirguis, Nery Gabriel Lemus, Star Montana, noé olivas, Fay Ray, Alison Saar, Devon Tsuno, Allison Wiese and more. The gallery will be open through April 14, Thursday to Sunday, 11-5.

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