

The Chaparral Sketch



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President's Palette

Patricia (Pat) Quandel

In last month's newsletter I said that the 2010/2011 season ended with several bangs. You can learn the reason why by reading the article on Chaparral Artists Big Bear trip.

Our first meeting of the new season exceeded my expectations. We had 45 people in attendance and everyone seemed to have a good time. Thanks to a suggestion by Ron Churchwell; tables were added for the members to sit at. Everyone liked the new seating arrangement since it gave people a chance to get to know each other better.

Those of you who attended Chaparral Artists September meeting were treated to a talk and slide show by April Sall who is the manager of the Mission Creek and Pioneertown Mountain Preserves as well as the Conservation Director of the Wildlands Conservancy. Since we will be having this year's paint-out at Mission Creek Preserve this was an excellent chance to learn more about it as well as the other preserves operated by the Wildlands Conservancy.

A big thank you goes out to Ron Churchwell who donated a karaoke machine to the club. If I could just remember to speak into the microphone it would work a lot better.



Kim Meyhew

Former Chaparral Artist member Kim Meyhew spoke at the meeting and she told us about how she was doing in her fight against uterine cancer. She

spoke about the show and benefit that was being held for her and invited Chaparral Artists members to attend.

Chaparral Artists and our members presented Kim with a check to help pay for her medical expenses.

Don't forget to enter Chaparral Artists' Harvest Show this month which is open to all artists.

Due to the holidays and all the events taking place in the next few months Chaparral Artists monthly trips have been discontinued until January.

Paint-Out and Potluck

Editor

Since our regularly scheduled October meeting falls on a federal holiday we will be having our annual paint-out on October 10th at the Mission Creek Preserve located between Morongo Valley and Whitewater Preserve. This year we've decided to include a potluck picnic. So bring your favorite picnic dish to share. Chaparral Artists will provide plates and utensils and there are picnic tables available but you may wish to bring a lawn chair. Be sure to bring your easel, sketch book, or camera. Or, if you prefer you can just sit and visit or take a walk.

Normally the gate is kept locked at the preserve and you have to hike from the gate to the picnic area but Chaparral Artists has made special arrangements so that we can drive to the picnic area. We are only allowed to have 12 vehicles in the preserve so we will meet at the gate at 11:00 and carpool from there.

Below are some of the rules we must follow at the preserve.

1. No fires of any kind, including charcoal BBQs (only Coleman-style propane stoves).
2. No smoking on the preserve.
3. No shooting or collecting of any kind.
4. Stay on trails and roads. The road beyond the Stone House and the north fork of Mission Creek is not accessible to the public.
5. Dogs must be on leashes at all times.

Directions to Mission Creek Preserve – Head toward Interstate 10 on CA-62. From the stoplight near the bottom of the Morongo Grade (CA-62 & Indian Avenue) continue 1.5 miles on CA-62. Turn right onto Mission Creek Road/Mollies Avenue and continue on the dirt road .5 mile to the gate of the Mission Creek Preserve.

Make Me an Offer Day

Editor

If you would like a great deal on a picture frame, canvas, or other miscellaneous art supplies you need to stop by the home of Nancy Miehle on October 8th between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Chaparral Artists is hosting a yard sale of art supplies as well as over 100 pieces of art by the late June Drane. Works include pastels, oils, watercolors and pen & ink drawings.

Since June was a member of Chaparral Artists; we've been asked to help her family dispose of some of her things. We debated on what would be the best way to do this and we decided to have a garage sale. A member of June's family will be at the sale so please show your support by stopping by.

Nancy's house is located at 57604 Sunnyslope Drive in Yucca Valley. It backs up to the airport and you can get there by turning north onto Hilton Road next to Jack-in-the-Box. It becomes Sunnyslope Drive at the curve and Nancy's house is approximately .4 mile. It will be on the right. I plan to have a flag out front.

Dennis Hofelich Autobiography

I have been a local resident of the Yucca Valley



Dennis Hefelich

area since 1985. I am married to a lovely woman, Tami, who works for the federal government. My roots are in Louisville, Kentucky, where I was raised in a rural area.

My background is in construction, and I am currently a licensed contractor.

