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World-Class Southwest Arts Festival Coming to Town

BY MORGAN CRAFT

On January 29, 30 and 31st, the 24th annual Southwest Arts Festival @ 2010, the area's largest and longest running art show, comes to town. The 2010 Festival looks to be more diverse than ever, with 255 artists showcasing and selling their work at the beautiful Empire Polo Club in Indio.

Fine works of art and quality crafts of all types will be featured from traditional to contemporary and abstract. Look for sculpture, paintings, photography, custom metalwork, crafts, custom jewelry, pottery, ceramics, fine art, silk art, watercolor, glass blowing and wood working.

The Festival is well respected and noted within the art world as this year participating artists hail from as far away as Peru. Its reputation draws artists from all over the country.

Laurent Martres, whose "Chapel at Dusk" photograph while visiting Arequipa, Peru became the 2010 Festival poster, is very much looking forward to the Festival. Laurent has been exhibiting there for seven years. "The Southwest Arts Festival is a very important festival for me. It is the first big festival of the season in the Coachella Valley. Although there are smaller shows in the fall, none are as large and have the level of quality represented."

The Festival draws patrons and collectors



not only from the affluent Valley communities but also from a large swath of Southern California.

Adds Martres, "The Empire Polo Club is an outstanding venue and the show's simple layout makes it very easy to visit without missing any artists. Access for people with disabilities has got to be one of the best in the country. It is very well organized and it ranks as a favorite among the artist community for the great treatment they receive." Laurent's poster with its contemporary style boldly reflects this year's diverse Festival.

This is a destination art festival with a variety of food specialties and entertainment held all in atmosphere of fun and culture held at one of the area's most beautiful event venues. Last years attendance topped 16,500, with purchases totaling over \$1 million in fine art, crafts and jewelry. More than 350 volunteers assist with ticket and poster sales, traffic control, hospitality, artist sales, event set-up and breakdown.

This years Festival features a new KidsKreationKorner run by the S.C.R.A.P. Gallery, (The Art Museum for the Environment) for children to work on small art projects they can take home. There is no charge for this new event. This is a family Festival offering a cultural experience for children of all ages, and art for all tastes.

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Preservation Foundation Event to Honor Architect Donald Wexler

BY MORGAN CRAFT

The Palm Springs Preservation Foundation will be hosting Wexler Weekend, a three-day event in Palm Springs during January 22-24, 2010 that will honor renowned modernist architect Donald A. Wexler. Wexler is one of the last living architects credited with the creation of Palm Springs' justifiably famous collection of midcentury architecture. Over a nearly fifty-year career, he is credited with the design of more than 200 structures, including the Palm Springs International Airport, Dinah Shore house, the famous Steel Houses, and Royal Hawaiian Estates, which will soon be designated the desert's first historic neighborhood district.

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Donald Wexler

In Their Own Words

BY EARL NISSEN

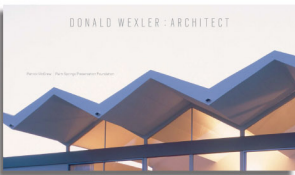
When you visit The Southwest Arts Festival in Indio this weekend, you'll stroll from booth to booth, wondering at the marvelous original creations. Perhaps you'll speak with an artist and share a comment about their work. What you may fail to learn is the back story of how this artist became inspired. How long has she or he been working? What drives the craft? Here are the profiles of some of the artists who, in their own words, shared the dynamics behind their passion.

Karen Bell: I've been working in ceramics for about 30 years. I've spent the last 20 years deeply involved with amphibians and reptiles, though bats and armadillos have found a place in my heart in the past few years. ▶ PAGE 20



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Preservation Foundation Event to Honor Architect Donald Wexler



"Architect Don Wexler's incredible body of work is one of the big reasons Palm Springs is recognized throughout the world for its outstanding modernist architecture. But aside from being a great architect, Don is one of the most modest and self-effacing gentlemen you could ever meet," said Preservation Foundation Chairman Ron Marshall.

