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Welcome Back Dear MAC Member,

I hope you have had a lovely summer and are looking forward to being back in the desert at our wonderful Palm Springs Art Museum to enjoy all of the creative and enriching programs being brought to you by MAC.

I am the new incoming president of the museum Associates Council and I look forward to meeting and sharing with each and every one of you. I am proud and pleased to be the new president and honored as well, as I follow in very large footsteps. But with your participation and ongoing support, I know we will have a stellar year.



Alise Mauritzson, Roberta Holland & Bea Keats, as Bea passes the gavel to Roberta

We begin the season with our annual **Welcome Back/Meet the Museum luncheon on December 14**. The backbone of any organization is its membership. We look to you, our faithful and supportive friends, to help us grow and bring even more beauty, culture and creativity to our valley. **Julie Tybout**, Membership Chair, is looking forward to a great season. We will be contacting you for the New Members luncheon in hopes you will bring a friend or two to share the excitement and delights of our museum and your MAC Membership. Check out the inside of the newsletter for details of this wonderful day and the exclusive Docent-led tour of the new *Andrew Wyeth In Perspective* exhibit before lunch is served. Then hopefully you and our new members will join us for the first of our enrichment programs on January 23.

Helene Galen and Jamie Kabler have an exciting *Gala* arranged for you on **February 4**. The incredible band *Pink*

Martini will perform live in the Annenberg Theater for what promises to be an amazing show. **An evening of fine dining, dancing and music awaits you.** This event is anticipated to sell-out, so be sure to make your reservations now.

Leslie Usow and Randy Bruno are the Co-Chairs this season for *A Day in the Garden*, and what a day we have in store for you! This beautiful biennial garden party luncheon is one of MAC's most anticipated fundraisers. Leslie and Randy have been busy at work all summer to create the most splendid *A Day in the Garden* ever. The day promises to be filled with wonderful food and friendship. Please reserve your table or seat as soon as possible as seating is limited and always sells out.

Betty Rinnig has lined up three interesting speakers on fascinating subjects, two of which are in conjunction with her fabulous trunk shows. Reserve your seat now to hear independent curator and craft/design historian Jo Lauria discuss the whimsical and eclectic jewelry art of Tony Duquette in January.

Cheryl Fey and Mimi Gittelson have planned three amazing excursions. You definitely do not want to miss these **MAC Members only excursions**, especially the reopening of the *Japanese Garden* in the spring for our trip to the beautiful Huntington Botanical Gardens in Pasadena. Regarding all of our fabulous programs and events this season, please turn the page to find details and information.

Please mark your calendar to attend several of these enriching events, make your reservations now, and join us in celebrating the museum. I hope to meet and greet you and your friends at the luncheon on December 14. Until then, have a wonderful fall season.

Fondly,



Roberta Holland, MAC President

Pink Martini Gala 2012

On Saturday, **February 4, 2012** the Palm Springs Art Museum will come alive with the sensational rhythm of **Pink Martini**. This year's gala, chaired by **Helene Galen** and **Jamie Kabler**, will be an evening filled with the beautiful melodies and amazing sounds of the globally celebrated twelve-member ensemble that is *Pink Martini*.



Thomas Lauderdale, the creator of *Pink Martini*, said, "Although we normally take the month of February off, when Helene and Jamie asked us to perform at the Annenberg Theater for the Palm Springs Art Museum Annual Gala, we wouldn't miss this opportunity."

6 p.m. Cocktails
7 p.m. Dinner
8:30 p.m. *Pink Martini* Concert
in the Annenberg Theater,
followed by the *After Party*
and dancing upstairs

Please save the date for Saturday, February 4, 2012 and contact Ana Pfaff at 760-322-4844 to purchase your tickets, inquire about donor levels or for more information. **Seating is limited and expected to sell out.**

PINK ART MARTINI GALA 2012

Welcome Back Luncheon

The beginning of the season means that it is time for our annual **Welcome Back/ Meet the Museum Luncheon** on Wednesday, **December 14, 2011**. Bring a friend or acquaint yourself with someone new! Our Membership Chair **Julie Tybout** looks forward to meeting and greeting each and everyone of you.

