



Pictured is artist Kim Lordier painting by the ocean. Lordier's art will be on display Oct. 22. Photo by Jack Baldelli

## A glimpse of Catalina's 'Wildside'

Conservancy to host annual art show on Oct. 22

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The works of 10 nationally recognized plein air artists will be featured Oct. 22 at the Catalina

Island Conservancy's seventh annual "Catalina: The Wild Side" Art Show. The event supports the Conservancy's conservation, education and recreation programs, and will take place at the Balboa Yacht Club located at 1801 Bayside Dr. in Corona Del Mar.

The artists each spent time on Catalina creating new works that feature the Island's rugged wildlands, Avalon and Two Harbors

in the plein air style, which means painting nature while in nature. The artists whose works will be on display and available for purchase are Cindy Baron, Brian Blood, Don Demers, Kathleen Dunphy, Debra Huse, Laurie Kersey, Kim Lordier, Michael Obermeyer, Ron Rencher and Brian Stewart.

"In their paintings, these award-winning artists capture

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the beauty of the Island and the work the Conservancy has done to restore and protect Catalina," said Tony Budrovich, Conservancy president and CEO. "Catalina: The Wild Side Art Show is a great opportunity to meet the artists, purchase their portraits of Catalina's wildlands and support the Conservancy."

In addition to helping to fund the Conservancy's programs, proceeds from the art show also support the Conservancy's permanent collection of plein air art that documents the organization's conservation efforts and progress in habitat restoration. Many of the paintings acquired during previous shows are on display for the public in the Conservancy's Nature Center in Avalon Canyon. Following this is a breakdown of details about the event:

1:30-2:30 p.m. Priority Preview and Purchases

2:30-4: p.m. General Access

To register for the event visit [www.catalinaconservancy.org](http://www.catalinaconservancy.org) or call 562-437-8555 ext. 1239.

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About the Conservancy

Formed in 1972, the Catalina Island Conservancy is one of California's oldest land trusts. Its mission is to be a responsible steward of its lands through a balance of conservation, education and recreation. Through its ongoing efforts, the Conservancy protects the magnificent natural and cultural heritage of Santa Catalina Island, stewarding approximately 42,000 acres of land and more than 60 miles of rugged shoreline. It provides an airport and 50 miles of biking and nearly 150 miles of hiking opportunities within its road and trail system.

The Conservancy conducts educational outreach through two nature centers, its Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden and guided experiences in the Island's rugged interior. Twenty miles from the mainland, the Island is a treasure trove of historical and archaeological sites. It also contains numerous rare and endangered animals and plants. The Island is home to 60 species – and counting – that are found only on Catalina. For additional information, please visit [www.catalinacconservancy.org](http://www.catalinacconservancy.org).

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