

## About the Wrightwood Arts Center

Staffed by local artists and volunteers, the Wrightwood Arts Center offers workshops in the visual, music, movement, textile, healing, performance and literary arts, while working to support other artists and arts organizations within the Wrightwood community. Set high in the San Gabriel Mountains, amidst one of the nation's newest National Monuments, Wrightwood offers inspiration from nature and from the peace this lovely small town offers.

### MISSION:

The Wrightwood Arts Center (WAC) and its members, through multidisciplinary classes, performances and programs inspires creative expression in people of all ages, fosters an environment for the arts to flourish and promotes art activities in Wrightwood.

## Artist Spotlight

Throughout the year, the Wrightwood Arts Center will be featuring artists at the Wrightwood Community Center. Their art will hang for three months at a time. There are currently two artists showing at the Wrightwood Community Center as part the series. Their work will be on display throughout March. Check them out next time you're in the building:

Local artist **Katheryn Flores** (painting to the right) specializes in acrylic paintings of dreamscapes and the beauty of the natural world. She dreams in vivid color and fluid movements and expresses her unique visions in each piece of art. Katheryn's artistic philosophy involves the desire to broaden perspectives in ways to help the viewer to see all that is possible in a simple image ... to show how even the mundane can contain magic. Her art conveys bold, brilliant, thought provoking images that turn normal perception on its head and push the viewer toward new internal vistas by means of imagination.

**LoLLY** writes: "My name is LoLLY and I am an artist, I think. My house is small and my hands are busy. Selling art makes room for new creations, creations that spark from a flicker of an idea. These ideas run through my head until released upon the lowbrow wolf pack. I am not a painter, I am an opportunist. I am not a sculptor, I am curious. I am not a writer, I am restless. I am just an artist, I think."

If you'd like to contribute artwork for use in these monthly newsletters, or hanging work for the Artist Spotlight at the community center, email samples, a biographical note, and your web links (if any) to [wrightwoodarts@gmail.com](mailto:wrightwoodarts@gmail.com).

## Poem of the Month

### MY MOTHER WAS A DANCER AND SHE NEVER LOOKED BACK

by Luigi Coppola

and why would you when up ahead is vermilion,  
gold, when the dress you wear is billowed  
by poise, hemmed with every minute  
of every hour you practised, each step a step  
forward, each twirl gathers momentum  
for the next movement, the soles of feet  
parallel, straight, laced, hair tied tight, draped down  
a shoulder, taut in tense air where hopes spring  
up like sped-up film, seed to flower in seconds  
and that is how fast life feels—if you turn your head  
for a moment you've missed it, left wondering  
where has my partner gone, where is the audience,  
who has been judging me this whole time?

—from *Rattle.com*





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"The world always seems brighter when you've just made something that wasn't there before." —Neil Gaiman

## March Events

**MAR. 2 (SATURDAY) 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

**Wine & Watercolors with Gayle Dowling**  
(WW Arts Center, 6020 Park Drive #5)

Every 1st Saturday, Gayle Dowling hosts a Wine and Watercolors class at the Wrightwood Arts Center. The \$35 fee at the door includes all materials, wine, and fun!

**MAR. 3 (SUNDAY) 10:00 A.M. (START)**

**Adventure Tour to Cabot's Pueblo Museum**  
(67616 Desert View Ave, Desert Hot Springs)

The WAC will be putting together carpools to Cabot's for this event. Lunch is also tentatively planned at Essence at Two Bunch Palms (not included in cost). Member RSVP deadline: Monday, January 14th (can sign up at meeting). \$20 members, \$25, non-members. Please RSVP to Lynn at [lynnjcrowford@gmail.com](mailto:lynnjcrowford@gmail.com). Visit [cabotsmuseum.org](http://cabotsmuseum.org) for more information on the museum.

**MAR. 4 (MONDAY) 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.**

**5482 Salon**  
(5482 Easter Drive)

The first Monday of every month, Rick Albertson hosts a gathering of creative acquaintances from Wrightwood and surrounding communities. Each month a member of the salon will present a topic for education, discussion, and debate to be conducted in a spirit of inquiry without contentious dispute or a desire for victory. Members need not be experts or know a lot about topics to participate—instead, simply seek understanding and willingly join in discussion. Questions are to be encouraged. RSVP to Rick at [2009d18vs@gmail.com](mailto:2009d18vs@gmail.com).

