



Dear Friend,

Escondido has recently been named as one of California's Top 100 Art Cities. How can this be? Is there something in the avocados and adobe soils? A vibrant art community needs a vibrant community of supporters. The city government helps to subsidize the arts but the biggest supporter of the arts is YOU! Every dollar helps to keep the spotlight on Art.

As you may know, the Municipal Gallery is moving due to rent increases at our current location, but luckily, we've found a beautiful new space with higher ceilings, track lighting, and an increase in the amount of space to inspire creativity. The main gallery space will also include two Expression-sized galleries and several artist studios. The new Municipal Gallery will be linked with more workshop, artist studios, and gallery space in the back of the building. It is exciting to be the major new addition to this arts complex where we'll provide much needed exhibition and studio space to the North County.

With budget cuts from the city and a slightly higher rent in our new space, we'll need to make up the increase in costs of an extra \$20,000 dollars this year. Our focus will be on increasing sponsorships and memberships to cover these costs. Your valued membership provides the basis of our operation, so please renew your membership today!

The Municipal Gallery belongs to all of the artists and art lovers in Escondido and surrounding areas. Some of our many services include providing arts information to relocating artists and art supporters, free arts education focused on high school students, a variety of workshops for the general public, and solo exhibition space for working artists.

We are blessed to have a wonderful new space and look forward to an exciting year of activities. If you usually sign up at the basic level of membership, consider becoming an Advocate member, you will receive 10% off any art purchases at the gallery. The Associate membership level includes the above discount plus a link on EAP's website. And, if you are interested in a presence on the Web, sign up for the Professional membership and we'll build a webpage for you - linked to the Municipal Gallery and the Escondido Arts Partnership website.

Thank you so much for your support!

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