

The Chaparral Sketch



will go a long way in making their lives brighter. You'll be surprised at how good it makes you feel and you'll find yourself doing it more often.

I hope everyone has a happy 4th of July and I'll be seeing you around.

Welburn Gourd Festival

Editor

Chaparral Artists hosted a trip to Welburn Gourd Farm on June 26th for their 15th and final gourd festival. We had originally planned to have this trip on Saturday, June 25th, but we had to postpone it for one day. There were 10 people who were able to take the trip and we caravanned down to Fallbrook in three vehicles. Once there everyone pretty much went their own way and each carload came back when they were ready. (I think our group was the last one to get back.)

When we got the gourd festival the first booth that we saw belonged to former Chaparral Artists' member Pam Redhawk. Pam recently sold her home in Pioneertown and will be moving to Tennessee in a couple of months but she plans to come back for the next Yucca Valley gourd event.



Pam Redhawk

I knew that I was in trouble shortly after we arrived because I found

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President's Palette

Patricia Quandel

I'm sure that everyone knows how it feels to not have your work acknowledged or appreciated. Whether a person has a paid job, takes care of their home and family, or does volunteer work everyone appreciates a complement. As president of Chaparral Artists and editor of the Chaparral Sketch I have to say that I have never felt more appreciated at any job that I have ever held. The only thing that would make the jobs better is if I could get paid for them. Each month I receive at least complement on the work that I do for Chaparral Artists and it encourages me to continue doing my very best. This month three members of Chaparral Artists made me feel especially proud of the work that I do for the club. They are Ronnie Besase, Gordon Crawford, and Marcie Vanderbilt. (Thank you!)



Tami Roleff taking a picture of a stream orchid at Big Morongo Canyon Preserve. Photo by Mies Broome.

Before I joined Chaparral Artists I thought that artsy people were standoffish. Now I know that they are some of the nicest people in the world.

Please make a point to thank at least one person each week for the work that they do. It doesn't cost you anything and your little bit of praise

something that I wanted at almost every booth. Some of you are aware that I primarily like southwestern art and when I saw this framed piece of Pam Redhawk's I was blown away by it.



Too bad that it was out of my price range.

In the next few months I'm going to be putting photos of some of my favorite pieces of gourd work in the Chaparral Sketch. I had originally planned to put the artist's name with the work but I ended up with so many photos that I couldn't keep track of whose was whose. So, if one of these pieces is yours you can send me a note at ChaparralArtists@hotmail.com and I'll let our readers know who the artist is. (I'm primarily a nature photographer and this was my first event, other than Chaparral Artists' shows, where I've photographed other people's work and I didn't take notes. I'll know better next time.)

Jen Melchert and Barbara Wells Roberts each decorated a gourd in the gourd class. Dottie Davis, Nancy Peckenpaugh, and I had originally planned to take the class but then we changed our minds. Now I wish that we had decided to take the class.

I never knew that people could do so much with gourds. I would love to see more gourd art in our shows so everyone start working on your entries



People's Choice Award Winner at the Welburn Gourd Festival.

for our next show which will be held in conjunction with the Studio Art Tour in October.

I got one of Welburn Farms 2011 gourd art calendars and I was pleased to see one of Pam Redhawk's pieces featured. After meeting several of the artists at the festival I recognized their work in the calendar. Remember the baby zebra in last month's newsletter? That picture was taken by Marilyn Forrest who has one of her wonderful gourds pictured in the calendar also.

Fine Art by Deane Locke

Editor

Deane Locke is one of Chaparral Artists' award winning artists and she will be having a one woman show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery from July 17th through August 11th.

There will be an artist's reception for Deane on July 17th from 1:00 to 3:00. Stop by and say hello to her and see her award winning paintings.

You can also see some of Deane's work on her website at <http://www.dlockefineart.com>.

Flat Stanley

Editor

A lot has been happening to Bridgett's Flat Stanley. In May he had a book published that covers his travels with my friends and me between December 2010 and April 2011. The book even has a copy of his Chaparral Artist's membership card on the back.