At 10:30 a.m. we will gather in the Annenberg Theater to **hear about MAC's mission** to fundraise for the museum's educational programs and also about our exciting season lineup. Following the brief presentation we will split into smaller groups to enjoy a **Docent-led tour of Andrew Wyeth in Perspective**. Andrew Wyeth (1917-2009) was one of the best-known artists of the middle and later 20th century. Known for his intensely realist style, he exhibited an extraordinary technical mastery of several different media.



Andrew Wyeth, *Albinos Study*, 2002, watercolor © Andrew Wyeth, Courtesy Heather James Fine Art

At noon we will come together in the museum's **beautiful outdoor Elrod Sculpture Garden for a delicious lunch** catered by Westwood Catering.

Our MAC family needs to continue to grow so we encourage you to bring at least one potential MAC Member. Your guest will receive a one-time **50% discount on their first year of membership** for both the museum and MAC. **Plus, every guest will receive a 10% discount in the Museum Store!**

Make your reservation before December 2, 2011 by calling the Box Office at 760-325-4490 or Maile Vreeken at 760-322-4816. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Special Thanks to our Gala 2012 Donors!

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Lynn & Robert Zimmer

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A Day in the Garden

On Monday, **March 5, 2012** the Museum Associates Council will present **A Day in the Garden**, a fun and festive biennial fundraiser for the museum.



Co-chaired by **Leslie Usow** and **Randy Bruno**, *A Day in the Garden* is one of the most anticipated events produced by the Museum Associates Council.

Enjoy a **Champagne Reception**, shopping at **The Boutique**, a delicious **Luncheon** at your table, an exciting **Live Auction**, wonderful **Opportunity Drawing** prizes and of course, a few surprises along the way!

Special thanks to **David Kaplan** and **Glenn Ostergaard**, who have generously donated the use of their beautiful Palm Springs estate for the event.

We are very excited to offer our Members the **exclusive opportunity to attend A Day in the Garden as a guest of the Museum Associates Council (MAC)**. You will enjoy a uniquely themed and beautifully decorated table as well as a catered lunch. This is the perfect opportunity to experience this wonderful event for those unable to host a table. Each guest at the **MAC Table** must be a MAC Member to partake in the day's festivities, and in return the museum requests a required donation.

If you would like to **attend as a guest at the MAC Table**, please contact the MAC Office as soon as possible to confirm your reservation as seating is limited and always sells out. The **deadline for purchasing MAC Table tickets is January 20, 2012**. We hope to see you there!

Please join us for another splendid day of friendship, food, great fun and shopping to support the Palm Springs Art Museum.

How Do I Get Involved?

If you are interested in hosting a table, attending *A Day in the Garden*, making a donation toward The Boutique, Live Auction and/or Opportunity Drawing, inquiring about limited volunteer opportunities available, or if you have any questions, please contact Maile Vreeken at 760-322-4816 as soon as possible.

Enrichment Lectures

Reservations for these enriching lecture luncheons can be made by calling the Box Office at 760-325-4490 or Maile Vreeken at 760-322-4816. Tickets are \$65 per person, \$35 lecture-only.

Monday, January 23, 2012

The "Talismans of Power" Jewelry Designs

by **Tony Duquette**

10:30 a.m. Speaker: Jo Lauria,

Curator & Art Historian

12 p.m. Luncheon & Trunk Show



Jo Lauria, independent curator and craft/design historian, with a degree in art history from Yale University and in studio art from Otis College of Art and Design will be speaking about the **fascinating jewelry of Tony Duquette**. Born in Los Angeles, Duquette is

considered an American design icon. The **eclectic, romantic, and ethnic styling of his jewelry creations** reflects his intriguing life and experiences. Please join us for a wondrous journey into the exotic and ornamental world of Tony Duquette and his spectacular works of jewelry art.

