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First Saturday Desert Art Displays at the National Monument Visitor Center *Sponsored by Friends of the Desert Mountains*

PALM DESERT, CA – This season, the Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center will be the location of a series fun, free events for art buffs and outdoor / nature enthusiasts. Beginning October 4th, and every subsequent first Saturday through April, The National Monument Visitor Center will host desert naturalist photographers & artists who will be display/sell their works and/or demonstrate their craft. Art inspired by nature, culture and history will be showcased at these events. The season kickoff event, on **Saturday, Oct. 4th, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**, will feature local artists: Sue Adams, Friends of the Desert Mountains Board member and illustrator, Elizabeth Green, Friends volunteer and professional artist, and Bonnie Adkins, BLM Park Ranger and photographer.

Those interested in attending and/or participating are encouraged to contact the National Monument Visitor Center for program details and scheduling. The Visitor Center is located at the base of the mountains, 51-500 Highway 111 (about 4-miles south of Highway 111) in southern Palm Desert. For more information, call the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center at 760/ 862-9984.

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(Photos of works with credits above each)

Sue Adams
"Desert Fuschia"



Elizabeth Green
"Diamond Agave Leaves"



Bonnie A. Adkins,
Photo "Desert Bloom"



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About Friends of the Desert Mountains

Friends of the Desert Mountains is a Palm Desert-based non profit organization dedicated to protecting the magnificent mountains, scenic vistas, recreation trails and natural open spaces that make up the Coachella Valley. The mission of the organization is to secure, acquire and preserve lands in the Coachella Valley and the surrounding mountains, and to support education, conservation and research in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. To date, Friends of the Desert Mountains has acquired more than 30,000 acres of land throughout the Coachella Valley.

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