



May 31, 2024

To: Cathedral City Public Arts Commission

RE: Ocotillo Park Bench Project-Statement of Interest

Coachellart would like to be formally considered for participation in the upcoming bench painting project at Ocotillo Park.

We've produced over (15) park bench painting projects for the City of Palm Springs in 2020-2021 and (1) bench painting project for Cathedral City at the main library grounds in late 2021.

With plenty of hands-on experience with outdoor public art projects, we'd also be happy to serve in any advisory capacity if any other artist needs assistance before or during the painting. We know all the ins and outs of completing this type of work during the summer months.

Thank you,

Patrick Sheehan  
Executive Director  
Coachellart

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**We are a 501(c)(3) volunteer arts non-profit organization providing no-cost art and music supplies to Coachella Valley students.**

**Working with local educators and community leaders we help identify individual classrooms, youth organizations, and local charities that would benefit from free art supplies and musical instruments for the students/clients they serve.**

**We believe in the transformative power of the arts as a way to connect communities, cultures, and neighborhoods. We foster support for students interested in all recognized art forms from painting to filmmaking, digital media arts, photography, music, dance to project-based works.**

## Who We Serve

**Students in the Palm Springs Unified School District, Desert Sands School District, eastern Coachella Valley students.**

*Coachellart provided no-cost art and music supplies to over 1,500 local students in 2020, during the pandemic.*

## How We Do It

- **Charitable donations from individuals and local businesses**
- **Donations from other Coachella Valley non-profit organizations**
- **Small grants and a contract with the City of Palm Springs through the Public Arts Commission and the Parks and Recreations Department.**

**\*We are a 100% volunteer organization.**

## Our Board of Directors

**President, Davy Aker (DigitalWorks)**

**Vice-President, Teddy Grouya (AMDOCS-CEO)**

**Secretary, Bonnie Ruttan, (Artist & Philanthropist)**

**Treasurer, Danae Sheehan, (Greater Palm Springs Tourism Bureau)**

**Executive Director, Patrick Sheehan**

## Current Projects:

**1-year contract with the City of Palm Springs as Artists-in-Residence with the Parks and Recreation Department to beautify local Palm Springs Parks and adjacent buildings.**

**Public Art Projects: City of Palm Springs Parks & Recreation Department**







### Palm Springs Parks & Recreation Department (cont'd)













**Ruth Hardy Park-Bench May 2021**



**Cathedral City Library-Park Bench Project July 2021**





**Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead Altar)-Victoria Park  
(November 2020)**



### Raymond Cree Middle School

Provided mural painting materials and volunteer hours





**Provided \$500 in free art supplies in 2020 during COVI-19 lockdown to Raymond Cree Middle School**





### Desert Hot Springs High School

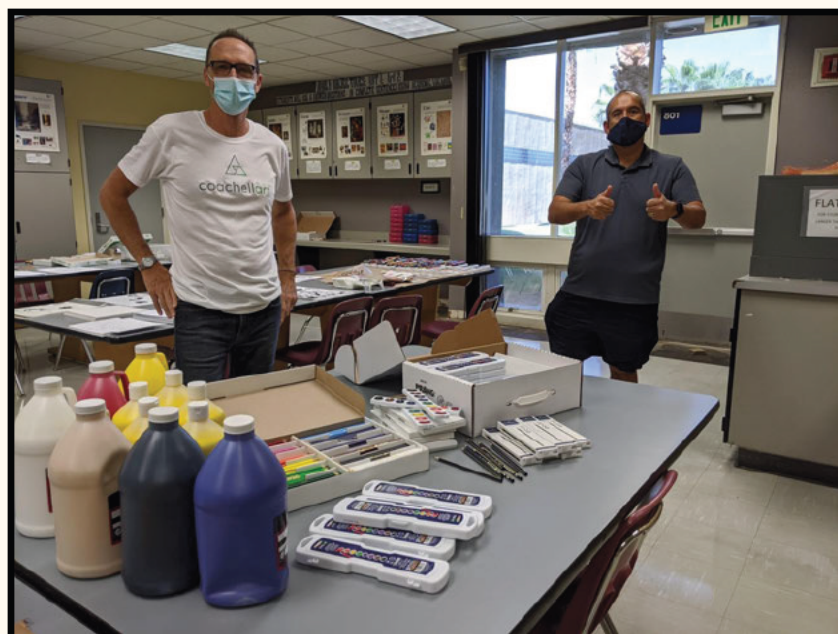
Provided over \$2,000 in free art supplies to the art department during COVID-19 lockdown providing supplies to over 250 students.





### Cathedral City High School

**Provided over \$1,200 in no-cost art supplies to students during COVID-19 lockdown, helping over 350 students**



## Center for Spiritual Living-Palm Springs (Mural Project)





## Renova Energy Corporate Headquarters-Palm Desert, CA

Abstract Mural Project 2020





### Mural Project-Variety Club of the Desert: August 2021



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#### PARK BENCH RENDERING:

The Backrest of the Bench, Seat and legs would have a multi-colored geometric pattern on all sides similar to the image below.

We've produced similar images in large format murals, which look lively and fun with all the different colors.







# Patrick Sheehan-COACHELLART

Abstract Painter, Muralist, Art Instructor



## EXPERIENCE

### Coachellart, Executive Director

September 2019 - Current

Started Coachellart in 2019 as a 501(c)(3) art outreach organization to provide instruction, materials and hands-on experiences for local students in elementary, middle and high schools in the Coachella Valley. Coachellart specializes in school mural painting programs, arts-based special projects and provides various art resources to local educators.

### Red Dot Gallery & Consulting, Palm Springs, CA — Owner

May 2008 - Current (Gallery space closed in 2010, consulting firm still open)

Owner/operator of a retail art gallery in Palm Springs, specializing in the showcase of artwork produced by artists with developmental disabilities. Worked closely with the Palm Springs Unified School District's Arts Outreach Coordinator to help develop in-school arts programs to local Coachella Valley elementary schools.

### Melissa Morgan Fine Art, Palm Desert

*Gallery Consultant: June 2007-May 2008*

### Desert Academy of the Arts Foundation, Coachella Valley — Assistant Director

August 2003 - May 2007

Helped develop & implement programs at D.A.A.F that provided weekly after-school arts and music outreach programs to over 150 underserved elementary school children. This program was designed to offer 'no-cost' art and music instruction to students for the duration of the academic term.

## SKILLS

A compassionate & morally ethical leader

Hands-on, lead by the example work ethic

Motivational & enthusiastic

Fiscally responsible

## ORGANIZATIONS

Chairman, City of Palm Springs Public Arts Commission 2010-2016

Volunteer Coordinator, American Documentary Film Festival, Palm Springs, CA 2015-2018

Volunteer, F.I.N.D. Food Bank, Martha's Kitchen Coachella Valley

Volunteer Arts Outreach Instructor, Palm Springs Unified School District 2005-Present

Member, Parent Teacher Association, Katherine Finchy Elementary School, Palm Springs, CA



## EDUCATION

### **Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, Communications, Visual Arts**

September 1982 - May 1986

### **College of the Desert, Palm Desert, California**

Continuing education -- Mass Media, Communications

September 1988-May 1990

## REFERENCES

Louisa Castrodale, Riverside County, Arts Coordinator

[REDACTED]

Abby Sturgeon, Leadership Coachella Valley, Board Member

[REDACTED]

Ted Grouya, CEO, American Documentary Film Festival

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