I have many interests including photography, videos, editing and printing, engineering, mechanics, carpentry, exploration, inventing, and travel.

I have been interested in photography for many years, and I have recently invested in the professional tools to do it right. My current interests are nature and wildlife photos, macro, scenic landscapes, and sports. I love to travel and record as much as I can about the places I have been.

My goal is to travel to places others won't, be there on the right day, and at the right time to capture what others could only hope to get, and to do it with long lasting quality.

I also have a passion for new technology, and I spend countless hours keeping up with it (not to mention money). I strive to increase my skills in all aspects of my life through study and perseverance.

Nature has boundless beauty and someone needs to capture it before it's gone. Sometimes perfection isn't the beauty, but rather beauty is in the flaws. There is a reason why every flower is not perfect.

Chaparral Artists 6th Annual Judged Harvest Art Show

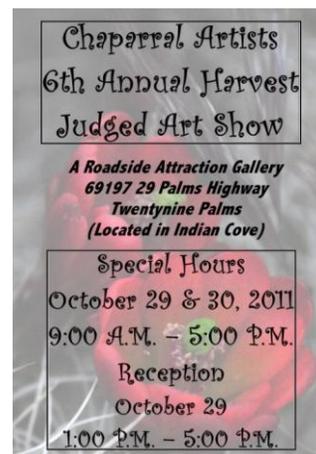
Editor

This show is open to all artists and will encompass the following categories and subcategories in both adult and youth (kindergarten – 12th grade) groups. There is no limit to the number of entries each artist may submit. However, no piece of art that has previously been shown in a judged Chaparral Artists show may be entered. Entry fees and awards will be forfeited on any artwork found to be in violation of this rule. Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded based on the number of entries.

Categories are two dimensional (paintings, drawings, etc.), three dimensional, and photographs. Subcategories are birds, flowers, insects, landscapes, man-made, people, plants & trees, animals (other than birds, insects & people), still life, sunrise/sunset and other.

In honor of the 75th anniversary of Joshua Tree National Park there will be a special award for the best entry depicting a scene in the park.

Members of Chaparral Artists who have paid their 2011/2012 dues and kindergarten thru 12th grade students



pay \$10.00 for their first entry and \$5.00 for each additional entry. All other artists pay \$10.00 per entry.

Entries can be delivered to A Roadside Attraction Gallery on October 13 or 14 between 10:30 and noon. You can pick up your unsold art on November 17 or 18 between 10:30 and noon

For a copy of the rules and an entry form you can send a request to chaparralartists@hotmail.com.

The Chaparral Sketch makes changes

Editor

Chaparral Artist member Julianne Koza was the first to suggest that I list upcoming events on the last page of The Chaparral Sketch. It makes perfect sense and I guess that's why I never thought of it. So starting with this issue you will be able to see on one page upcoming events listed in chronological order. Chaparral Artists events as well as Chaparral Artists member events will be highlighted. There will still be articles with more detailed information but now you won't need to search through the whole newsletter in order to find out when events are taking place.

I've listed most of this season's upcoming Chaparral Artists shows and displays so that everyone has plenty of time to prepare their artwork. However, monthly meetings and trips will only be listed a month or two in advance.

I knew that there was a lot of artistic events taking place in our area but I had no idea just how many there were until I decided to try and list them in our newsletter. I found out that I would only have room for a small sampling of what's available so I've tried to include some of the ones that our readers would enjoy the most.

I've had to drop the column "Chaparral Artists on Display" to make room for the new event calendar. I've also discontinued the business card advertising.

Let me know what you think of the changes and give me any suggestions that you may have to make this a better publication.



Jean Kays

Patricia Quandel

When I was elected President of Chaparral Artists in 2010/2011 Jean Kays was elected Vice-President. I had only been a member of the club for a year and didn't know Jean at that time. Over the course of the season I got to know her better. She was always upbeat and was a joy to be around.

On Wednesday, September 14th, shortly before our display of Creatures Big and Small opened at A Roadside Attraction Gallery, we lost Jean to cancer. In honor of her memory we dedicated this show to her.

Odds & Ends

Editor

Yucca Wood art needed – Chaparral Artists needs additional pieces of wood art for the drawings during the art tour in October. You can contact Nancy Miehle at 760-369-7030 to make

arrangements to pick up some of the wood.

