

The Art of Giving 2026

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FOOD NOW

Welcome to the 4th Annual Food Now "Art of Giving" Fundraiser

Welcome, and Thank You for Being Here!

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 4th Annual Food Now *Art of Giving* Fundraiser! Tonight is a celebration of art, generosity, and the power of a community coming together to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most.

We are deeply grateful to the talented artists who have shared their creativity and generosity with us, to **Melissa Morgan Gallery** for helping make this special evening possible, and to **Porta Via Restaurant** and **La Fe Wine Bar** for their partnership and support. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated volunteers, hardworking staff, and committed Board of Directors, whose passion and countless hours of service make our mission possible.

Most of all, we want to thank you, **our supporters.** Your generosity, compassion, and belief in our mission are what allow Food Now to continue serving our community.

As the largest food pantry in the Coachella Valley, Food Now has a tremendous responsibility—and the need for food

assistance in our community is greater than ever. More families, seniors, children, and individuals are turning to us for help putting food on their tables. Behind every number is a neighbor, a family, and a story. Together, we can ensure that no one in our community has to face hunger alone.

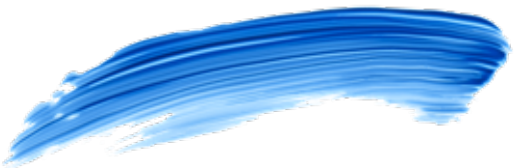
Tonight, your support does more than fund a food pantry. It provides nourishment, hope, dignity, and reassurance to thousands of people who depend on our services. Every contribution, every work of art, and every act of kindness helps us move closer to a community where everyone has access to the food they need.

Thank you for coming together for such an important cause. We hope you enjoy this beautiful evening, celebrate the incredible artists and supporters who make it possible, and feel proud of the difference we are making together.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Tom Tragesser

Food Now
Executive Director



Tonight's Program

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Socializing, browse art,
enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres

6:30 p.m.

Wecome, introductions,
artists, sponsors,
and call for donors

7:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Silent auction closes
and complete art purchases



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Venue hosted by

MMFA

Melissa Morgan Fine Art

GALLERY | SCULPTURE GARDEN | BOOKSTORE

Catering provided by

PortaVia

Restaurant, Palm Desert

Wine courtesy of

La Fe

Wine Bar

Nour Milla

Emcee, Courtesy of NBC Palm Springs



Student hospitality volunteers from

College of the Desert

Brian Brodowsky

“Here, Kitty, Kitty” | 12”x12” Fused Glass Value $325





Contact the Artist:

bbrodowski@aol.com

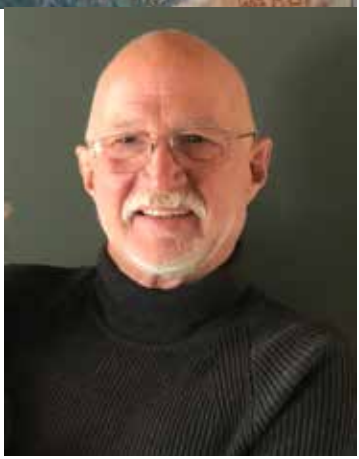
Bruce Weber

"Desert Cathedral" | 20"x20" Value $1,600



Contact the Artist:

bgw1187@gmail.com



Dean Genth

“Grandpa’s Favorite” | 24”x36” Value $1,200





Digital image on Fuji Epic Print (Museum Quality) and specially processed on an aluminum metal surface.

Diane Morgan

“Coulda Had a V-8” | 8x6 Oil Value $350



Contact the Artist:

www.dianemorganpaints.com



Jack Flanigan

“Streamside” | Value $450





Jeannine Savedra

“Sculpted by light” | 20”x20” Value $2,700



Contact the Artist:
Website:www.jeanninesavedra.com.



Kathleen Strukoff

“A Little Whine with Your Cheese” | Value $1,100





Marcy Cagan

“Sail Away” | Value $600



Contact the Artist:
Marcy Norman Cagan on Facebook and
marcynenecagan on Instagram.



