



DESERT CHRIST PARK



NEWSLETTER SPRING 2018

**** BE A VISIONARY AT THE PARK ****

An idea to line pathways, support restoration and put a memory in stone!

DID YOU KNOW?

415 candy-filled eggs will be hidden for children at the Park on Easter Sunday 2018.

Antone Martin never had formal schooling but taught himself to read and write.

Antone Martin learned to write poetry, play the organ, carve wood, sing and last but not least, sculpt.

The Stone Chapel built by Frank Garske and Eddie Garver in February 1954, only took four weeks to complete.

Volunteers gave more than 2580 hours during 2017. Join us!



SPECIAL POINT

- Desert USA did an article and video on Desert Christ Park in February. (It is posted on our Facebook page. Check it out!)



March 2, 2018

Dear Visionary,

Where do you go when you are in need of peace? Yucca Valley has a precious gift in the form of a quiet desert park, situated three blocks off Highway 62 with spectacular views. Desert Christ Park has unique, larger-than-life sculptures of the Prince of Peace created over 67 years ago by artist Antone Martin. This historical Park is a treasure we hope you will find, enjoy and support, as well as for your ministry and artistic inspiration.

Desert Christ Park is a 501(c)3 non-profit all volunteer organization which is a place of love from its founders to today's caretakers. It is visited by people over the world who enjoy the beauty, inspiration and yes, peace, in an otherwise complicated and intense world.

The Park is always free but we need help keeping it maintained, restored and improved. We are in serious need of costly erosion control and roof repair. We are asking for your help. We, in turn, can share your generosity by displaying a ROCK SOLID VISIONARY border stone placed along the Park pathway. A border stone is volunteer-painted for organizations, churches, businesses and individuals. We are asking if you would consider contributing \$100.00 or more. Thank you in this way for your support. Please complete the attached form and turn by mail to us along with your contribution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kate Kenny
Rock Solid Visionary Border Stone Chairman

Enclosure

Desert Christ Park, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit
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BE A ROCK SOLID VISIONARY!
For a contribution of \$100 or more, your choice of text will be painted on a border stone and placed along park pathways for visitors to see as they stroll through the park.

Name of Contributor _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ROCK SOLID VISIONARY

Each border stone has 3 lines of print (12 characters or less per line) and one border stone logo available. The park reserves the right to reposition border stones.

Logo options: Please check one:
 cross heart sun tree star flag

Your choice of text:

Line 1: _____
Line 2: _____
Line 3: _____



Approx. 16" wide at base X 11" high



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!

Mail this form to: Desert Christ Park Foundation, PO Box 2102, Yucca Valley, CA 92286
Email: DesertChristParkFoundation@gmail.com

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For details and form contact us and we will send you the details. These border stones will enhance the beauty within Desert Christ Park and you will be enabling us to do more restoration and upgrades. Thank you for your continued support of Desert Christ Park Foundation and it's volunteers!

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RESTORATION CONTINUES! MORE IMPROVEMENTS TOO!

During the first months of this year, the volunteers were busy with more improvements to the Park. In January, large rocks and split wood logs were placed around the driveway islands to prevent vehicles from driving on the islands and damaging them. At this same time, the driveway islands were adorned with two wrought-iron ocotillo plants created and donated by one of the Park's volunteers. We are excited to have additional pieces of art within the Park!

February brought a new, heavy, iron swing gate to secure the entrance when locked at night. And six additional wrought-iron fence panels have been installed at the lower southwest corner to further delineate Desert Christ Park property from the Evangelical Free Church property.

Also, this month four new pathways were lined with stone to beautify the Park. More pathways will be created in the coming weeks.

Near the sculpture grouping of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, is a wall sculpture that now has two verses painted on it. The verses are John 14:27 and Ephesians 2:17. Our talented volunteer artist did a wonderful job!

To help make the information kiosk more visible to visitors upon their arrival, it has been given a fresh, new layer of white paint and an orange trim. Inside the kiosk, three backboards have been redesigned to represent the Park's Past with historical photos, the Present with current events and information, as well as Plans for restoration, park improvements and Foundation goals of 2018.