Art Tours participating artists will be represented at the west end of the Morongo Basin in a show that runs from September 10th to November 5th at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley. Chaparral Artists members who have work in this show are Louise & Roger Bridges, Chuck Caplinger, Janis Commentz, Ed Kessling, David McChesney, Bruce Miller, Tami Roleff, and Barbara Wells-Roberts

For a number of years I've been reading about plants on the website www.desertusa.com and I recently found out that there's a lot more to the website than I originally thought. They have articles about various subjects and on May 26 there was an article titled "Photographer Extraordinaire". The subject of the article was Chaparral Artists member **Julianne Koza**. To read the article you can go to the website and type Julianne's name in the search box.

Welcome to **Cena Rasmussen** from Morongo Valley who is one of Chaparral Artists newest members.

Nancy Miehle is one of the many multitalented and giving people who belong to Chaparral Artists. She was one of the members of Hearts of Yucca Valley who recently made stuffed toys that were given to San Bernardino County firefighters. (Hearts of Yucca Valley is a group of women who raise money to purchase heart-related items and equipment for organizations in the Morongo Basin.)

Chaparral Artists member **Raini Armstrong** was one of three winners selected by the Joshua Tree National Park Association in a photography contest held for the park's 75th anniversary. The grand prize was won by Tom Parash of Beaumont and the other winner was Jeremy Long of Yucaipa. All three winners will receive a canvas print

of their photograph and Tom Parash's photograph will appear on the Joshua Tree National Park pass for the year 2012. Congratulations to all of them.

In September Patricia Quandel and Brian Strader entered photographs in the 47th Annual Fall Juried Fine Art Show & Festival in Rancho Cucamonga. Congratulations to Brian who won a 1st and 2nd place and Patricia, who even though she didn't place, sold one of her photographs during the show.

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.

For those of you who enjoy classical music the **Joshua Tree Philharmonic** is preparing for their fall and winter season. The orchestra has more than 50 members who are under the direction of Maestro Jarrod Radnich. For more information on either becoming a member or attending one of the Philharmonic's concerts you can go to www.hidesertculturalcenter.com or call 760-366-3777.

Art Tours participating artists will be represented at the east end of the Morongo Basin in a show that runs from October 2nd to November 6th at the 29 Palms Inn.

On June 22, **Mary Kuner**, a former member of Chaparral Artists, passed away due to complications of Alzheimer's disease. As well as being a renowned painter she started the Red Hats in the Hi-Desert, was a 10-year member of TOPS, and was a scout leader for 10 years.

Artist Survey for Morongo Basin now online

The Public Arts Advisory



Committee (PAAC) of the City of Twentynine Palms wants to know more about the artists living and working in the Morongo Basin. While art is evident all around the basin, from visual arts to performance arts, little is known about the artists as an economic force in our communities.

An artists' survey has been created by the PAAC to gather input that will provide a better understanding of our artists' economic footprint. The information will ultimately help local governments and decision makers to plan programs and venues that support the artists in their endeavors.

Created as a Survey Monkey, the questionnaire is available online by going to: www.surveymonkey.com/s/MorongoBasinArtistsSurvey.

Don't forget to pay your Chaparral Artists Club dues for the 2011- 2012 Season.

The survey does not ask for names or personal identification. Survey Monkey stores the information collected online and provides periodic reports to the PAAC, which in turn will publish the results at the end of the survey.

This is not a scientific survey, but rather an effort to build a profile of our artists and assess how many are working in our basin. This is the first time a survey of this kind has been attempted. As an artist and a business person, please participate.

The City of Twentynine Palms has posted a link to the survey on its website at www.29palms.org. Look for the link to also be posted on local arts organization websites and distributed via email. All Morongo Basin artists are encouraged to participate in this online survey and share the link with artist friends. The survey will be available through November 18.

Editor's Note – If you are an artist this is your chance to get your voice heard and help the art community.

Morongo Valley Fiesta Days

Editor

On Saturday, September 17th, I attended the Morongo Valley Fiesta Days and Morongo Valley Art Colony's judged art show. Chaparral Artist member David McChesney had a booth where he had many of his wildlife photographs and postcards for sale.



