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FOUNDATION FOR ARTS AND CRAFTS

# The Wooden Latch

A NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

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Jim Rawitsch, center, the new Executive Director of the Maloof Foundation, is flanked by organization's employees. From left are: Linda Apodaca, Rich Deely, Whitney Hanlon, Jim, Ros Bock and Toni Bostick.

*Plein Air Exhibit* See page 6



*Canyon de Chelly* by artist Brian Wolf is one of the many works currently showing in the Jacobs Gallery. The exhibit, *Site to Studio*, highlights artwork from the Plein Air Artists group of the Riverside Art Museum.

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## New Leadership

**National search finds SoCal native to lead Foundation**

**T**he Board of Directors is very pleased to announce the appointment of Jim Rawitsch to the position of Executive Director of the Maloof Foundation, effective January 1, 2013. A national search was conducted by The Turner Group, and, after considering more than 50 applicants, the Board selected Rawitsch from among several finalists for the position. "The timing for someone with Jim's qualifications to step up and lead the organization is just perfect," commented Board President Connie Ransom. Three years of leadership in external relations at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art combined with six years of fundraising at USC would seem to provide excellent preparation for the

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