Stanley has make several trips to Joshua Tree National Park in the last couple of months but June has been the busiest month so far. Besides visiting Joshua Tree National Park he also made three other trips.

On June 3rd he attended the 29 Palms Street Fair and Car Show. There were lots of interesting cars and motorcycles and even some military vehicles and a fire truck.

On June 11th we went to the Living Desert where I got a picture of Flat Stanley with Salem, the mountain lion. She was very interested in Stanley. I don't think she had ever seen anything quite like him before.

The highlight of the month was Gordon Crawford's art reception. Stanley met lots of interesting people and it wasn't until I was downloading my pictures that I realized that I didn't get a picture of Stanley with Gordon. I did manage to get a picture of Stanley with award winning singer and actress Nancy Wilson as they posed next to a painting that Gordon did of Nancy.



Nancy Wilson & Flat Stanley

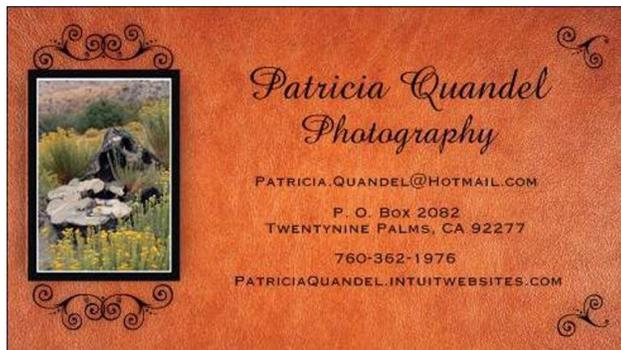
Stanley will be taking more day trips this summer and I'll keep you up to date on his travels.

Odds & Ends

Editor

Congratulations to Chaparral Artist member Tami Roleff who was recently promoted to managing editor of the news division at radio station Z107.7.

The Joshua Tree National Park Association is having a photography



Chaparral Artists Event Calendar

There won't be any meetings in July or August

Saturday, June 18 – Thursday, July 14

Gordon Crawford art show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Saturday, July 16 8:00 a.m. Meet in the Wal-Mart Shopping Center in Yucca Valley for trip to the Lemon Lily Festival in Idyllwild.

Sunday, July 17 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Artist's reception for Deane Locke at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Sunday, July 17 – Thursday, August 11

Deane Locke art show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

August 27 (Tentative) Big Bear Museum and Animal Park

September 12 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Chaparral Artists meeting in the Joshua Tree Community Center

September 24 (Tentative) San Diego Safari Park

NOTE: The gallery is open for receptions and whenever the Acclaim Insurance Office in front of the gallery is open.

contest in support of the 75th Anniversary of Joshua Tree National Park. The contest will close on July 15th.

For complete rules and information you can go to the Joshua Tree




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If you know of an upcoming show or event that readers of the Chaparral Artists Sketch might be interested in please let me know and I'll put it in the next newsletter.

DON'T FORGET THAT CHAPARRAL ARTISTS NEXT MEETING IN JOSHUA TREE WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 12TH.

The winners of Chaparral Artists May 50/50 and raffle drawings will be announced in the September issue of the Chaparral Sketch.

We were saddened to here that former Chaparral Artists member June Drane passed away on June 16th.

Don't forget that you can have your business card in the Chaparral Sketch for twelve months for only \$10.00. It will run from September through August and you don't have to be a member of Chaparral Artists to have your ad in the newsletter.

Any photos in the Chaparral Sketch that don't have the photographer's name listed were taken by the editor.

I just wanted to let everyone know that whenever I have more than one person mentioned in an article I try to put them in alphabetical order. That's why my name will always be one of the last ones listed.

Gordon's Reception

Editor

Gordon Crawford's reception at A Roadside Attraction Gallery on June 18th was a great success. Gordon is an extremely talented artist and a good cook. If you weren't

one of the people who attended the reception you missed a great time.

