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Passport To The Arts

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The Diamond Valley Arts Council (DVAC) is pleased to introduce *Passport to the Arts* as a new feature for the 6th Annual Festival of the Arts to be held October 14 – 16, 2011.

The weekend gets underway with a Bon Voyage Party at the Esplanade Arts Center beginning at 6:00 PM on October 14th. Attendees will be treated to a preview showing of the art exhibition which features the works of local artists in two divisions – Student and General. The event includes catered food, wine or other beverage, live music and a special performance of the musical “The Last Five Years” by Inland Stage Company. Guests will also receive a Passport that is good for Saturday’s Passport Tour of arts destinations and more. Reservations are required and Boarding Passes may be purchased at the DVAC’s website (www.thedvac.org) for \$25. A package that includes the Bon Voyage Party plus Sunday’s Jazz Night with jazz legend Marshall Hawkins is also available for \$40.

The Festival continues for the general public on Saturday, October 15th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM with the Passport Tour of arts destinations in the San Jacinto Valley. People who have their Passport stamped at four of the six destinations (two in Hemet and two in San Jacinto) are eligible for a drawing for a 3-Day Cruise for Two to Ensenada, Mexico. The six destination and activities are: 1) an antique appraisal at the YMCA (Simpson Center), 2) chalk drawing for kids at Fingerprints Youth Museum, 3) Music @ the Library at the Hemet Public Library, 4) a plein air painting demonstration at Hoffman Park in San Jacinto, 5) a tour of the mansion and gardens at the historic Estudillo Mansion and 6) the art exhibition and other activities at the Esplanade Arts Center. In addition, chalk artists will be creating their art at most destinations. Passports can be purchased at any of the six destinations for \$5.00. Proceeds go toward our Student Arts Recognition Awards and other programs. Additional details are available by clicking the Festival of the Arts link at www.thedvac.org.

Sunday’s Festival activities include dance and musical performances, a bagpipe band, poetry recitations and the drawing for the cruise followed at 6:30 PM by the regular 3rd Sunday of the month “Wine, Art and All That Jazz” featuring bassist Marshall Hawkins.

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The Diamond Valley Arts Council is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the San Jacinto Valley and surrounding areas with cultural arts opportunities. It serves as an umbrella organization that promotes and provides assistance to the region's visual and performing artists and arts organizations. For further information, call 951.651.1964 or visit The Diamond Valley Arts Council at www.thedvac.org.