The weekend will kick-off on Friday, January 22nd with Design OnScreen's film titled, Journeyman Architect: The Life and Work of Donald Wexler. Saturday the 23rd (which is also Don Wexler's 84th birthday) will include a champagne jazz brunch, a five-hour house tour and an evening fundraiser at the Wexler-Designed Leff/Floresheim House (1957). Wexler Weekend will continue on Sunday the 24th with an event at the Wexler Steel Development Houses in the Racquet Club Estates neighborhood in Palm Springs, followed by a book signing of the new book Donald Wexler: Architect at Just Fabulous in Palm Springs. Get more info at ppreservationfoundation.org

Friday, January 22
6-7:30 PM - Pre-party upstairs at Camelot Theatres (Invitation Only)

7:30 PM (SOLD OUT) - Film "Journeyman Architect: The Life and Work of Donald Wexler" at Camelot Theatres. A 67-minute film produced by Design OnScreen followed by a brief Q&A with Wexler tribute journal author Patrick McGrew and architect Doug Hudson.



Saturday, January 23
9-11 AM, \$20 - Champagne Jazz Brunch at Leon's Bar & Grill, Indian Canyons Golf Resort (1100 Murray Canyon Drive) with a special breakfast menu that includes unlimited "J" champagne. Entertainment provided by the Palm Springs High School Jazz Band with vocals by Maribyn Wexler, the architect's granddaughter. PSPF will donate \$1,000 to the Wexler's 84th birthday.

10 AM-4 PM, \$75 - Tour of Wexler-designed properties. Highlights include Wexler tract homes in El Rancho Vista Estates, Wexler's own Palm Springs home and Wexler-designed celebrity homes. Price includes a copy of the Wexler tribute journal. (Tour check-in from 9:30-11AM and lunch break from 12:30-1:30PM)

6-8:30 PM, \$125 - Evening fundraiser at the beautifully restored Wexler-designed Leff/Floresheim House (1957). Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and an architecturally-themed silent auction.

Sunday, January 24
10 AM-Noon, \$35 - "Steel Some Time" at the Wexler Steel Development Houses. Several steel homes will be open for viewing. Mimosa and hors d'oeuvres.

3-5 PM, Free - Wexler tribute journal book-signing by author Patrick McGrew at the Just Fabulous bookstore (515 North Palm Canyon Drive). Light refreshments.

HOROSCOPE SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You need to be certain that all the right conditions are in place before you take that first step. It can't hurt to listen to good advice from those who have your best interests at heart.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to get involved in other people's disputes unless you know the facts behind the disagreements. That's the best way to be assured of making wise and honest decisions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You still need to be careful about how you're going to spend those energy reserves you finally got around to restoring. Best advice: Avoid overdoing it. Let things take their course.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect continues to favor travel - alone or with that special person. So if you've been putting off making those getaway plans, it's still a good time to get started on them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Those so-called golden opportunities that continue to dazzle the Lion still need to be carefully checked out. Be suspicious about anything that looks like the "perfect" prospect.

VIRGO (August 23 September 22) Changes at the workplace could make it more difficult to do things the way you prefer. But the wise Virgo who shows some flexibility could find it paying off in a big way.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might want to check out the explanation you were given for a sudden shift in

your duties. There's a possibility that you haven't been told all the facts that you deserve to know.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Having confidence in your abilities is important, especially when you could be facing a new challenge, whether it's in the workplace or in a personal relationship. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new work-related opportunity might not be all that it seems. Before making any decisions, you might want to check with others who have had some experience in that area.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A situation involving someone close could benefit from your timely intervention. Avoid being judgmental. There'll be plenty of time later for those "little talks" you like to have.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel could be a surprise element in that new project. Be prepared for other previously undisclosed aspects that also might come to light as you proceed with the work.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Try to balance your work-related responsibilities with the time you're spending on your recently revived social life. An old friend might be planning to return after a long absence.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sensitivity makes you aware of the needs of others. Have you considered a career as a counselor?

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p.m. And the online services are available even on federal holidays from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m. So if you have business to take care of, our online services are here for you. All times are Eastern Standard Time and some online services have extended hours. You can find the individual operating hours for different online services at www.socialsecurity.gov/online-services

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