

# The Chaparral Sketch



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## President's Palette

Patricia (Pat) Quandel

The 2010-2011 season ended with a bang; or rather several bangs and I'll tell you more about it in next month's newsletter.

I hope everyone is as excited about the new season as I am. I think it's going to be a fun year. It kicks off with our first meeting of the season on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the Joshua Tree Community Center. Our guest speaker will be April Sall who is the manager of the Mission Creek and Pioneertown Mountain Preserves. She is also the Conservation Director for the Wildlands Conservancy which owns and operates California's largest nonprofit nature preserve system. On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, our first artist's reception of the new season will be a themed show titled "Creatures Big and Small" at A Roadside Attraction Gallery and finally on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> we will be taking a trip to the San Diego Zoo Safari Park.

The planned agenda for our September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting is as follows.

1. Welcome
2. Lunch
3. Treasurer's report
4. Recap summer shows and trips
5. Other business
6. Guest Speaker
7. Drawings
8. Conclusion

## Show Committee

Editor

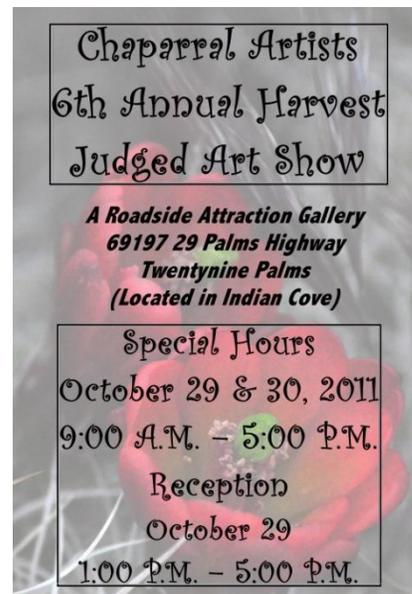
I have a bad habit of not asking people for help but the time has come to do just that. We need to create a

committee that will assist with monthly shows at A Roadside Attraction Gallery. The committee should ideally consist of four to six members with the president of Chaparral Artists as the Chairman.

Committee members will help with show intake, hanging the show and taking the show down.

If you are interested in being on the

show committee please contact Pat Quandel at 760-362-1976 or send an email to [chaparralartists@hotmail.com](mailto:chaparralartists@hotmail.com).



## Morongo Valley Art Colony Fall Show

Editor

The Morongo Valley Art Colony is having their Fall Judged Art Show during Morongo Valley Fiesta Days on September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Any artist who wants to enter the show can take their entries to the gallery in Covington Park on September 15<sup>th</sup> between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Categories are two dimensional, three dimensional, and photography. Subcategories are mineral, animal,

vegetable and abstract (manipulated for photos). There is no limit on the number of entries. Members pay \$6.00 for the first and \$3.00 for each additional entry. Non-members pay \$10.00 per entry.

Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded with a special award for the best depiction of Joshua Tree National Park.

For more information contact Bruce at 760-820-4933.



Roger & Louise Bridges

## Busy People

Editor

On July 5<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting of the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council where I ran into Chaparral Artists members Roger and Louise Bridges. Roger told me that he had been planning to call me and let me know what they've been up to. It turns out that they've been up to a lot.

Some of you may remember the talk that Roger and Louise gave on woodworking intarsia at Chaparral Artists' meeting in March. Since then they have been very busy.

Roger and Louise have created twenty new products and are now selling some of their creations at the Old Schoolhouse Museum in 29 Palms. In May they had a booth at Grubstakes Days in Yucca Valley and they created this sign for the Friends of the Library which now hangs in the 29 Palms Library. They've also



established a business relationship with the Chamber of Commerce of Bishop. They've made a special ornament for them which is a fish with a real fishhook.

This busy couple will be selling their work at the Bishop Tri-County Fair

over Labor Day weekend, September 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, and next year over Memorial Day weekend they're planning to have a booth during the annual Bishop Mule Days.

*Editor - Congratulations to Roger & Louise on the success that they are having with their work.*

**It's time to pay your Chaparral Artists Club dues for the 2011- 2012 Season.**

## 29 Palms Inn Art Tours Exhibit

In addition to the Hi-Desert Nature Museum, Art Tours participating artists will also be represented at the east end of Morongo Basin, in a month-long show that begins Oct. 2.

