Join the MCASD team on Saturday, February 16 for a jaunt out to the desert to enjoy some contemporary art, food, and fun. Hop on the bus first thing in the morning and head out to Palm Springs where we will include stops to a stellar private contemporary collection, an artist studio, the Palm Springs Art Fair and of course the Palm Springs M Art Museum. We will end the day with a wine-and-cheese filled bus ride back to La Jolla.

Here is what is included in our jam packed day!

7:45AM DEPART Westfield UTC shopping center, Macy’s Parking Lot – Coffee and snacks will be provided

10:15 – 11:15AM THE FAIR: Enjoy a brief overview of the fair by a Palm Springs Fine Art Fair representative, then have time to walk the fair at your leisure.

11:30 – 1:15 LUNCH: We will have a special pre-fixe lunch replete including wine at King’s Highway at the Ace Hotel. King’s Highway restored the old Denny’s restaurant on the property and uses the best ingredients we can find, including local, organic and artisanal products.

1:45 – 2:45 THE ARTIST: Art Ltd. named photographer Stephanie Schneider as one of ‘five desert-based artists whose work has gone global’. We will visit her studio and home in Morongo Valley which sits on a 2.5-acre property on a dirt road, with her studio set up in a shipping container with a room addition and a patio. The property also includes several trailer homes in varying states of condition—from disrepair to comfy, authentic Americana guest quarters which she uses in her photography.

3:15 – 4:15 THE MUSEUM: Next we will visit the Palm Springs Art Museum for a curatorial tour of Beg Borrow and Steal, which includes paintings, sculptures, photographs, and videos by fifty-eight artists from the Rubell Family Collection/Contemporary Arts Foundation. The show was originally organized by the Rubell family for their annual installation from their permanent collection that coincides with Art Basel in Miami.

4:45 – 5:45 THE COLLECTION: Our group is truly lucky to have been invited for a drink and a tour at Donna MacMillan’s private estate to view her collection. She and her late husband, Cargill MacMillan, have collected provocative, humorous, and emotionally evocative works, much of which is promised to the Palm Springs Art Museum. They wanted to share with the public rather than sell their treasures. The collection includes works by Louise Bourgeois, Anselm Kiefer, Antony Gormley, Anish Kapoor, Barry Flanagan, Yoshitomo Nara, Mona Hatoum, and many others.

8:30 PM APPROXIMATE RETURN to the shopping center – we will do our best to be back at this time, but varying factors may affect our ability to get back then. We will have wine and cheese on the bus.