**MAR. 10 (SUNDAY) 2:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

**Centerstage: Bodie Mountain Express**  
(WW Community Center, 1275 Highway 2)

Bodie Mountain Express has been performing

foot-stomping music since the early 1970s. They opened for Elvis, played Disneyland, and are regulars at bluegrass festivals. Doors open at 1:30p.m. \$20 for adults, \$8 for children (under 16). Pay cash/credit at the door, or prior at [wrightwoodblues.org](http://wrightwoodblues.org).

**MAR. 31 (SUNDAY) 2:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

**Paradise Camp Fundraiser**

(WW Community Center, 1275 Highway 2)

Gayle and Company will play folk music, with special guests George Keene and Loran & Michelle. Doors open at 1:30pm. Beer and wine available for purchase by the Village Grind. Proceeds benefit the victims of the Camp Fire in Paradise, CA, and will be distributed by the Chico Boys and Girls Club. \$20 for adults, \$8 for children (under 16). Pay cash/credit at the door, or prior at [wrightwoodblues.org](http://wrightwoodblues.org).

## Looking Ahead

**APR. 3 (WEDNESDAY) 7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

**Creative Writing for Teens and Adults**  
(WW Arts Center, 6020 Park Drive #5)

In this eight-week course, students will read craft essays and look at and explore the various shapes and forms of personal narrative. The class will teach different techniques from hybrid experimental work, braided narrative, to the fashionable lyric essay. We will discuss overarching issues such as memory and truth as well as techniques such as perspective, transitions, and the use of sensory detail. For more information, and to register, visit [KeyboardArt.com](http://KeyboardArt.com).

**APR. 8 (MONDAY) 4:00 P.M. (START)**

**WAC Membership Meeting**  
(WW Arts Center, 6020 Park Drive #5)

All members are welcome to attend our quarterly meeting. The guest speakers will be Nancy DeDiemar and Steve Thomas of the Ontario Arts Festival. They'll talk about their experience in forging a public-private partnership between CCMA and the City of Ontario to provide access to arts and cultural activities within the city, with emphasis on the inaugural 2018 Ontario Festival of the Arts.

**APR. 14 (SUNDAY) 7:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

**Rattle's Poetry Minifest**  
(WW Arts Center & WW Community Center)

As a preview of the annual Literary Festival (Sept. 28th & 29th), the monthly Rattle Reading Series in LA is moving up to mountains for a special event featuring two poets from their spring issue. Award-winning poets Jim Gustafson (Florida) and Jennifer Perrine (Oregon) are traveling to Wrightwood for this event. Each of them will teach a poetry workshop in the morning (free, RSVP required), and give a poetry reading in the afternoon. For more information visit [rattle.com](http://rattle.com).

**APR. 14 (SUNDAY) 3:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.**

**Wrightwood's Got Talent Show**  
(WW Community Center, 1275 Highway 2)

The first annual Wrightwood's Got Talent Show will hold its preliminary round following the poetry minifest. Open to all local K-12 grade students, contestants will perform and become paired with coaches to prepare them for the final September 8th event. The coaches will be local musicians and artists. Categories: Music/Art/Dance/Other. To apply (free), visit [wrightwoodblues.org](http://wrightwoodblues.org).

**APR. 27 (SATURDAY) 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.**

**SP Children's Theater Presents: Annie, Jr.**  
(WW Community Center, 1275 Highway 2)

Local children perform the musical *Annie Jr.* in the first of five performances at the Wrightwood Community Center. Other dates: April 28, May 2, May 4, and May 5. For more information, visit [snowlineplayers.org](http://snowlineplayers.org).

**APR. 28 (SUNDAY) 3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.**

**WW Classical Concert Series Spring Concert**  
(United Methodist Church, 1543 Barbara St)

Featuring pianists Jason Stoll and Jeremiah Gonzales. For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit [keyboardart.com](http://keyboardart.com).

## More Information

This monthly arts newsletter is a publication of the Wrightwood Arts Center, working to support artists and arts organizations within the Wrightwood community. To view the full community calendar, subscribe to this newsletter, or to become a member, visit our website.