I was familiar with some of Gordon's work but I was completely blown away by how diverse his work is. He had many friends and admirers attend the reception. Attendees listened to songs by Nancy Wilson and enjoyed great refreshments. I know that I ate and drank too much. (No alcohol for me.)

The reception was scheduled to end at 3:00 but there were several people who stayed for an extra hour because they were having such a good time.

I know that I always say that you need to see the shows at A Roadside Attraction but I think that this one is an absolute must. It will be gone by July 14th.



Gordon Crawford with his sister-in-law, Nancy Wilson.

Submit your recipes for Chaparral Artists Cookbook

Editor

Throughout the summer we will be collecting recipes and images of artwork from Chaparral Artists' members. The cost is only \$5.00 per

recipe so I'm expecting at least one recipe for every club member. You can make your submission to Nancy Miehle or contact me.

If you need someone to take a picture of your art work for the cookbook just let me know and we can schedule a date and time, free of charge, for me to take a picture.

The cut-off for submissions will be September 12th. That's the date of our next regular meeting.

End of Season Wrap Party

Editor

Chaparral Artists and the Morongo Valley Art Colony ended the 2010-2011 season by having a potluck at Covington Park in Morongo Valley on June 15th. There were 38 attendees at the party most of whom belong to both clubs. As a matter of fact next years' Morongo Valley Art Colony officers are all members of Chaparral Artists. The theme for the party was Hawaiian and Guila Gilmore and Marcie Vanderbilt did a fantastic job of decorating the meeting room. Since Guila is in charge of hospitality for Chaparral Artists and Marcie performs the same service for the Morongo Valley Art Colony they combined their expertise to create a feel of the tropics. Guila even painted a life size hula dancer.

Several of the students from Guila's watercolor class attended and Morongo Valley Art Colony member

Sheila Goodwin celebrated her birthday with a song from the group.



Marcie Vanderbilt presented gifts of appreciation to Guila Gilmore, Pat Harfield, Muffin Hill, and Pat Quandel for the volunteer work that they do. She even had a wedding gift for newlyweds Sally and Richard Hunter.

Everyone had a good time visiting with old friends and making new ones.

Our next joint gathering will be in December and I hope to see you there.

Gordon Turner Crawford Biography

Editor

Born on November 16, 1943 Gordon was the 13th child of William and Mary Crawford. He is a widower who was formerly married to Rita Jean Wilson who was an educator. He also has four children and five grandchildren.

Gordon states that his art career started in the 2nd or 3rd grade when he drew a little yellow duck. The teacher went crazy showing all the other teachers and calling Gordon's mother telling her about this drawing. As Gordon says, "The rest is history".

Restless with his life Gordon moved from Ohio to San Diego, California in 1980 to help with the building of a new church founded by the late Bishop Ray M. Trout. There he was

also employed by the federal government where he worked for the Department of Defense and the U. S. Postal Service. Gordon later moved to Yucca Valley, California in order to be closer to his wife's parents.

For \$10.00 per season members and nonmembers can have their business card in *The Chaparral Sketch* each month. (September – August)

Gordon's art education includes classes at Middleton Fine Arts Center and Miami University Middleton Extension Art Education in Middleton, Ohio. He also attended Platt College in San Diego where he became a certified graphic and production artist.

Gordon has managed to accomplish a lot in his life. He is founder & pastor of the Temple of El Shaddai of the Apostolic Faith in Yucca Valley, co-founder of Unique Strokes in San Diego, co-founder of Monsanto Research Family Arts and Crafts, an author and playwright, "The Man, The Husband, The Father", a poet "One in the Mist", and gospel concert artist.

Gordon has participated in numerous art shows and exhibits throughout his career and is a member of Chaparral Artists.

Lemon Lily Festival

Editor

Chaparral Artists will be leading a caravan to the second annual Lemon Lily Festival in Idyllwild on July 16th. This trip is for all members and non members. There is so much to see and do that you probably won't be able to take it all in. You can tour the local shops and galleries, check out Pioneer Town, take a guided riparian nature walk at the Idyllwild Nature Center, visit arts and craft booths, and lots more.