Mary Anne Brower

“Snow Bird” | Value $375

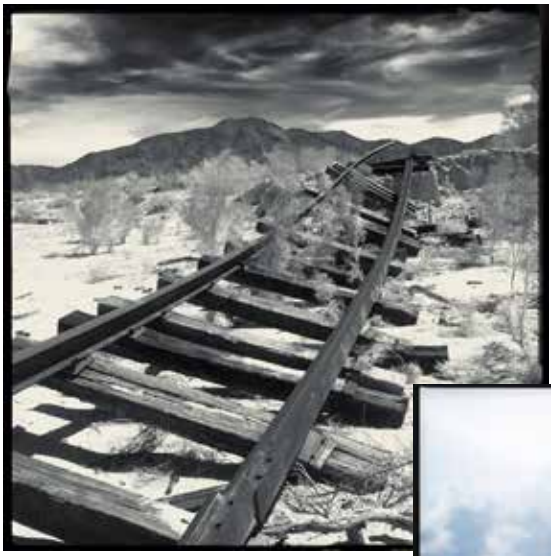




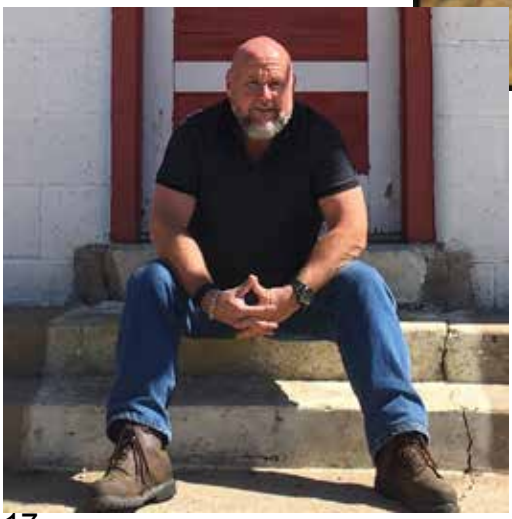
Contact the Artist:
mabrower16@gmail.com

Gary Gardner

Off Track, Value $500
Untitled, Value $500







Gary Gardner's website:

www.grgardner.com

Kim Halvorson

“The Tranquility of Last Light” | Value $850





Artist Contact:

kimhalvorson@me.com

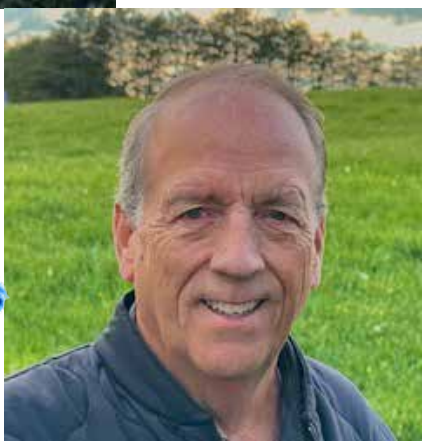
Rodney Halvorson

“Natures Magic” | Value $500



Artist Contact:

rodneyhalvorson@gmail.com



Steve Revis

“Fusion Flora” | Value $1,500

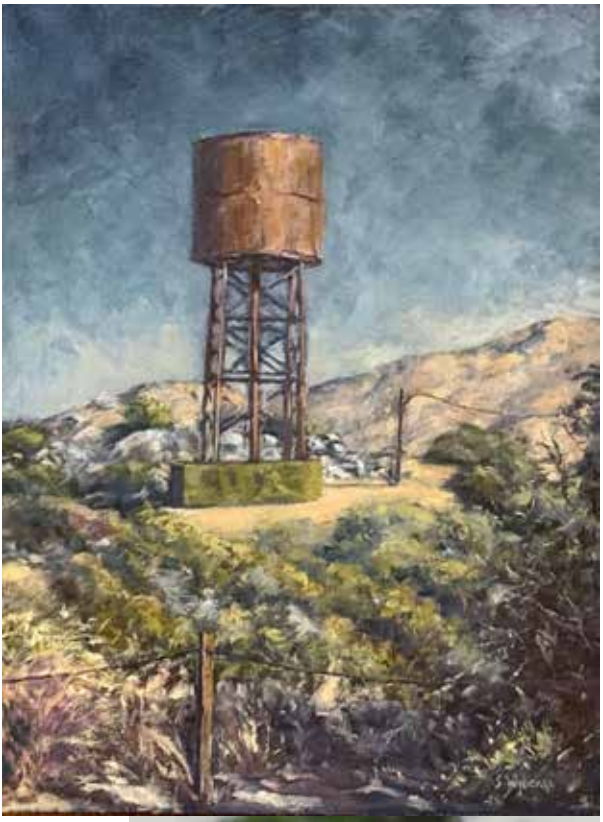




Artist Contact:
Artist in residence at Warren Knapp Fine Art, Palm Desert and Laguna Beach

