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Animal paintings by Dinah Swan

DAAC hosts animal pastel workshop

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The Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) will host the one-day “Animal Pastel Painting Workshop” with acclaimed artist Dinah Swan 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 (painting workshop), and 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 (framing workshop), at the DAAC Arts and Cultural Center, 1740 Calle de Mercado in Bulletin Plaza.



Dinah Swan

The cost is \$75 per person. Bring your lunch or join others next door at

Paisano Café.

This workshop will begin with a short lecture/demo by Swan, followed by exercises on painting animal eyes and fur. In preparation for the next part, participants

will review value, shape and contrast to create dynamism.

Participants will then paint a coyote head/shoulders and will finish by painting another animal: a bear, dog, rabbit, wolf or a second coyote. All images will be provided.

The workshop includes the Wednesday, March 18, two-hour class “Framing Your Art Using Recycled Frames.”

Swan will model how to use upcycled frames and a Logan matt cutter during the framing workshop and promises “enlightenment” with this essential matt-cutting tool by the

end of the class.

Bring 400- or 500-grit sandpaper or buy it at the Tuesday workshop. Also bring or plan to borrow an assortment of soft, dry pastels.

Swan said she will provide a variety of other “tools and stuff for students to try,” including tortillons (cylindrical drawing tools), alcohol, blending tools, erasers, stencils, pencils, hard pastels and so on. Swan said workshop participants should bring an apron or other protective clothing, a few soft paper towels and a soft artist’s paintbrush for removing pastel and masking tape.

DAAC will provide foam core sheets to which each student’s pastel paper will be taped. Also, bring a portable easel if you have one.

For more information, contact Swan at 970-247-

1995 or Dinahswan@aol.com. Visit www.dinahswan.com.

To reserve a place in the workshop, call DAAC at 575-523-6403. Visit www.daarts.org for a complete supply list.

Swan’s wildlife artwork returns to Las Cruces

Mesilla Valley Stamp Show

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 14, and
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 15.
Las Cruces Convention Center,
680 E. University Ave.