You can either drive your own car or carpool with someone else. If you need a ride or have space available I need to know by Tuesday, July 12th.



We will be meeting in the Walmart Shopping Center in Yucca Valley between Jack in the Box

and Pizza Hut at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. We are collecting \$10.00 per person attending. This money will be paid to the drivers to cover the cost of their gasoline and to help compensate for the wear and tear on their vehicles. To sign up for the trip either send an email to ChaparralArtists@hotmail.com or call 760-362-1976. (Occasionally we need to cancel or reschedule and that's the reason we need your name and number.)

You can send your questions, comments, and news to Chaparral Artists at ChaparralArtists@hotmail.com.

Parking is available at the Caine Learning Center at 54385 Pine Crest Avenue in Idyllwild and at the church across the street. The Caine Learning Center is where you will find the Lemon Lily Welcome Center. There you can pick up festival information. There are also restrooms, water and a shuttle stop. The free shuttles will take you to all festival venues.



Photographs by Patricia Quandel in the waiting room of Align the Spine Chiropractic.

The Idyllwild Nature Center is one of the venues and the cost is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. There is also a petting zoo in Idyllwild where you can pay \$2.00 per person to pet a miniature horse, miniature alpaca and several young animals.

For more information on the festival you can go to <http://www.LemonLilyFestival.com>.

Chaparral Artists On Display
(Where you can find members work on display and for sale.)

A Roadside Attraction Gallery
69197 29 Palms Highway
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277
Located in Indian Cove behind Acclaim Insurance

Jennifer Westfall Boyer
A Roadside Attraction Gallery,
Twentynine Palms, CA

Roger & Louise Bridges
California Welcome Center,
Yucca Valley, CA
Coyote Corner, Joshua Tree, CA
Office Supply Plus, Twentynine Palms, CA

Suzanne Burton
Desert Art Center, Palm Springs, CA

Gordon Crawford
A Roadside Attraction Gallery
(June 18 – July 14)
Twentynine Palms, CA

Emilia Louisa Frasher
A Roadside Attraction Gallery,
Twentynine Palms, CA
Desert Art Center, Palm Springs, CA

Sharon George
Helen Gray Education Center, Joshua Tree, CA

Guila Gilmore
Hi Desert Medical Center Main Lobby,
Joshua Tree, CA

Muffin Hill
Hi Desert Medical Center,
Permanent Collection, Joshua Tree, CA

Shirley James
Desert Art Center, Palm Springs, CA

Shirley James (Continued)
Hi Desert Medical Center, Permanent Collection, Joshua Tree, CA
Route 62 Vintage Marketplace,
Yucca Valley, CA
Joshua Basin Water District Water Wise Demonstration Garden,
Joshua Tree, CA

Deane Locke
A Roadside Attraction Gallery
(July 17 – August 11)
Twentynine Palms, CA

Barbara Matheney
Desert Art Center, Palm Springs, CA
Hi Desert Medical Center,
Permanent Collection, Joshua Tree, CA

David Jesse McChesney
California Welcome Center,
Yucca Valley, CA
Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce
Joshua Tree, CA
Oasis Office Supply, Yucca Valley, CA

Nancy Miehle
A Roadside Attraction Gallery,
Twentynine Palms, CA

Bruce Miller
Hi Desert Medical Center,
Permanent Collection, Joshua Tree, CA
Joshua Basin Water District Offices,
Joshua Tree, CA
Joshua Basin Water District Water Wise Demonstration Garden,
Joshua Tree, CA

Lois Morrow
Joshua Basin Water District
GM's Office, Joshua Tree, CA

Patricia Quandel
A Roadside Attraction Gallery,
Twentynine Palms, CA
Align the Spine Chiropractic,
Yucca Valley, CA
California Welcome Center,
Yucca Valley, CA
Cowboy Attic, Twentynine Palms, CA
Department of Aging and Adult Services – Directors Lobby,
San Bernardino, CA,
Hi Desert Medical Center,
Joshua Tree, CA
Hi Desert Nature Museum,
Yucca Valley, CA
Joshua Basin Water District,
Joshua Tree, CA
Old Schoolhouse Museum,
Twentynine Palms, CA