Steven Wybenga

“Desert Water Tower” | Value $525



Artist Contact:
stevenwybenga.com



Terry Flanigan

"The Flow" | Value $125





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tflanigan38@gmail.com

Tom Vogt

“Tidal Trio” | Value $525

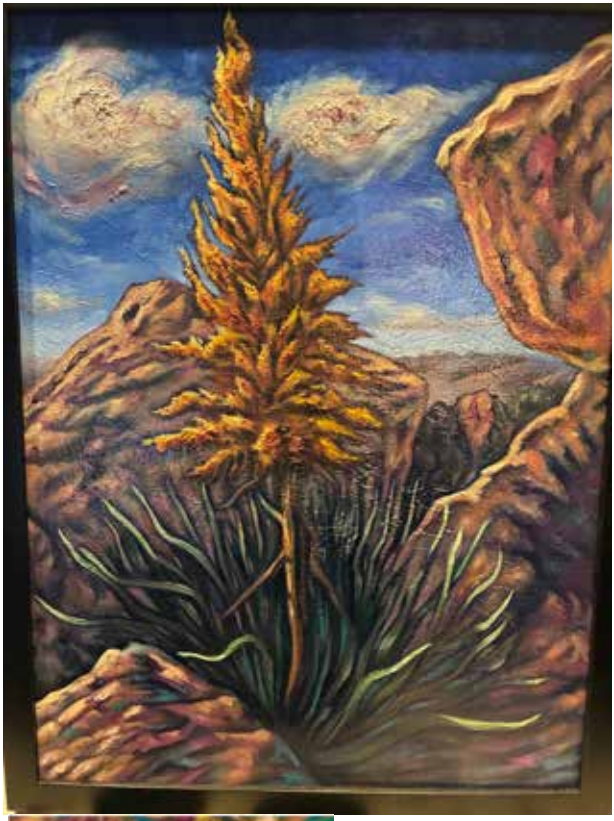


Artist Contact:
tomcvogt@gmail.com



Chole Allred

“Landscape” | Value $1,500





Artist Contact:
www.allredchloe.com

William Walsh

“Shine On” | Value $400



Digital photo

18”x32”

Printed on maple wood (distressed to allow the wood grain to show through

Monument Valley

Artist Contact:
wpwalsh7@gmail.com



Marilyn Froggatt

“From Desert” | Value $399



Artist Contact:
www.marilynfroggattfineart.com



Nita Harper

“Let Freedom Ring” | Value $1,400



Artist Contact

www.nitaharperart.com

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Nita Harper

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Jacqi Sellers

“Don’t Poke the Bear” | Value $75





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Anna Graham

“Crown of the Desert” | 16” x 20” Value $765



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AnnaGrahamFineArt.com



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Join Us So That No One Goes Hungry

Our Mission

Food Now improves the quality of life in the Coachella Valley by providing food assistance, community outreach and support services which strengthen families and build healthy communities. With dignity and compassion, we work to end hunger, alleviate poverty, and uplift the well-being of those we are privileged to serve.

Our Services

- Weekly Food Distribution
- Home Delivery Program for Disabled
- Fuel for Success – Weekend Meals for Hungry Kids
- Senior Nutrition Program
- Retail Food Rescue
- Pet Food Assistance
- Benefits Access, Outreach, and Supportive Services
- Emergency and Disaster Response

Our Success Thanks to You

Most families use our services for about 8 to 12 weeks, then get back on their feet. Food is distributed every Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30 am to 10:30 am. We are also able to provide weekend meals for kids. We help as many seniors and disabled veterans as we can with home deliveries by volunteers. Each week, more than 650 families are able to put healthy, nutritious food on their tables because our donors and sponsors truly care.

Platinum Transparency 2026

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Food Now, Inc
Independent financial transparency level: Candid Platinum
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Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

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