

## Palm Springs Art Museum To Hold Free Lecture about Famous Art Thefts



January 10, 2011 (Palm Springs, CA) - The Palm Springs Art Museum's Artists Council will present a **free** lecture entitled *It Takes A Thief: Art Theft and the FBI*, on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 6 p.m. in the museum's Annenberg Theater. Lecturer Lynne Richardson (pictured at left) will discuss some of the most famous art thefts in the world and describe steps taken to investigate and recover artwork by the FBI. As one of the co-founders of the FBI's Art Crime Team, Ms. Richardson headed its Art Theft Program for eight years and was personally involved in investigating famous and significant art thefts. Her remarks will be richly illustrated with imagery from the files of the FBI. In addition, the presentation concludes with hand-outs and

tips about how attendees may protect their visual valuables.

The Artists Council includes over 300 artist members, who support the Palm Springs Art Museum by sponsoring art education classes for adults, leading a free "Art Party" each year for families in Indio, holding member exhibitions and sales, creating lectures and demonstrations, and managing fundraising events throughout the year.

### About the Palm Springs Art Museum

Located downtown in an architecturally-significant building, the Palm Springs Art Museum features compelling exhibitions and a robust permanent collection of modern, contemporary, Native American, Western and Mesoamerican and glass art in 28 spacious galleries and in its two outdoor sculpture gardens. The museum offers educational lectures, films and an assortment of programs and art workshops for all ages. The museum's Annenberg Theater features outstanding musical performances. The museum is open six days a week; Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. with free admission from 4 – 8 p.m. sponsored by the City of Palm Springs. Admission is free to members; youths 12 and under and active-duty military and their families. Regular admission is \$12.50 for adults; \$10.50 for seniors 62 and over; and \$5 for adult students. For more information, call 760.322.4800 or visit [www.psmuseum.org](http://www.psmuseum.org).

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