



Coachella Valley Watercolor Society (CVWS)

2026 Annual Show Prospectus – 36th Annual Membership Show

Artists Center, 72567 Highway 111, Palm Desert, CA 92260

Mission Statement *To promote the creative talents and art appreciation of its members, to stimulate art interest and support art education for the young people in the Coachella Valley.*

Entry Deadline Enter online by midnight February 16th, or mail entry form to CVWS, P.O. Box 565, Palm Desert, CA, postmarked no later than February 13th

Intake Monday March 2nd, 9.30am to 11.30. Paintings will not be accepted after the 11.30 deadline. Deliver artwork to Artists Center, 72567 Highway 111, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

Gala Reception, Award Presentation and Sale Wednesday March 4th, 2025, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Show Dates Wednesday March 4th to Sunday, March 8th, 2026, from 10:00am– 4:00 pm, 3.30 on Sunday.

Pick Up Sunday, March 8th, 2026, from 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Work will not be released early.

Eligibility of Artists All artists who are currently CVWS members are encouraged to enter.

Entries Allowed This is one show with THREE different categories: TRADITIONAL, OPEN, and MINI MASTERPIECES. You may enter one or more of the categories. One, two or three paintings may be entered in each category, up to a maximum of 8 overall. A total of up to EIGHT bin paintings may be entered. Two paintings for minis. NOTE: Each artist is allowed to enter only THREE FULL SHEETS (image size 22" x 30") TOTAL IN THE SHOW. Check the detailed show rules.

Show Entry Fee 1-3 paintings \$45, 4-6 paintings \$55, 7-8 paintings \$65.

Sales All paintings must be for sale. Prices may not be changed once the painting is entered. CVWS will handle all sales and will charge the artist a 35% commission. Artists who sell paintings before the weekend may bring replacement paintings of similar sizes. Minimum price for paintings in the Traditional and Open categories: \$150. Minimum price for paintings in the Mini Masterpieces category: \$95. Minimum price for bin paintings: \$95.

Judge This is a competitive show and will be judged by Mark Leonard.

Awards

- **TRADITIONAL PRESENTATION** 1st, 2nd & 3rd place & 6 honorable mention ribbons.
- **OPEN and MINI MASTERPIECES PRESENTATIONS:** 1st through 3rd place ribbons and 3 honorable mention ribbons for each category.
- **EMERGING ARTIST** 1 ribbon for best work by an artist entering their first public show.
- **BEST IN SHOW** chosen from amongst all three categories.
- **PUBLICITY ART AWARD** picture chosen for the 2027 Annual Show advertisements.