Barbara Wells-Roberts
 A Roadside Attraction Gallery,
 Twentynine Palms, CA
 California Welcome Center,
 Yucca Valley, CA
 Oasis Office Supply,
 Yucca Valley, CA (June 1- July 30)
 The Purple Agave Art Gallery,
 Morongo Valley, CA

Janice Westfall
 A Roadside Attraction Gallery,
 Twentynine Palms, CA

On the road with Pat & Nancy

Editor

Since January 1, 2009 when Nancy Peckenpaugh took me to Mitchell



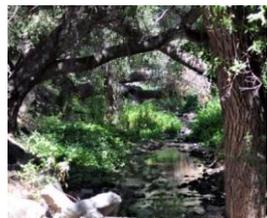
Caverns to celebrate my retirement we have been going on photo excursions. A lot of the time Dottie Davis will go with us and occasionally someone else will go along. Since Dottie isn't a



photographer and she knows how long some of our trips turn out to be she has decided to be selective in her choices.

Especially since our little trips can and have run anywhere from four to sixteen hours long.

Some of the members of Chaparral Artists had expressed an interest in going on some of our field trips and that's how the Chaparral Artists' monthly field trip came into being. Since Nancy and I usually plan our trips for the weekend it wasn't too much harder to include other people in our plans. I schedule trips that I want to take and that's why



I don't worry if no one else wants to go.

I warned everyone

when I first started scheduling these trips that we stop A LOT to take pictures.



On the Chaparral Artists outings we go straight to the planned location but on the way back we can and usually do stop to take

photographs along the way.

June 26th was a typical example of one of our trips. We caravanned to the Welburn Gourd Festival in Fallbrook so we didn't stop on the way. As usual



Nancy drove since I'm the one who takes most of the pictures.

Barbara Wells-Roberts was riding with us and I asked her if she minded stopping to take pictures on the way home. She said that as long as we stopped at one of the wineries she didn't mind. So we started back.

While walking to our car we spotted several acorn woodpeckers near the top of a palm tree. Rather than being solitary like most woodpeckers; acorn woodpeckers usually travel in



clans. Notice all of the holes in the tree.

Our first stop on the way back was beside a babbling stream. While walking

along the road I happened to glance down and see a belly flower. When I told Nancy that I found a little flower she said "Of course you did". (I'm kind of known for finding the little flowers and missing the Big Flowers

right in front of me.) With a few stops behind us we stopped at Maurice Carrie Winery. Barbara had a glass of wine and we all



had some gelato. The reason we picked this winery was because of their windmill. The next stop was to photograph a windmill that we saw on the way to Fallbrook. (I like windmills.) We hit the jackpot here. Besides the windmill we found about a half a dozen different types of wildflowers. Barbara even spotted a great blue heron which I managed to get a shot of. While we were wandering down the road taking pictures a pickup drove by. Evidently we were on private property and the gentleman in the pickup was a security guard



checking to make sure that we weren't up to no good. He just waved at us as he passed and turned around

further up the road. I guess he didn't think a group of women with cameras were up to mischief. We only made a couple of more stops on the way back. It was another long but productive trip. Here are a few of the photographs that I took on the trip back.

Since it was my birthday; of course I had to buy myself a birthday present. When I saw this drum by Kristy Dial it called to me.



Luckily it was in my price range and now it has joined my collection.

Believe it or not I ran out of things to say so that's why I have so many of my pictures on this page.

You can learn more about Chaparral Artists, read past issues of *The Chaparral Sketch*, see collages of shows and events, download a membership application, and more at the following location.
<http://patriciaquandel.intuitwebsites.com/Chaparral-Artists.html>