



The Season Begins

Here is a calendar of events through 2026 to mark on your calendar – **Save the Date!**

October 9, 10 AM – 3 PM	Opening Day at the Museum
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 6 PM start	Concerts in the Park - City Center Park Amphitheater - <i>come see the fire truck</i>
October 16, 5:30-6:30 PM	Friday Night Lecture at the Palm Desert Library, “Innovations in Education” with Dr. Lisa Longoria, Washington Charter School Principal
October 17, 11 AM – 1 PM	Season Kickoff Reception at the Firehouse, all welcome
October 25, 12 PM start	Annual Golf Cart Parade - <i>come see the fire truck</i>
November 1	Modernism Week 2027 tickets available on their website – the HSPD has three events in February, tickets go fast: • Self-guided tour of Purple Hills Estates, AIA Charles E. DuBois, including three open houses • Breeze Block Garden at the Firehouse • Friday Night Lecture on Desert Regency architecture, “Paris in the Desert” with Steven Price
November 10, 11:30 AM-1:30	Fall Luncheon at Mitch’s on El Paseo
November 20, 5:30-6:30 PM	Friday Night Lecture at the Palm Desert Library, on Guide Dogs for the Blind

Note: Holiday Closures for the Museum, December 25, 26, January 1

President's Letter



By the time you see this it will be almost three months since the beginning of my term as your President of the Historical Society of Palm Desert. And what an exciting three months it has been.

We held our Mid-Summer Madness Pot Luck luncheon on August 16 at the Shadow Mountain Resort Fairway Room. The food was amazing (of course, there was way too much!). Raffle prizes were well received. It was great to see everyone who braved our August heat to be there.

One of my main goals this year is to pursue projects that will help us revitalize the HSPD. We need more members and more volunteers to continue our mission to preserve the history of Palm Desert. We officially presented our new logo and tagline to our members on September 17 via a Constant Contact email. I want to thank our Treasurer, Tracey MacDonald, for all her work to make this first part of the project a reality. Hopefully this is just the beginning.

We are now getting ready for the museum's opening on October 9 and our Season Kickoff Reception on Saturday, October 17. I hope you will be able to swing by during the reception and say Hello.

Bev James, HSPD Board President

The HSPD Board Is Expanding

Did you ever want to serve on a nonprofit board of directors? The Historical Society of Palm Desert is looking to expand its board. The HSPD has a "working" board; come bring your energy and talents to the organization! Board terms are four years and are voluntary. Call the office at 760-346-6588 and leave a message with your contact information for HSPD Board President Bev James. Find out more about us, and thanks for your interest.

Oral History Project Needs You!

We are looking for residents who would like to participate in our Oral History Project by being interviewed. Have you lived in Palm Desert for years? Do you have a few good stories? We would be honored to interview you – or perhaps you can suggest such a person. It's fun, and after the interview is edited, you will receive a free e-copy to share with family and friends. Contact Leslie at lesliedeane@usa.net.

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TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE SOCIETY'S ARCHIVES
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PUBLICATIONS, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

HSPD Board Officers: Beverly James, President; Laine Floan, Vice President; Merilee Colton, Secretary; Tracey MacDonald, Treasurer
HSPD Board Directors: Linda Holden Clode, Nerl Porras, JoEllen Hughes, Charlie Franks, Barbara Keedy-Eastes, Leslie Roth, Mary Young

New Exhibit in the Museum

To prepare for the season opening, Past President David Toltzman has been refreshing the exhibits and adding a new one: an exhibit about the Sister Cities organization once affiliated with the City of Palm Desert and now no longer extant. The Sister City program was started by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 to promote sharing ideas and cultures, learning how other people live and helping us all to better understand people from around the world. The City of Palm Desert was a program participant, signing a Sister Cities agreement with Gisborne, New Zealand in 1982 (Palm Desert incorporated in 1973) and with Zihuatanejo, Mexico in 2003. Below are some pictures from the exhibit. (L-Gisborne, R-Zihuatanejo)



Mid-Summer Madness Pot Luck

A long-time tradition, the midsummer Historical Society get-together (“Madness” because it is always in the middle of the hot summer when many people are away) took place at the Shadow Mountain Resort in August. A good time was had by all – great potluck food, raffle gifts and wonderful company. If you missed it, there’s always next year!



(L-R) Board members Mary Young and Charlie Franks with member Bill Walker



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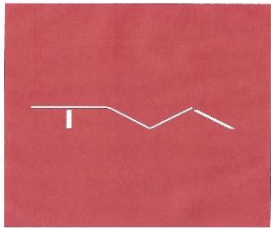
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Would you like to be a member? Would you like to gift a membership?

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