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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