The 29 Palms Inn will have individual art tours participants' works on display from Oct. 2 to Nov. 6. Space is limited, and accepted works are limited to 2011 Art Tours participants; works from group shows exhibiting in the Art Tours cannot be accepted due to space.



All work must be hang-able and appropriate for the restaurant (anything 3D must not obstruct the seating of customers or patrons of the bar), no work to exceed 24" x 30" or 50 lbs. All work must have artist name, title, medium and price - art must be for sale - on the back of the work (perhaps on a business card).

Work is to be dropped off by Sept. 25 at Donation = Creation. 70% of sales will be returned to the artist within 30 days of the end of the show.

## Odds & Ends

Editor

**Welcome to Chaparral Artists newest members;** Janis & Brooke Commentz, Susan Smith Evan, Dennis Hofelich, Jim Melchert, Nancy

McHenry, Judith Nagel, Hilary Sloane and Constance Walsh. A special welcome goes out to Betty Stirratt who has returned to Chaparral Artists after a brief absence.

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**I had planned to list our raffle winners from the May meeting but I've misplaced the list. So if you were a winner please bring a raffle item to our September meeting.**

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**Laurel Seidl of The Glass Outhouse Art Gallery** is looking for artists to display their work in 2012. You can contact her at 760-367-3807.

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**Chaparral Artists** will have our **annual paint-out** instead of a meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>. This year it will be a potluck picnic at the Mission Creek Preserve between Morongo Valley and Whitewater Preserve. Be sure to bring your easel, sketch book, or camera. Or, if you prefer you can just sit and visit or take a walk.

October also brings the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Hwy 62 Art Tour to the Morongo Basin and Chaparral Artists will be hosting their annual judged Harvest Show. We won't be

scheduling a monthly trip in October because there will be more than enough to see and do in the Morongo Basin.

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**Muffin Hill** is looking for artwork to display at the Department of Aging and Adult Services in San Bernardino. If you are age 50 or older and interested in having your hanging art displayed you can contact Muffin at 760-367-9700 or give her your work at Chaparral Artists' meeting on September 12. She says that prints are fine and there is no limit to the number of submissions. By the way, you don't need to be a member of any artist group in order for her to accept your work.

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On Wednesday, September 21, there will be an **artist's reception for Sharon George at the Hi-Desert**

**Water District** in Yucca Valley from 4:30 – 5:30. If you aren't able to attend the reception you can still see her work hanging in the lobby for the next two months.

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Calling all California desert writers, journalists, historians, and commentators: The Sun Runner wants to hear from you. The invitation extends to artists and photographers to share their work for magazine covers and other shots as well. To find out more go to [www.thesunrunner.com](http://www.thesunrunner.com).

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Copper Mountain College Foundation is partnering with the Joshua Tree Rotary Club at the **4th Annual Taste of Morongo Basin** on Friday, Sept. 9, from 6-9pm at the Bell Center.

**CMCF will be hosting an Arts & Craft Fair in conjunction with the popular food tasting extravaganza.** Local artisans will be displaying their wares, with a portion of the evening's proceeds to benefit Copper Mountain College. A limited number of vendor spaces are still available, contact Sandy Smith at 760-366-5296 for more details.

Tickets to the Taste of Morongo Basin are \$10 and can be purchased throughout the basin including on campus at Bruce's Coyote Café.

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**Display cases needed.** I'm looking for a couple of inexpensive low profile display cases for A Roadside Attraction Gallery. Also, if you have some pedestals, that you no longer need or want, we could use those also.

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**Yucca Wood art needed** – Chaparral Artists needs additional pieces of wood art for the drawings during the art tour in October. You can pick up the yucca wood at our meeting or contact Nancy Miehle at 760-369-7030. You may even want to paint a few during your group get-togethers.

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**Pick up photos at A Roadside Attraction Gallery** – If you are a photographer who has photographs on display at A Roadside Attraction Gallery you need to pick up your work

either between 10:30 am and noon on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> or between 10:30 am and noon on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

If you need to make other arrangements please call 760-362-1976 or send an email to [chaparralartists@hotmail.com](mailto:chaparralartists@hotmail.com).

## 2011-2012 Show Schedule

*Editor*

Thanks to the success of the Chaparral Artists' Photographers on Display" in August it's been decided to have monthly themed shows whenever a judged show isn't scheduled. These non-judged shows are open to all Chaparral Artists members and youth in Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. These shows will allow the public to become more familiar with everyone's work and give them a chance to purchase some of their favorite pieces. There is no cost to display your work but 15% of any sales will go to A Roadside Attraction Gallery and 10% to Chaparral Artists.