Monday, March 26, 2012

Clara and Mr. Tiffany: The Unknown

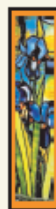
Woman Behind Tiffany Glass Lampshades

10:30 a.m. Speaker: Susan Vreeland,

Internationally known author of art-related historical fiction

12 p.m. Luncheon, Trunk Show and Book

Signing



Join dynamic **Susan Vreeland**, a *New York Times* best-selling author, as she discusses her latest book, *Clara and Mr. Tiffany*. Be fascinated by beautiful images of Tiffany glass as you **discover Clara Driscoll, the lead designer and head of the women's department at Tiffany Studios**, publically unacknowledged by Louis Comfort Tiffany and unknown for a century.

Monday, April 16, 2012

Annual MAC College Scholarship Awards

10:30 a.m. Speaker: Robert Brasier,

Deputy Director of Education & Public Programs, and Award Presentation

12 p.m. Luncheon



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Artist and Educator **Robert Brasier** has been with the museum since 2002. He received a BFA in Painting from the San Francisco Art Institute and an M.A. in Art History from The University of Cincinnati. Join him as he speaks to MAC scholarship recipients about **Museum Education: Why We Do What We Do!**, encouraging them to pursue their dream of a career in art. The Scholarship Luncheon provides a wonderful opportunity to directly support MAC's mission to provide art education.

Enrichment Excursions

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These **MAC-only** excursions are not to be missed! Be sure to make your reservations before the buses fill up. Reservations can be made by calling the Box Office at 760-325-4490 or Maile Vreeken at 760-322-4816.

Wednesday, February 15, 2012
Destination: The Artistic Treasures of San Diego



Blue skies, balmy breezes and the artistic treasures of San Diego await us, as we board a MAC excursion bus. From the 8:30 a.m. pickup at The River and the 9 a.m. pickup at the museum, MAC trip planner extraordinaires, **Cheryl Fey** and **Mimi Gittelson**, have planned an exciting, enriching day before we return to the desert around 6:30 p.m. We will experience the best of Balboa Park, beginning with a luncheon in the elegant **Sculpture Court Café** before enjoying a docent-led "Highlights Tour" of the **San Diego Art Museum**. After that, a walk to the **Mingei International Museum** to view "San Diego's Craft Revolution". Tickets are \$125 per person.

April (date TBD), 2012
Destination: The Huntington Botanical Gardens in Pasadena



Covering 207 acres, the beautiful **Huntington Botanical Gardens** showcases more than 14,000 different varieties of plants in more than a dozen principal garden areas. Join us as we explore the **newly renovated Japanese Garden, reopening Spring of 2012**. Occupying nine acres on the slopes of a canyon, the historic and graceful **Japanese Garden** is one of America's most elaborate Japanese gardens, with a **historic tea house, recently restored in Japan**; a fully decorated five-room house; and an outstanding collection of Bonsai. A delightful lunch will follow. With an


8:30 a.m. pickup at The River and a 9 a.m. pickup at the museum, the day will prove to be a marvelous journey into the heart of Pasadena's beauty. We will return to the desert around 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person.

Wednesday, May 23, 2012
Destination: La Boheme Opera in Los Angeles

Boarding a luxury coach at 2 p.m., a romantic **evening-at-the-opera** awaits us as we travel together to L.A. We will have a wonderful dinner before heading over to the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion to experience Giacomo Puccini's timeless masterpiece, **La Boheme**, starring the dazzling **Ailyn Perez** and **Stephen Costello**. *La Boheme* follows the tale of six young Parisians who live an exuberant bohemian existence, surviving on love and laughter. At intermission, we will have refreshments in the **Founders Room**, before returning to our seats for the rousing conclusion of this heartbreaking story of opera's most famous lovers. **Minimum group size required. Please place your reservation by April 1, 2012.** Tickets are \$350 per person.



Giving Opportunity

 Have a paid-up life insurance policy? Just name the museum as a beneficiary and you will avoid estate tax on the proceeds and make an extraordinary gift as your legacy. For more information, contact Michael Miner at 760-322-4877.

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2 p.m. Bus to Los Angeles

How to Get Involved with



Looking to make a difference or make new friends? MAC provides the perfect venue to become a part of your community and impact lives. There are several opportunities available to assist in our mission. **Membership Chair Julie Tybout** would love to hear from you! Please get in touch with Julie by contacting the MAC Office at 760-322-4816. We look forward to your call. Thank you for your support.