

PALM SPRINGS
ART MUSEUM



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PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM RECEIVES \$40,000 GRANT FROM NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF THE ARTS

September 10, 2014 (Palm Springs, CA) – The Palm Springs Art Museum announced today it is the recipient of a \$40,000 grant from the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA), with matching funds donated by benefactors and museum members. Together, these funds will support the reinstallation of artworks from the museum’s significant permanent collection into a newly reconfigured exhibition gallery for the public’s benefit.

The museum’s permanent collection of modern art and sculpture along with educational programming will explore the meanings of these pieces through an evocative and revealing presentation featuring such interpretive aids as descriptive labels, audio tours, and video clips.

“Working with several key staff members on the proposal, we are honored to have secured this highly competitive grant to support the creative conception of bringing these impressive works of art to life,” said Dr. Daniell Cornell, Ph.D., Director of Art for The Cargill and Donna MacMillan Jr. of the Palm Springs Art Museum. “After a lengthy process of peer review and approval for this grant we are excited to now expand and showcase our collection of modern art, more significant than sometimes thought.”

These 20th Century works and sculpture pieces by artists Marc Chagall, Helen Frankenthaler, Barbara Hepworth, Amadeo Modigliani, Pablo Picasso and many others will be re-installed into the newly re-named “Joseph Claves III Gallery” in the museum’s main building in Palm Springs. Other works from the permanent collection will be installed at The Galen, Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert; and in the new Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion located in downtown Palm Springs and scheduled to open in November 2014.

This NEA award comes close on the heels of a previous grant that gave critical support during the museum’s landmark 75th Anniversary Season. The NEA awarded \$80,000 to help fund “Richard Diebenkorn: The Berkeley Years, 1953 – 1966” exhibition, co-organized with the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. The exhibition presented early works of the internationally acclaimed Diebenkorn who is widely recognized to be one of California’s finest late 20th century artists. From October 2013 to February 2014 over 50,000 children, youth and adults came to the museum to view over 100 paintings and drawings, many of which had never been or rarely seen by the public.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) is an independent Federal agency that funds and promotes artistic excellence, creativity and innovation. NEA grant programs are the Federal Government's primary means of direct support to the nation's arts and culture institutions. The grants are vitally important sources of support that recognize artistic quality and excellence that assists organizations and artists alike in their efforts to build a better quality of life for the communities where they reside and work.

"It is a significant achievement for the museum and Palm Springs to receive a second commitment from the NEA," said Dr. Steven A. Nash, the JoAnn McGrath executive director of the Palm Springs Art Museum. "We are thrilled to again be recognized for the important work of the Palm Springs Art Museum among the many arts organizations across the country," he concluded.

"We are forever grateful to the NEA and to our generous donors that matched this grant, both being instrumental in advancing the Palm Springs Art Museum's collections and programs," said Greg Polzin, The Dorothy and Harold J. Meyerman Director of Development. "These funds enable us to offer a rich cultural experience to desert residents, and to those visiting from across the country and even abroad."

A major matching donation was made by the Joseph T. Clayes III Charitable Trust. The McCallum wing of the Museum will be renamed "The Joseph Clayes III Wing" in recognition of this substantial award. The wing and its stunningly beautiful art to be displayed are scheduled for public opening in late March 2015. For more information about the Palm Springs Art Museum, its exhibitions, programs, and outreach to the public please visit: www.psmuseum.org, or call (760) 322-4800.

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 and a vast permanent collection, all on view in a 150,000 square foot, architecturally-significant building. The soon-to-open Architecture and Design Center will feature exhibitions and programming that explore the rich topics of architecture and design. The Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert is an 8,400 square foot, Silver LEED-certified building named The Galen that presents changing exhibitions and collections. It is surrounded by the four-acre Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden that features more than ten important sculpture works. For more information, call 760-773-1707 or visit www.psmuseum.org.

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