Here are the scheduled shows. Highlighted months are open judged shows.

**September 2011** – Creatures Big and Small (all living creatures from insects to people)

**October 2011** – Harvest Judged Art Show

**November 2011** – Fall

**December 2011** – Winter

**January 2012** – Artists on Display (everything except photographs)



You may see these paintings in the "Same – But Different" show along with other painting created during a class with Chuck Caplinger.

**February 2012** – Youth Judged Art Show (K- 8)

**March 2012** – The Same – But Different (for instance; paintings of the same subject created during an art class) A minimum of two of the same subject. Photographers could also take pictures of the same subject.

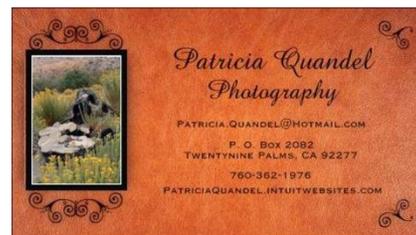
**April 2012** – Spring Judged Photo Show

**May 2012** – Spring Judged Art Show

**June 2012** – Flowers

**July 2012** – Landscapes

**August 2012** – Photographers on Display (photographs)



## Creatures Big and Small

*Editor*

All Chaparral Artist members are invited to display up to a dozen pieces of their work in our September show titled "Creatures Big and Small". We are looking for any artwork depicting living creatures. It could be a wood carving of a bear, a painting of a person, or a piece of ceramic with a butterfly painted on it.

Please keep the size of your hanging art to no larger than 36" wide.

You can bring your artwork to A Roadside Attraction Gallery on Thursday, September 15 or Friday, September 16 between 10:30 and noon. We will hang the show on Friday at noon.

The reception will be on Sunday, September 18, from 1:00 – 3:00.

## Pioneering Spirit

The Public Arts Advisory Committee (PAAC) of the City of Twentynine Palms kicks off a series of desert-

themed art exhibits at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center & Gallery and Chamber of Commerce with a reception on September 3, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"Pioneering Spirit" is the first of the desert-themed group exhibitions that will run bi-monthly through 2013 at the visitor center, and is presented in honor of the annual Pioneer Days in Twentynine Palms and in remembrance of the men and women who homesteaded this desert valley. The show will be on display from September 1 to October 31 and features the work of more than 20 local artists, including oil paintings, watercolors, collages, photography, assemblages, ceramics and sculptures.

Members of the Shadow Mountain Band of Joshua Tree will entertain attendees with country and bluegrass music at the opening reception on Sept. 3. Admission is free and refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Twentynine Palms Branch Library, sponsors of the reception.

The visitor center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, located on the highway next to Bucklin Park at the corner of Desert Queen Avenue, downtown Twentynine Palms,.

Some of the artists whose work is displayed in this exhibit are Chaparral Artists members Chuck Caplinger, Ed Keesling, Patricia Quandel, and Brian Strader.

For more information about the art exhibitions at the visitor center, contact Larry Bowden at 760-367-7562 or email the PAAC at [publicarts@29palms.org](mailto:publicarts@29palms.org).

## San Diego Zoo Safari Park

Editor

Chaparral Artists has scheduled a trip to the San Diego Zoo Safari Park in

### Chaparral Artists Event Calendar

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

**September 15 & 16 10:30 – Noon**  
**Pick up photographs at A Roadside Attraction Gallery**

**September 16 10:30 – Noon**  
**Turn in artwork for Creatures Big and Small Show at A Roadside Attraction**

**September 18 1 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Creatures Big and Small reception at A Roadside Attraction Gallery**

**September 18 – October 20**  
**Creatures Big and Small at A Roadside Attraction Gallery**

**September 24 7:00 a.m.**  
**Meet in the Wal-Mart Shopping Center in Yucca Valley for trip to the San Diego Zoo Safari Park.**

**October 10**  
**Chaparral Artists members meet at Mission Creek Preserve for a paint out and picnic.**

**The Hwy 62 Art Tour is the last two weekends in October.**

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

Escondido on September 24. As usual, you don't have to be a Chaparral Artists member to go on any of our trips.

Each person will be responsible for purchasing their own tickets which you can do when we arrive at the park. The basic package is the Africa Tram Safari which includes entrance, regularly scheduled shows, and carousel. Adult admission is \$40.00 and children are \$30.00. If you are a member of AAA or are 60 or older

you can get 10% off a 1-Day Pass at the ticket booth. Parking is an additional \$9.00 per vehicle.

