Oasis Art Gallery

Art is a universal language shared by all living people on our one and only planet. It leaps across borders: exploring, revealing and integrating a range of cultural expressions, a rainbow of colors, and a multiplicity of styles. Art is a pathway to the heart, helping us to draw on our deep inner resources to find creative solutions to conflict. With a variety of projects, the Oasis Art Gallery attracts artists and art lovers of all ages who might not otherwise visit our village.

The Oasis Art Gallery presents ways of life, thought and ideas that promote a universal cosmic view inclusive of all humanity. The conflict in our region has the same fundamental causes as other conflicts. The courage and equal vision that have helped to resolve such conflicts can provide inspiration to us too.

The Oasis Art Gallery is a place in which artists can present temporary exhibitions that relate to the regional conflict or to social, environmental or cultural matters. The Gallery stages a number of such exhibitions each year.

The Oasis Art Gallery functions also as a studio for groups and individuals. It suggests a range of workshops that facilitate an encounter with oneself and others while creating art. It enables personal participation in the creative process after being inspired by the Gallery’s artwork. Workshops can last between a couple of hours and a whole day. The studio takes advantage of the village’s beautiful natural location, public buildings and open spaces.

Besides activities in the village itself, the Oasis Art Gallery runs a number of external projects:

- **Artists Hosting Artists** (art workshops conducted around the country in artists’ studios);
- **Exploring, Creating** (art workshops conducted in inspiring locations);
- **Uninational meetings** with small groups of artists.

In development:

We are hoping to exploit additional spaces, such as the Gallery’s entrance courtyard, to express our artistic vision and purposes. We are developing our social media presence in order to attract more visitors and raise public awareness.

The Oasis Art Gallery is managed under the Pluralistic Spiritual Community Centre.

Wahat al-Salam ~ Neve Shalom is the only community where Jews and Palestinian Arabs have chosen to live together based on the belief that equality, reconciliation and respect are possible between all inhabitants of Palestine, Israel and the world.

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