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Art Reception May 1 at 29 Palms Art Gallery

The 29 Palms Art Gallery will celebrate the opening of its May show on Saturday, May 1. The gallery opens at 11 a.m. and will be open all day. The public is also invited to meet the artists and enjoy hospitality at an art reception on the gallery patio Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Featured in the gallery's west wing this month is the famous nail art of John Henson. His show, titled "Hammered," features art made from nails and assemblages. A popular stop on the annual Hwy 62 Art Tours, Henson's studio in Yucca Valley is the birthplace of an amazing array of nailed works, from desert scenes to celebrity portraits, which have garnered widespread attention throughout Southern California.

"Lost and Found: Drawings and Assemblages of Denise Tanguay" is featured in the east room. The Twentynine Palms artist's work features colorful, pastel-on-plywood drawings of nature scenes from the Mojave Desert, and assemblage wall hangings created with objects found during her travels in the desert, coast, and mountains.

Also in the east room this month is the artwork of artist Jennifer Grandi of Yucca Valley. Her pastel paintings and mixed media works, including paintings on palm bark adhered to painted wood, are titled "Things I See in the Desert."

Works by Artists' Guild members will be shown in the Pickering Room. The exhibition will be on display through May 30. The gallery is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursdays through Sundays, at 74055 Cottonwood Drive at the corner of National Park Drive, in Twentynine Palms.

In an effort to remain Covid-compliant, facial coverings are required, social distancing will be practiced, and entrance into the gallery may be staggered to avoid overcrowding.

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The 29 Palms Artists' Guild is the oldest arts organization in the Morongo Basin and was founded by a group of desert artists and famed painter John Hilton in 1951-52. The gallery is located in a historic adobe at the Oasis of Mara, built in 1936 as a home for western author Tom Hopkins. Since 1963, it has been owned and operated by the Artists' Guild, an all-volunteer non-profit organization, and features monthly exhibitions, a gift shop, seasonal events, and art classes for all ages. To learn more, visit www.29palmsartgallery.com.

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