



March 17, 2020

**Dear Sonoran Arts League Members and Community:**

The Sonoran Arts League continues to monitor the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and is heeding the guidance given by the CDC, the White House and Governor Ducey.

Keeping our members, volunteers, Board, staff and our visitors safe is a top priority, so we wanted to share the steps we're taking in response to coronavirus. The League acknowledges concerns regarding the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and its potential impacts on our community and service providers. We are continuing to monitor the virus with a focus on how we can best prepare and support our artists, members and community we serve as we face these challenges together.

Following today's Board of Director's meeting, the Board has voted to cancel/postpone all events and facilities until the end of the month; and will reevaluate as the month comes to an end.

**At this time:**

1. Our **Gallery at el Pedregal** will close until the end of the month. The artwork in the Gallery will be:

- made available online with additional social media and internet promotions (*more info coming soon*)
- available for private viewings in the Gallery at el Ped will be by appointment only
- The Gallery has postponed in-person events until further notice

2. Our **Workshop Space** at Stagecoach Village in Cave Creek, will close until the end of the month

- The weekly Veteran Art Workshops on Thursdays will be postponed. *However veterans currently enrolled in our workshops may use the facility as an "open studio" in small groups of 5 or less by appointment only.*
- The April 4th Youth Art workshops will be postponed until May

3. Our **Center for the Arts / League HQ** will close until the end of the month along with rescheduling the following events:

- **JURY DAY** - has been rescheduled to the fall 2020
  1. October 10<sup>th</sup> will be the 2-D JURY DAY
  2. October 17<sup>th</sup> will be the 3-D JURY DAY
- **HIDDEN IN THE HILLS – MATCH UP DAY** - has been rescheduled to the following date
  1. Sunday, April 5 at 1pm (*this date will be monitored*)
  2. *Note: the HITH committee and the League office will continue to assist participating artists with special introductions - Host Studio & Guest Artists*
- **POP-UP Show "Jewelry & Photography"** - has been postponed

The Sonoran Arts League staff will be working remotely in part and in the Center. Meetings will be by appointment only and in very small groups; and the facility will continue to be cleaned daily, with sanitizing solutions used in high-touch, high-traffic areas.

As always, we're grateful for the opportunity to serve our members and our community in support of art, artists and art education. Rest assured, we're doing everything in our power to provide a safe experience for all who visit the Sonoran Arts League.

Remember - In situations like these, rumors may cause unnecessary reactions and panic; therefore, we encourage you to get information from credible sources.

Sincerely,

**Pat Bell-Demers**  
Executive Director  
Sonoran Arts League