The volunteers of Desert Christ Park Foundation are working to spread the word of the Park and attract more visitors. You may see our advertising in print soon. Many Park activities are planned in 2018. Join us at one or all of these planned events. Sculpture restoration is on-going. Every week there is something improved, to see and admire. Let us know your favorite improvements and ideas for more. We look forward to seeing you during the year.



HWY 62 *open studio*
ART TOURS

October 13 & 14, 2018
October 20 & 21, 2018



DESERT CHRIST PARK

Sculpture Garden

Desert Christ Park is a mid-century, historic landmark, in Yucca Valley, dedicated in 1951. This sculpture park and native plant garden provides a link to the creative and artistic foundation of our community. For over 10 years, Sculptor Antone Martin, created works of art for all to see and experience in this outdoor setting. Visitors enjoy the park as a no-cost outing for family and friends. Native plants and sculptures are available for viewing in a serene and beautiful location providing an unobstructed hilltop view of the entire valley. Shaded picnic tables are provided for a rest stop or a family meal.

Desert Christ Park provides a peaceful, serene, historical and cultural environment.

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Experience Peace today!

HISTORICAL NOTES: Poems by Antone Martin from Park archives.

SEASON OF HOPE

The planets swing their way
through space
And Easter comes once more,
The flowers all proclaim His
grace
And thoughts of beauty soar.
Let's rid our minds of fear and
sin,
Replacing hate with love,
Let's let a better world begin
With blessings from above.
-- Antone Martin -- Easter 1957

EASTER

The magic wand of spring again
Has touched the desert lands,
To brighten up the rocky slopes
And colorize the sands.
The perfumed hills proclaim the
theme
Of beauty, love and life,
To bid us build a better world
With less of greed and strife.
-- Antone Martin -- Easter 1958



Make plans to attend:

- Join in the Holy Week Tour on Palm Sunday starting at 2 pm -- free
- Easter Sunrise Service in the amphitheater at 6 am
- Join in the fun for the Easter Egg Hunt at 8 am sharp -- free
- National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 3rd from 11 am to 2 pm -- free



Follow us and join in the
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Desert Christ Park.

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2018 PARK EVENTS & MEETING SCHEDULE

March 23rd – Annual Park Clean-up Day – 8 am

March 25th – Palm Sunday Holy Week Tour – 2 pm

April 1st – Easter Egg Hunt 8 am exactly

– (following Sunrise Service in Amphitheater)

April 27th – Regular Board Meeting – 10 am

May 3rd – National Day of Prayer – 10 am to 2 pm

May 25th – Grubstake Days Parade Entry Preparation – 2 pm

May 26th – Grubstake Days Parade – 10 am

July 4th – Picnic and Fireworks Viewing – Dusk

August 24th – Board Business Meeting – 10 am

August 31st – Annual Fundraiser Mailed

October 13th – Pink Ribbon Event – 10 am

– For Breast Cancer Awareness & Refection

October 13&14 also October 20&21 – Hwy 62 Art Tours

– Free docent lead Park tours

November 15th – Fall Newsletter Mailed

December 1st – 5th Annual Christmas Treasure Hunt

– 2 pm to 4 pm

December 7th – Annual Board Business Meeting – 10 am

– (Financial reports and meeting minutes provided upon request)

Schedule is subject to change.

Call, email or follow us on Facebook for updates.

Everyone is welcome at all our gatherings.



Newsletter Ideas Welcome!

Contact us with your content suggestions.

More Park history, photos, plans, events, etc.

Questions????

WAYS YOU CAN HELP!

- Shop with Amazon Smile and designate Desert Christ Park as your charity of choice.
- Donate using PayPal or credit card at www.desertchristpark.org
- Find us at GoFundMe.com for Restoration Projects.
- Visit the Park kiosk and drop a contribution into our donation box.
- Mail a check to PO Box 2102, Yucca Valley, CA 92286.
- Become a Rock Solid Visionary!
- JOIN US AS A VOLUNTEER!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!