



Bougainvillea | (*Bougainvillea 'la jolla'*)

The flowers of the bougainvillea plant in our garden are magenta, but other types of this plant can have red, yellow, orange, white, or purple blossoms.

How do you think this plant protects itself from being eaten or picked?



California Fan Palm | (*Washingtonia filifera*)

The California Fan Palm is the only species of palm native to the western United States. It provides an abundance of fruit to the wildlife that nest and help disseminate its seed.

In addition to hooded orioles, owls, and woodpeckers what flying mammal do you think makes the fan palm its home?



Coral Fountain | (*Russelia equisetiformis*) "Firecracker Plant"

This plant gets its name from branches that arch under their own weight, and bright flowers even the hummingbirds and butterflies cannot resist.

What other nicknames would you give this plant?



Smoke Tree | (*Dales spinosa*)

The fine white hairs on the branches of this tree give it its name, although purple blossoms can be seen in the summer.

What other name would you give this tree?



Spineless Yucca | (*Yucca elephantipes*)

The drought-resistant, spineless yucca is vulnerable to root rot if exposed to too much water and is frequently planted on coffee plantations to prevent soil erosion.

Why are drought resistant plants important to the desert?

The Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden

inside the Eric Johnson Memorial Gardens at the Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert feature significant sculptures surrounded by four acres of beautifully sculpted, rolling terrain. Set in a lushly landscaped desert oasis replete with water features, native plants, and winding walkways, the sculpture garden houses the art of modern masters. The sculpture garden is open year round with no admission fee.



What's the buzz?

When the temperature rises in the summer a constant buzz can be heard throughout the desert. It is the music of the cicada, an insect that makes its home in hot climates. The noise produced by the cicadas comes from only the male of the species who has his own calling song, mating song, and distress call.

Watch where you're going, buddy!

Did a roadrunner just cross your path? They are a common site in the Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden. As omnivores roadrunners like to feed on many of the plants and animals in the garden including cacti, grasshoppers, and crickets. They are easy to miss because they like to run from one hiding spot to the next at high speeds. In fact, the roadrunner is so fast, it is one of the few animals that prey upon rattle snakes.

* All works are in the collection of the Palm Springs Art Museum unless otherwise noted. Sculpture photography by Ethan Kaminsky.

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Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden

**Self-Guided
Garden Tour**
For Children, Teens, and Adults



Fletcher Benton | American, born 1931

Steel Watercolor with Balls, 2000—painted steel
Gift of Edith and George Nadler

This towering artwork maintains a delicate balance between the bulbous forms at the top and the wiry, vertical body of the sculpture.

Would you compare the lines that form this tower to brushstrokes? What is the most prominent feature of this sculpture: towering height or color?



Kenneth Capps | American, born 1939

Rio Hondo, 1973—steel
Loan from Royale Projects, Palm Desert

With each sculpture the artist seeks a balance between geometric forms and often uses elements seen in architecture.

How is the red square able to balance at an angle?



Felipe Castañeda | Mexican, born 1933

Seated Thinking Woman, 1979—bronze
Gift of the California Community Foundation

This artist, who is inspired by women, uses the female form to convey mood and mystery.

What do you think it means if I described the woman in the sculpture as pensive? What do you think she is thinking about?



Barry Flanagan | Welsh, 1941-2009

Acrobats, 1988—bronze
Gift of Donna and Cargill MacMillan, Jr.

Barry Flanagan is best known for bronze hares that mimic such spirited human activities as dancing, prancing and boxing.

What are these hares doing? What other human activities would you like to see hares doing?



Dennis Gallagher | American, 1952-2009

Ball Suspended, 1993—ceramic
Gift of the Dennis Gallagher Estate

This sculpture, which appears frozen in time, holds the viewer's attention with a sense of instability and impending movement.

How is the ball balanced on the rectangular forms? What would happen if the ball rolled off?



Betty Gold | American, born 1935

MA IV, 2005—enamel on steel
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. David Chatkin

In this sculpture Betty Gold uses the color yellow to convey a sense of joy, and shapes to create positive and negative space.

How does the color yellow make you feel?



Donald Judd | American, 1928-1994

Untitled, 1988-91—concrete
Gift of Bettina and Donald Bryant

Donald Judd has gained recognition for his boxes which he produces out of industrial materials that interact with the environments in which they are placed.

What does this cement box remind you of? How would the surface change throughout the day as the sun passes over?



Dave McGary | American, born 1958

Walks Among the Stars, 2006—bronze with patina and paint
Gift of Lisa and Jack McLaine

This sculpture depicts a late 19th century Lakota woman displaying an heirloom star quilt—a symbol of prestige, sentiment, belonging, and status within her culture.

What objects symbolize prestige and high status in our culture? What objects do you own that are sentimental to you?



Dan Namingha | American, Tewa-Hopi, born 1950

Vertical Passage, 1997—bronze with patina
Gift of Loren G. Lipson, M.D.

Look at the symbols in the sculpture and see if you can find faces of Kachinas (figures of spiritual power) and rain falling to the earth.

How many faces do you see in this sculpture? How is rain depicted?



Gio Pomodoro | Italian, 1930-2002

The Crowd, 1963-64—bronze
Gift of the Estate of Lionel R. Bauman

The waves in this bronze sculpture by Gio Pomodoro can be viewed as a crowd of abstract, human figures, or air flowing through space.

What makes this look like a crowd? What makes this look like a breezy day?



Yehiel Shemi | Israeli, 1922-2003

Morning, 1975-76—enamel on steel
Purchase with funds provided by Lionel R. Bauman in memory of Sylvia D. Bauman

Yehiel Shemi re-purposes scrap metal into bold lines and colorful shapes that change forms at every angle.

Does the title Morning refer to the color or the shape?