You can either drive your own car or carpool with someone else. If you need a ride or have space available please let me know by Tuesday, September 20. For those of you who need a ride we are collecting \$10.00 per person. This money will be paid to the driver you will be accompanying to help cover the cost of their gasoline and to help compensate for the wear and tear on their vehicles. You can split the cost of parking.

We will be meeting in the Wal-Mart Shopping Center in Yucca Valley between Jack in the Box and the construction area at 7:00. We will leave promptly at 7:15. **Look for the vehicle with the large American flag.**

**Artwork by June Drane as well as various paint supplies and picture frames will be sold at the home of Nancy Miehle on October 8. Proceeds will go to the family of June. Chaparral Artists will receive a small commission for holding the sale. More information will be available in next month's newsletter.**

## Gene Beebe Update

Editor

I recently spoke to Lisa who is the caregiver for Gene Beebe. Even though Gene can't get around the way that she used to she still manages to go places. Gene and Lisa recently went to Joshua Tree National Park and they've been to Big Bear. I understand that Gene wants to take a trip to the beach next.

Gene had to leave behind her 2 large



male cats, Jack and Boo, ages 7 and 13, and a good home is

needed for them. They miss being around people. Both are very well mannered and are good family house cats.

Gene would love to hear from everyone and she would enjoy having visitors. The best time to visit is in the mornings or early evenings after 5:00. (Please call first.)

If you are interested in providing a loving home for Jack and Boo or would like to schedule a visit to see Gene you can contact Lisa at 760-625-2721.

Gene's address is **7150 Tamarisk Avenue, Yucca Valley, CA 92284.**

## Susan Smith Evans Artist's Statement

My artwork is based on observations of Nature and the relationship of human beings—with our scientific discoveries—to Nature. My observations tell me that Nature is complex and dynamic, composed of many layers, constantly evolving. At any one time there is life and death, destruction and creation, old and new.

I enjoy working in many different media—painting, printmaking, and photography—and often create parts of pictures that I combine into mixed media collages later. For me, photography is not something separate from other art media. As with my other art, I am involved in the process of making a photographic image in all its phases—from inception, to shooting, to printing, to presentation. I use many different photographic techniques to enhance the image.

My hope is to create works that capture the mystery and awe of life on earth. I strive to create work that asks questions; it is up to the viewer to answer these in his/her own way.

**Bio:** Susan Smith Evans received her BFA from the University of Nebraska in 1970. In 1976-77 she spent 18 months out of the US, teaching

English in Iran and photographing in Afghanistan and elsewhere. In 1980 she earned an MFA in photography from the School of the Art Institute of



Susan Smith Evans with some of her photograph at the Chaparral Artists "Photographers on Display" show in August.

Chicago. In 1988-89 Susan traveled with future husband Professor Ron Evans on his one-year sabbatical study of Asian ceramics. This spring Susan retired from 24 years of teaching art at College of the Desert in Palm Desert, CA.

*Editor's note – Susan is one of Chaparral Artists' newest members.*

### 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  
Chamber of Commerce, Bishop, CA  
Coyote Corner, Joshua Tree, CA  
Office Supply Plus, Twentynine Palms, CA  
Old Schoolhouse Museum, Yucca Valley, CA  
Tamma's, Yucca Valley, CA

#### Suzanne Burton

Desert Art Center, Palm Springs, CA

#### Chaparral Artists Photographers

A Roadside Attraction Gallery  
(August 14 – September 15)  
Twentynine Palms, CA

#### Sharon George

Helen Gray Education Center, Joshua Tree, CA  
Hi-Desert Water District, Yucca Valley, CA

#### Emilia Louisa Frasher

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

#### Muffin Hill

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

#### Shirley James

Desert Art Center, Palm Springs, CA  
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

#### Barbara Matheny

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

Hi Desert Medical CEO's Office,  
Joshua Tree, CA  
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

**Patricia Quandel (Continued)**

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  
 Old Schoolhouse Museum,  
 Twentynine Palms, CA

**Barbara Wells-Roberts**

A Roadside Attraction Gallery,  
 Twentynine Palms, CA  
 California Welcome Center,  
 Yucca Valley, CA  
 The Purple Agave Art Gallery,  
 Morongo Valley, CA

**Janice Westfall**

A Roadside Attraction Gallery,  
 Twentynine Palms, CA

## Letter from David McChesney

Hello there - I am leaving the hottest and driest part of the country to have an exhibit, do a presentation and play some blues in one of the coolest and wettest parts of America. I have been working on a four-year project which is now titled "America's Lake Superior." This area with five national parklands, 300 tributaries, wildlife and over 200 waterfalls has been an enjoyable challenge. I am expecting the new book, "The Mojave Desert: Miles of Wonder," to arrive mid-month and I have already started the book launch events.

