

ART SHOW REPORT

Duel in the Desert

The J. Willott Gallery on Palm Desert's elite El Paseo Drive hosted the 5th annual International Guild of Realism Show.



Vala Ola, Donald Clapper, Nicolas Petrucci, Andrew Denman, Flavia Eckholm, Gary Davis Lang, William Albanese Sr., and Cheryl Fecht at the J. Willott Gallery in Palm Desert.



Don Clapper, one of the founding members of IGOR, with Vala Ola and gallery owner Josh Paquette.

The 5th annual *International Guild of Realism Juried Exhibition and Sale* took place February 11, 2010, and was energized by frequent sales, many happening before the show even opened from an extensive preview in *American Art Collector*.

"The reception was heavily attended and

well-received," says J. Willott co-owner Josh Paquette. "Many of the artists were able to attend and enjoy the overwhelming appreciation of their works. Due in large part to editorial coverage in *American Art Collector*, sales for the exhibition were excellent and purchased work was shipped to seven different states."

Some of the awards included: Glenn

Harrington, *Catnap*, *American Art Collector* Award of Excellence; Camille Engel, *Trespasser*, Best Wildlife; Carolina Daley, *Setting Sun*, Best Still Life; David M. Bowers, *Tool Man*, Best Tromp l'Oeil; Ed Copley, *Secrets*, Best Figurative; Ning Lee, *Egg Shells*, Best in Show; R. Geoffrey Blackburn, *Desert Rules*, Best Landscape. ●



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1. Andrew Denman from Orinda, California. 2. Peter Ambush in front of his painting, *Josh*. 3. Carrie Wormington, marketing director for Saks Fifth Avenue, Palm Desert, with her mother Glenda Ramey, owner of Ramey Fine Art on El Paseo. 4. Artist Ed Copley, Stefanie Irwin and Connie Bransilver. 5. Josh Paquette, *American Art Collector* editor Joshua Rose, and gallery co-owner Josh Otten presenting the *American Art Collector* Award of Excellence to a painting by Glenn Harrington. 6. Nicolas Petrucci, Cheryl Fecht and William Albanese on opening night.