

### President's Message:



As we move into 2017 much has happened and will be happening at the Museum. As I had mentioned in the previous newsletter we were expecting to receive a few pieces of Olaf Wieghorst original art a year as a gift from Roy and Barbra Wieghorst. Instead they gifted over 50 pieces of Olaf's original work to the Museum at year's end. Currently most of these items are on display in the back gallery and are well worth seeing. Pieces will rotate periodically to refresh the exhibit. Thank you again to Roy and Barbara Wieghorst for their generous gift and facilitating our efforts to promote Olaf's art legacy as a resident of El Cajon.

The Ghost Riders fundraising campaign from last fall was a much-needed success. The phantom event on October 32nd went off without a hitch and clean-up was virtually nonexistent. As a matter of fact, I vaguely recall what happened. The important part is the Museum netted \$14,500 of much needed funding. Thank you to Karen Gabsch who created the event, my sister Cyndy Stauffer who designed and donated the invitations and last but not least all of you who participated as contributors. All donations are very much valued and are essential for keeping the Museum open and operating.

On January 7th, our first exhibit of the year "Salmagundis' and Their Friends- Southern California" opened, featuring paintings of 18 Plien Air artists. Plien art artists generally paint outdoors under limited time constraints in order to capture a particular feature or subject in an environment of constantly changing colors and perspective. Gloria Chadwick organized this exhibit inviting her group of artists to participate. The walls were packed with wonderful pieces of work on display until the first week of March.

April 1st was the opening of the "Rodeo" exhibit featuring rodeo related art and memorabilia. Gloria Chadwick put this exhibit together and it will run through the month of April to help prepare East County for the annual rodeo at the Lakeside Rodeo Grounds at the end of April. If you are in the in the area during April, stop in and pay us a visit, see the new Wieghorst art collection, the Rodeo display and our cactus garden which will be going into bloom soon and is a must see.

Our Round-Up event titled "Picture This" is our big fundraising event of the year and will be held April 29th at the Steele Canyon Golf Club. Much work has gone into planning this event and it is important to have as many friends of the Museum as possible attend. Cyndy once again designed our invitations which most of you should have by now received by mail. I encourage all of you to come out and join us for a popping fresh evening of social fun and help support the Olaf Wieghorst Museum Foundation.

This time of year, the elementary school field trips are in full swing visiting the gallery and gardens. Chris Mummert, with the help of Jim Kermott, just finished the annual weekend student workshop attended by 19 high school seniors. As always, we welcome community involvement whether it be visiting the Museum and garden, being a docent or participating in event organization just to mention a few. Please watch for upcoming events and activities. If you are interested in volunteering or getting involved with the Museum please contact our Museum Director, Earlene, at the Museum office. Thank you for your interest in and support for The Olaf Wieghorst Museum and Western Heritage Foundation.

Keep your palette fresh, colors true and ride high in the saddle.

John R. Stauffer,  
President of the Board of Directors



## ***From Mike the Cactus Guy:***

There is an almost unknown, undiscovered, and unique botanical garden right in downtown El Cajon dedicated to cactus and succulents, mainly ones coming from South Africa and South America. New additions from our South West area are being planted in the garden so local area is represented. Even the

local people have not discovered the garden and those walking by are not aware of it. In this day and age, they are "heads down" in their cell phones and not aware of things around them.

The garden highlights the integrity of place, it is a great resource for your own personal waterwise garden to help conserve water, and it can even provide an edible crop. The "cactus apple" produced on some of the species of Cereus cactus are much like the fruit of a kiwi. They are mild tasting, but very good. Once they turn a bright red on the plant, they are ready for picking. When you visit the garden during mid to late summer there should be fruit ripe for tasting.



Cactus Garden, October 2006



Cactus Garden, April 2017

## ***Why do I Need to Think About Creating a Will?***

***By Jim Daniels  
Founder and Member of the Olaf  
Wieghorst Board of Directors***

The end of our lives is probably something few of us like to dwell on, but thinking about what will happen to your loved ones and your personal assets and possessions' is important. The simplest way to ensure that your personal property and assets will be distributed after your death according to your wishes is to prepare a will. It is also an important and useful way for you to structure your charitable giving to those organizations that you wish to support.

A will is a fundamental part of a well-conceived estate plan. However, nearly half of all Americans die without a will or plan to distribute a person's property. When this happens, it is possible that your assets will not be distributed as he or she may have wished, or even possible that the state may claim his or her estate.

The primary reasons to have a will are to describe your assets, to name family members or charities as beneficiaries of your plan, to name executors to

***Will continued:***

manage your estate, and name guardians for minor children. A will is an excellent way for people to make significant gifts to charities that they may not be able to do during their lifetime.

