



Dear Friends of BAI,

As we say goodbye and wish the best to our departing Executive Director Steve Fisher, we have exciting news to share. Starting April 1st our ArtPark Director Wade Beane will be serving as the Art Institute's Interim Executive Director. Not to worry, you will still have the opportunity to visit with Wade in the gardens. He will be splitting his time as ArtPark director and Interim Executive Director.

To enable this dual role Wade will need help. So, we are also happy to announce that longtime volunteer Kim Wyatt will be joining Wade as part of our interim executive management team.

Kim starts in May as the Communications & Development Director and will in essence be Wade's right hand. You may have met Kim in the McQuown/Wermers Gallery. She has been, and will continue being, one of our extraordinary gallery volunteers, in addition to her new role. What a great duo we have to lead the BAI!

Wade had the following to say about his new appointment, "It's an honor to lead BAI. Over the past seven years the Art Institute has become a significant part of my life. The contributions it makes to the community of Borrego are diverse and many. I look forward to this new role and the opportunity to lead BAI into a bright future."

The board and I unanimously agree that Wade is the right person for the job and have every confidence in his ability to lead the organization into the future.

Now, moving on...The 18th Annual Plein Air Invitational exhibit continues through April 14. Don't miss the chance to see this exquisite exhibition. The quality of work submitted for this year's show was extremely high and may be the best we've seen. As a result, pieces are selling quickly. If you're a collector or a fan of plein air work, come see us soon.

The next gallery offering will be the Celebrate the Summer show. The opening, the final opening of this season, will be April 20th. So please be sure to join us for the unveiling of some really interesting work, wine and good company.

As always, there is plenty going on around the Borrego Art Institute and I encourage you to read about all of it in the sections below. My thanks to you all for your continued support of BAI. We couldn't do it without you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Wright". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Robert Wright
Board President