



Palm Springs Art Museum's Strong New Leadership Team Looks Forward to a Bright Future

PALM SPRINGS (April 10, 2015) – Palm Springs Art Museum announced today the appointment of Donna MacMillan to Chairman of the Board of Trustees effective immediately. Mrs. MacMillan follows the late Harold J. Meyerman and joins Elizabeth Armstrong, the JoAnn McGrath Executive Director of the museum, and Dr. Jane Saltonstall, President of the Board of Trustees, in leading the museum into the next phase of growth.

This trifecta of influential women brings a powerful combination of talents to the museum. Representing a broad cross-section of professional, community, and cultural backgrounds, these women will work closely together to manage the museum's strategic direction and build upon the many great milestones resulting from Dr. Steven Nash and Harold J. Meyerman's combined leadership. Mrs. MacMillan has played an integral role over the years in expanding the museum's collection of donated artworks and financial gifting, and as chairman she will be instrumental in seeking out and identifying financial resources to support the museum's continued goal of quality exhibitions and programming.

"As Executive Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees for many years, I am elated that Mrs. MacMillan has stepped into this role for which she has such outstanding leadership qualifications and a passion for the mission," said Harold Matzner, the museum's Executive Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "Her superb knowledge and active involvement with the museum councils, various events, and donor relations illustrates her dedication, which will now be applied to a new chapter of involvement with the museum as chairman."

"It is an exciting time for the museum moving forward," said Elizabeth Armstrong, the JoAnn McGrath Executive Director. "Mrs. MacMillan is clearly passionate about art, the museum, and our vision to take the museum to new levels. I am looking forward to the work we will do together."

"Mrs. MacMillan's love for the museum is infectious. Her interest in every aspect of its operation and success are only some of the reasons I am looking forward to being part of this team," said Dr. Jane Saltonstall, President of the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. MacMillan most recently served on the museum's Contemporary Arts Council as Vice Chairman of Acquisitions. She has been an avid supporter of the museum as a philanthropist and an actively involved member of the museum for 25 years.

“My late husband Cargill and I were passionate about the arts over the years, extensively collecting broad-based contemporary artworks,” said Donna MacMillan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. “We have whole heartedly given to the museum for many years with the vision of celebrating art and bringing it to the community as a whole. I am very excited to become chairman and anxious to expand the museum’s outreach further while working closely with these talented women, other board members, and the museum staff as a whole.”

About Palm Springs Art Museum

Palm Springs Art Museum is the largest cultural institution in the Coachella Valley and includes three locations in Palm Springs and Palm Desert. The flagship building is located in downtown Palm Springs and features compelling art exhibitions, a vast permanent collection, and the 433-seat Annenberg Theater, all in a 150,000 square foot, architecturally-significant building. Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion features exhibitions and programming that explore the rich topics of architecture and design. Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert is an 8,400 square foot, Silver LEED-certified building named The Galen that presents rotating exhibitions and special collections. It is surrounded by the four-acre Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden featuring important sculpture works. Admission to the Palm Desert location is now free to the public, generously underwritten by Helene V. Galen. For more information, call 760-322-4800, visit www.psmuseum.org, and follow the museum on Facebook, Twitter and InstaGram.

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