Lois Morrow with her Best of Show winner at the Morongo Valley Art Colony's Show.

Chaparral Artists members Hugh and Becky Huffman also had a booth at Fiesta Days. Some of you may remember that Hugh was the editor of The Chaparral Sketch before I became editor. They moved out of the Morongo Basin for a time but now they're back. We hope to see more of them in the future.



While I was enjoying Fiesta Days I met Miss Fire and was allowed to take this picture. I can't really describe this vision of beauty so I will let you come up with your own words.

The Morongo Valley Art Colony's judged show was well attended and members of Chaparral Artists were big winners. Chaparral Artists winners were Caroline Eads Blaker (3), June Fingler (1), Guila Gilmore (1), Sharon George (3), Pat Harfield (3), Dennis Hofelich (4), Julianne Koza (9), Sunshine Laue (1), Deane

Locke (5), Bruce Miller (4), Katholeen Perry (4), Daisy Pirot (2), Patricia Quandel (2), Tami Roleff (3) and Red Toph (2). Many of these artists are also members of the Morongo Valley Art Colony. The only non Chaparral Artists winner was Otter Smith Martinez (2). *(The numbers after each person's name show how many ribbons were won by that person.)*

Best of show was won by Lois Morrow and the Joshua Tree National Park Award went to Tami Roleff. People's Choice was won by Bruce Miller.

Congratulations to all of the winners.



Tami Roleff with her Joshua Tree National Park Award winner at the Morongo Valley Art Colony's Show.

Creatures Big and Small

Editor

On September 18th we had a reception at A Roadside Attraction Gallery for the Creatures Big and Small themed exhibit that closed out the 2010/2011 season and began the 2011/2012 season. This exhibit by Chaparral Artists members has 92 pieces of work depicting animals, insects, and people in various mediums from paintings and scratch art to photographs.

The 16 members who created these pieces are Brooke Commentz, Vickie Culver, Susan Smith Evans, Sharon George, Pat Harfield, Dennis Hofelich, Shirley James, Julianne Koza, Barbara Matheney, Nancy Miehle, Bruce Miller, Jean Towle Pliss, John Quandel, Patricia Quandel, Tami Roleff, and Hilary Sloane.

You have until October 20th to view this show dedicated to Jean Kays.

A Roadside Attraction Gallery hosts Chaparral Artists monthly shows and exhibits.

Located in Indian Cove behind
Acclaim Insurance
69197 29 Palms Highway
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277

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

Big Bear Trip

Editor

For those of you who live in the Morongo Basin you may remember that on August 27th a large storm moved through the area. What many of you don't know is that the storm passed through Big Bear first and that was the day that 8 of us (one was Flat Stanley) from the Morongo Basin got to experience a mountain storm first-hand. We were there on Chaparral Artists' monthly trip and got to experience rain, hail and lightning strikes. In the desert you can see where the lightening hits but on the mountain in the pine trees you can only guess where the lightning is hitting and some of the strikes sounded very close to us.

We started the day at the Big Bear Valley Historical Museum where we saw some of the original buildings that were constructed in the area. There were lots of things to see from earlier times that were fun and interesting. We got to see things such as a cabin that was built in the 1870s to a sawdust burner used at a sawmill in Fawnskin in the 1920's. There were lots of smaller things such as a wooden toboggan, cast-iron pots, and other items from an earlier time. There was even a covered wagon parked near the entrance to the museum. While we were there some of us were treated



to songs played on an old upright grand piano. (I seem to remember that the gentleman said that his name was Mitch.)

As we were getting ready to leave the museum it began to rain and hail but by the time we got to the Moonridge Animal Park it had quit. While we were in the gift shop and main building at the park it began to rain HARD and the thunder and lightning got very close. One lightning strike was so close that it shook the building. We had taken our lunch with us so we sat inside while we waited for the rain to stop.

Once the rain stopped we went out to see the animals. Many of them seemed energized by the cooler air and were taking advantage of the coolness by playing and chasing each other around their enclosures.

The Moonridge Animal Park is primarily a zoological facility but it's also a fully licensed, designated care and rehabilitation facility for injured or confiscated animals. While we were there park rangers brought in a black bear that had been struck by a car the night before. Let's hope that he recovered. Most of the animals taken there are



released back in the wild but some of them become permanent

Snowy Owl at Moonridge residents like the eagle that is blind in one eye or the black bear that is missing a paw.