I will say that there will be a fun event on **September 23** at **Joshua Tree Lake** where I will be showing my northern (MI, WI and MN) adventures around the Lake Superior watershed on a very large screen at the **Joshua Tree Astronomy Arts Theater** as an intro to the **Southern California Desert Video Astronomers "Summer's End Star Party"** (complete with a dozen scopes, celestial images and a fantastic sound system). The event will begin as darkness falls and the first 100-150 attendees will receive a free bowl of ice cream! The event is free and all you need to do is bring your folding chairs, your snacks and refreshments and relax on the "carpeted" sands at the Astronomy Arts Theater. The evening will be a real treat and I'll have the new book if it arrives on time.

The second special event that I'd like you

to take note of also involves the **SCDVA** astronomers and it takes place on **November 5 & 6** at **Whitewater Preserve**. The great folks at the preserve will be hosting an event of mine titled "**Joshua Tree and the Mojave**" that will last two days and include a special free camping event with an evening outdoor presentation by the Southern California Desert Video Astronomers. There will be some music, special guests, great fun and the wonderful ambience of Whitewater Canyon. I will relate some of my experiences at Whitewater as a child growing up in the Snow Creek area. **Visual presentations will take place each day at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.** on Joshua Tree, The Mojave Desert, Desert Wildlife and other appealing aspects of our desert and there will be talks and discussions about the desert wonders. You will get information regarding the new California Desert Protection Act and more. This is a special event and the **free camping must be reserved**. You are welcome to email me with questions or contact the Whitewater Preserve (760-325-7222) in the weeks to come. I will be checking email on the road and look forward to getting an opportunity to visit with everybody in the near future.

I will take a dip in the largest freshwater lake in the world for you while away!  
David

P.S. I will be studio-touring with Vera Topinka again this year in the lovely Joshua Tree Highlands... email for information anytime at [setitup@earthlink.net](mailto:setitup@earthlink.net).

Live life to the Fullest!

## Photographers on Display

*Editor*

When I scheduled the "Photographers on Display" show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery in August I had no idea the kind of response that I would receive. I thought that I would be lucky to get a half a dozen exhibitors but we ended up with 16 different photographers and 152 photographs!

Because of the overwhelming response of club members this was the largest show that Chaparral Artists has ever hosted. We had several new

members sign up who entered the show and to make it even better; we had a great turn out for the reception. It had the largest attendance of any show that I remember attending.

I'm glad that more people are becoming familiar with the outstanding work of our artists.

Because of the interest shown for exhibits by multiple artists, after talking to several people, I decided that I would schedule themed shows for the 2011-2012 season.

If you haven't done so already, you have until September 14 to see this show featuring the work of Raini Armstrong, Brooke Commentz, Vickie Culver, Susan Smith Evans, Muffin Hill, Pat Harfield, Dennis Hofelich, Julianne Koza, Jim Melchert, Bruce Miller, John Quandel, Patricia Quandel, Tami Roleff, Hilary Sloane, Brian Strader, and Jean Towle-Pliss.

**"Drawn From The Desert" art show/benefit for local Morongo Basin artist Kim Mayhew who recently underwent cancer surgery.**  
**September 17 – October 31, 2011**  
**Reception – Saturday, Sept. 17 6pm-9pm at Tamma's Magic Mercantile, 55727 29 Palms Hwy, Yucca Valley.**

Your donations will help her with both existing and future medical costs related to this diagnosis. Artists are invited to submit 2D or 3D original works of art either depicting or inspired by the desert.

Arrangements for drop off of art or any questions may be directed to Steve Brown, publisher Sun Runner Magazine at 760-820-1222 or Kim Mayhew at [antfrmstudio@yahoo.com](mailto:antfrmstudio@yahoo.com)  
**You can also check The Sunrunner Magazine for more information.**

*This has been a hard newsletter to write because there was so much that I wanted to include. Please excuse any mistakes that you may find. I've been a little under the weather and my brain isn't working very well. - Editor*