As a privately-funded organization, the Wieghorst Museum relies on support from individuals at all levels, including support that comes in the form of wills and bequests. The Museum has been the beneficiary of the support of individuals who have included the Museum as part of their will, and whose support and love of the Museum has been extremely strong and greatly appreciated.

The Museum encourages all of its friends and supporters to consider the future disposition of their assets, with the primary emphasis being on the need to consider your desires to provide for your family. If there is a desire to designate the Museum or other charities as beneficiaries of part of your will, then that should be discussed with not only your gaily, but with qualified legal and financial professionals.

***Olaf's Corner Gift Shop***

Come visit our new Gift Shop. We have Olaf Prints for sale as well as wine glasses, coffee cups, cutting boards, beautiful gourds (courtesy of Mary Moreau), prints by Grace Schlesier and Denise Rich. We have photo art by Gary Anderson and Joe Payson as well as jewelry and books. Something new are the refurbished "feed bags" with handles for use as the reusable grocery bags.



***Picture this - Annual Round-Up  
April 29, 2017  
Steele Canyon Golf Club***

It is time again for the Wieghorst Round-Up. This is the main fundraiser for the Museum. It is a fun time and this year's theme "Picture this" is appropriate for our new original Wieghorst art.

The event is a sit-down dinner, with a choice of steak, chicken, or vegetarian. It will include a silent action as well as a live auction. We have some outstanding items this year that will please art collectors of all kinds. We will have an open-air photo booth that will take your picture, single or group, give you copies or email to your phone. There will be a no-host bar, and wine with dinner. Appetizers will be served on the deck to enjoy of the beauty of the area with the setting sun.

For more information, call the Museum at 619.590.3431.

***Wieghorst Art:*** In December, 2016, the Olaf Wieghorst Museum became the recipient of a major gift of original artworks by Olaf Wieghorst. The collection, belonging to the Wieghorst Family, was generously donated by Roy and Barbara Wieghorst and their two daughters, Lisa Marshall and Dana Albro.

The Collection included 48 major oil paintings as well as a number of watercolors and drawings. Included also were five bronzes. As the proud steward of this major addition to the Museum's

permanent collection, the Board of Directors has set up a separate Collection Conservation Fund whose sole purpose is to maintain the integrity of our entire permanent collection.

A portion of the proceeds from this spring's "Picture This" Round-Up will be directly used to

## Why Sponsor the Wieghorst Museum?

Let me count the ways . . . . .

The Wieghorst Western Heritage Museum is a unique entity in El Cajon. On the grounds, there is a building that is home to a beautiful collection of Olaf Wieghorst's paintings. Olaf is called, in collector's circles, "The Dean of Western Paintings" and his works reside in collections around the world. In the second gallery of the building there can be found a display of local artists' works that are changed every three or four months. But that is not all. On our grounds, we have a world class cactus garden that offers itself as a beautiful venue for concerts, weddings, and meetings. Next to this amazing garden rests the historical home that Olaf Wieghorst lived in with his family. It is a perfect example of how homes were 100 years ago, and offers anyone who visits an up close and personal history lesson. We do this with just one paid employee and a volunteer Board and docents. We also have school tours throughout the year for children to come and learn a little bit about art and we also offer classes to young people wanting to learn more.

Why should you sponsor the Wieghorst Museum? Because it is one of a kind located in El Cajon. There is not another place like it in San Diego County and exists solely to serve the Community and of course, honor the legacy of Olaf Wieghorst. It offers art, history, gardens, and an event venue all in the same space. Where else can you get that? Our desire is to get bigger so that we may serve more people, but in order to do that we need the support of the Community. Our outreach has been limited

fund this Collection Conservation initiative going forward. These new additions to our collection are currently on exhibit for you to enjoy in our Main Gallery at the Museum.

and we are at the point where our ideas and plans cannot be supported in our current status. We need you and the Community of El Cajon. We are sure you will be a proud sponsor of this unique and historic place.

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Olaf Wieghorst Bust  
By Ross Provence

### *Upcoming Events:*

***April 1, 2017 - May 1, 2017 Rodeo Art and Memorabilia***

***Saturday, April 29, 2017 "Annual Round-Up"  
Steele Canyon Golf Club***

*June 1, 2017- July 14, 2017 Juried Art Show  
“Masters of the Moments” by the East  
County Art Association*

*July – August, 2017 Art Exhibit by Siberian  
Artist Valeriy Kagounkin*

*Watch for upcoming events this  
summer in the Cactus Garden*

Yes! I want to help support the Wieghorst Museum Foundation's ongoing projects by becoming a Wieghorst Quartercircle 2C Member.

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