If you haven't been to the Big Bear Area I highly recommend that you make the trip.

This newsletter includes an application form for the Chaparral Artists Harvest Show.

Event Calendar

Chaparral Artists & club member events are highlighted.

Sept. 8 – Nov. 10, 2011

Solo show by Chaparral Artists member Sharon George at the Hi-Desert Water District in Yucca Valley

Sept. 18 – Oct. 20, 2011

Creatures Big and Small at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Sept. 28 – Oct. 23, 2011

A show by Chaparral Artists member Cindy Daigneault in the West Wing of the 29 Palms Art Gallery.

Oct. 2, 2011 12 – 3 p.m.

Reception for Chaparral Artists member Cindy Daigneault at the 29 Palms Art Gallery

Oct. 2 – Nov. 6, 2011

Hwy 62 Art Tour participating artists show at the 29 Palms Inn

Oct. 7, 2011 9 a.m.

Chaparral Artists Board Meeting

Oct. 8, 2011 8 – 4 p.m.

Chaparral Artists "Make Me An Offer Day" yard sale at 57604 Sunnyslope Drive in Yucca Valley.

Oct. 10, 2011 11:00 a.m.

Chaparral Artists members paint-out and picnic at Mission Creek Preserve

Oct. 12, 2011

Deadline to rent a space for the Yucca Valley Gourd Festival. To get an application go to www.yuccavalley.org.

Oct. 13 & 14, 2011

10:30 - Noon

Pick up artwork from the Creatures Big and Small Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery &

drop of artwork for the Harvest Show

Oct. 13 - 16, 2011

75th Annual Pioneer Days in Twentynine Palms. For more information go to www.29chamber.org or call 760-367-3445

Oct. 22 & 23, 2011

Hwy 62 Art Tour in the west end of the Morongo Basin. For more information go to their website at www.hwy62arttours.com or call 760-366-2226.

Oct. 24, 2011 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Turn in artwork at the 29 Palms Art Gallery for their Southland Show (open/judged). For more information go to www.29palmsartgallery.com.

Oct. 26 – Nov. 27, 2011

29 Palms Art Gallery Southland Show. For more information go to www.29palmsartgallery.com.

Oct. 29 & 30 9 – 5 p.m.

Special hours at the Chaparral Artists Harvest Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Oct. 29 1 – 5 p.m.

Chaparral Artists Harvest Show Reception at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Oct. 29 & 30, 2011

Hwy 62 Art Tour in the east end of the Morongo Basin. For more information go to their website at www.hwy62arttours.com or call 760-366-2226.

Oct. 29 – Nov. 16, 2011

Chaparral Artists Harvest Open Judged Art Show (Held in conjunction with the Hwy 62 Art Tour.) at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2011

Keys Ranch Show at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery

Nov. 5, 2011

Reception tentatively planned for the Keys Ranch Show at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery

Nov. 5, 2011 12 – 4 p.m.

Nov. 6, 2011 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Weed Show at the Old Schoolhouse Museum in 29 Palms. For more information go to www.29palmshistorical.com

Nov. 5 & 6, 2011

Yucca Valley Gourd Art Festival at the Yucca Valley Community Center. For more information go to www.yuccavalley.org

Nov. 6, 2011 12 – 3 p.m.

Reception for 29 Palms Art Gallery's annual Southland Show (Open/Judged) For more information go to www.29palmsartgallery.com.

Nov. 20 – Dec. 14, 2011

Chaparral Artists Fall Themed Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Dec. 18, 2011

– Jan. 11, 2012

Chaparral Artists Winter Themed Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Jan. 15 – Feb. 15, 2012

Chaparral Artists presents Artists on Display (everything except photographs) at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Feb. 19 – Mar. 14, 2012

Chaparral Artists & MBCAC's Youth Judged Art Show (K- 8th Grade) at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Mar. 18 – Apr. 11, 2012

Chaparral Artists The Same – But Different Themed Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Apr. 15 – May 16, 2012

Chaparral Artists Spring Open Judged Photography Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery