

# The Chaparral Sketch



Now I know why I feel so run down. I thought retirement was supposed to be relaxing.

Nancy Miehle and I will be doing the presentation at our monthly meeting in November. There have been several people who have had questions about matting and hanging their work and would prefer to do it themselves. Nancy is going to show how to cut mats and I'm going to demonstrate a few ways to attach a wire hanger to your artwork. Nancy says that if you bring in a picture that you want to mat she can do it for you. (Don't forget to supply the inside dimensions of the frame that you plan to use.) If you have a frame that needs a wire I can help you with that also.

We still have a few people who haven't paid their dues for the 2011/2012 season. You need to do so as soon as possible so that you can be added to our new directory.



Barbara Matheney with her Harvest Show Best of Show winner.

## September Drawing Winners

Editor

We had one group of very lucky people. There was one table with five people seated at it and every one of them won something at our September meeting. It started with Janice Westfall who won the 50/50

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## President's Palette

Patricia (Pat) Quandel

I don't think that I can remember having a busier month than I had in October; and of course I had to get sick right in the middle of it. The first week of October I attended the Orchid Festival at Gubler's Orchids where Julianne Koza and Nancy Miehle each had booths. Then I attended the monthly Chaparral Artists board meeting and the next day I helped with the yard sale of June Drane's art and art supplies. The second week I attended the Chaparral Artists Annual Paint Out and the Art Tour Orientation meeting. I helped with the intake at Roadside Attraction for two days and managed to squeeze in a two day bowling tournament. (The less said about that the better.) The following week I helped hang ribbons after our judge, Scott Montieth, made his selections. Then I got sick and missed the first weekend of the art tour among other things. The final week of October I entered some photographs in the 29 Palms Art Gallery's Southland Show and hung some art by some of Chaparral Artists members in the director's office at the 29 Palms Visitor Center and I ended up being at Roadside Attraction Gallery during the last weekend of the art tour. I even participated in my weekly bowling league, made it to a couple of doctor's appointments, and worked on the newsletter.



Flat Stanley at Mission Creek Preserve.

drawing. Then Jennifer Boyer, Vickie Culver, Tami Roleff, and Dominic Westfall each won a prize in the raffle with Jennifer winning two prizes.



Shirley James with her Harvest Show JTNP award winner.

Here is the list of all of our winners.

**Door Prize** – Ken Sabella  
50/50 - Janice Westfall

**Raffle Winners**

- Jennifer Boyer (2)
- Maria (Mies) Broome
- Gordon Crawford (2)
- Vickie Culver
- Mae Fox (2)
- Ila Lewis
- Kim Mayhew
- Larry Mayhew
- Nancy Miehle (2)
- Bruce Miller
- Myrna Riordan (2)
- Tami Roleff
- Julia Turpening
- Dominic Westfall

If you were a raffle winner don't forget to bring an item for the November drawing.

**Chaparral Artists Website**

*Editor*

At the last Chaparral Artists Board meeting it was decided that the club needs a website. A website would help reach a wider audience and allow people to see exactly what Chaparral Artists is all about.

Members would have the option of paying a nominal fee, perhaps \$2.00 a month, to have a page of their own where they could display their work, items for sale, upcoming shows, etc.

If you are a person who has had experience with setting up and maintaining a website or someone who would like to learn something new I have a job for you. We're looking for someone to be Chaparral Artists' webmaster. Whoever decides that they would like to take on this job would receive the gratitude of the club and would have the satisfaction of knowing that they've helped promote Chaparral Artists.

Interested members can send an email to [chaparralartists@hotmail.com](mailto:chaparralartists@hotmail.com) or talk to me at our meeting.

**Paint Out & Picnic**

*Editor*

On October 10<sup>th</sup> Chaparral Artists had their annual paint out. This year 16 people, one of whom was Flat Stanley, got together at the Mission Creek Preserve for a picnic potluck at The

Stone House. We had an enjoyable lunch in



the Stone House, which is a beautiful building, and then some people took hikes while others painted, sketched and visited.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Show**

*Editor*

This year's Harvest Show exceeded expectations. Even though we had fewer artists participating than we had last year we had more entries. Last year we had 33 artists submit 84 different pieces of work in 15

categories. This year we had 30 artists with 113 entries in 18 different categories.

Scott Montieth was our judge. He is currently the vice-president of the Twentynine Palms Artists Guild and the curator of the 29 Palms Art Gallery. He's won awards for his printmaking, paintings (acrylic and watercolor), drawings, and photographs and has had his work published locally as well as in the New York Times. His qualifications made him well suited to judge this show.

With all of the shows taking place in the Morongo Basin at this time of year it's encouraging to see our show grow each year.



Judith Nagel's Harvest Show People's Choice award winner.

Congratulations to all of this year's winners.

**Best of Show**

Barbara Matheney - Tino Waiting

**JTNP Award**

Shirley James - Bigger Than Life

**People's Choice**

Judith Nagel – Lotus Flower With Seed Pod

**President's Award**

Barbara Matheney - Touched by Morpheus

Julianne Koza - Sacred Honey

**2D - Animal**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Nancy Peckenpauh
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Shirley James
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jean Pliss

**2D - Birds & Bees**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Carolyn Eads Blaker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sharon George
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jan Melchert

**2D - Flowers**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Hugh Huffman





Chris Gubler with a painting done for him by Nancy Miehle.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Beverly Schmuckle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sharon George
- Honorable Mention - Deane Locke

**2D - Landscape**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Hugh Huffman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Constance Walsh
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Hugh Huffman
- Honorable Mention - Barbara Matheney
- Honorable Mention - Sunshine Laue

**2D - Other**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Jean Pliss
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jean Pliss
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jean Pliss

**2D - People**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Barbara Matheney
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Barbara Matheney
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Guila Gilmore
- Honorable Mention - Nancy Miehle

**2D - Plants & Trees**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Shirley James
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - George Antis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Suzanne Burton
- Honorable Mention - Jan Melchert

**3D**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Julianne Koza
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Nancy Miehle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Nancy Miehle

**Photo - Animal**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Patricia Quandel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tami Roleff
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Dennis Hofelich

**Photo - Birds**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Dennis Hofelich
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Vickie Culver
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Julianne Koza

**Photo - Flowers**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Judith Nagel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Patricia Quandel
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bruce Miller

**Photo - Insects**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Patricia Quandel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Julianne Koza
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tami Roleff

**Photo - Landscape**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Dennis Hofelich
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Gwendolyn Jones
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Dennis Hofelich

**Photo - Man-Made**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Dennis Hofelich
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tami Roleff
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tami Roleff
- Honorable Mention - Dennis Hofelich

**Photo - People**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Julianne Koza
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tami Roleff
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Patricia Quandel

**Photo - Plants, Trees, & Still Life**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Judith Nagel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Vickie Culver
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Vickie Culver

**Photo - Sunrise/Sunset**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - John Quandel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Julianne Koza
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tami Roleff

**Youth**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Cody Riddle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Laci Malin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Laci Malin
- Honorable Mention - Laci Malin

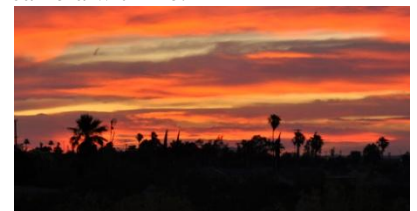
## Morongo Basin Sunsets

*Editor*

I can't think of any place that has sunrises and sunsets that are more beautiful than the ones in the Morongo Basin. Here are just a couple of examples of the wonderful sunsets that we're treated to. I was at a friend's house on Two Mile Road in Twentynine Palms on June

18<sup>th</sup> when I took the first picture at 7:19 p.m. I wanted the shot so bad that I left the dinner table to go outside and take the shot. The second picture I took from the parking lot of Home Depot in Yucca Valley on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:33 p.m. I was walking from the store to my pickup when I noticed the sunset. While taking pictures I met a couple of very nice Home Depot employees. Beautiful scenery seems to bring people together.

These photos are a couple of the reasons why I always carry my camera with me.



## Odds & Ends

*Editor*

We were saddened to hear of the passing of **Austin Frank Stirratt** on September 16. His wife, Betty, is a member of Chaparral Artists. Condolences go out to his family and friends.

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Action 29 presents **Chalk Fest 29**. Some of you may remember that I reported on the Chalk Art Demo and silent auction held in 29 Palms last November. This year it's grown into Chalk Fest 29, co-sponsored by Z107.7, and will be held at the 29 Palms Community Center near Luckie Park on Saturday, November 5 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 6 from 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Reach Out Morongo Basin's 4th **Annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale** will be held at the Twentynine Palms Senior Center on November 5th and 6th. There will also be bingo

on Saturday and Sunday from 12-2 p.m.

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Earth Through a Lens (ETAL) is pleased to announce its third annual juried photo competition and display. A professional jury will select 30 - 50 images for public display in Rancho Mirage, CA from April 1 - June 30, 2012.

Digital images will be accepted from photographers living in North America through the web portal [www.callforentry.org](http://www.callforentry.org) from late October 2011 until January 7, 2012 (closing time January 6, 2012 at midnight MST).

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



Julianne Koza at the Orchid Festival.

## Letter from Barbara Wellmerling to Chaparral Artists

October 17, 2011 – I wish to thank you for your assistance in selling some of my step-mother's art (June Drane).

Not only was the sale profitable, but you girls made it a very enjoyable day.

Special thanks to Nancy Miehle for the days she spent preparing for the sale and use of her premises. So much energy and enthusiasm – plus lunch!! Thank you, Nancy.

Thanks also go out to Pat Quandel for her help and advice. Your group has a president who shows by example the true meaning of leader.

Guila Gilmore, what can I say? Such seemingly untiring energy and enthusiasm, always willing to help and quite a salesperson.



Art sale shoppers.

Another great helper was Pat Harfield. Many steps in and out to move the paintings and to sort supplies.

The day would have been very long had it not been for these "Wonder Women" and the visiting during the slow times at the sale. I enjoyed meeting you all!!

Thank you again for your help.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Wellmerling

P. S. There are more of June's paintings available. Call me (760) 365-8785.



Nancy Miehle with one of June Drane's paintings.

### Eugenia "Gene" Beebe, a 75-year resident of Yucca Valley and Twentynine Palms, died Oct. 10, 2011, in Yucca Valley. She was 88 years old.

The daughter of George Burton and Irma Godfrey, she was born in 1923 in Los Angeles.

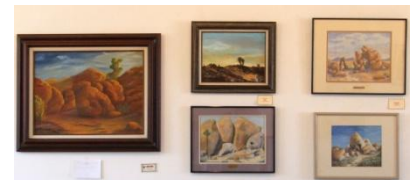
During World War II, Gene worked on military aircraft at Lockheed Martin from 1943 to 1946, then moved to Twentynine Palms with her grandma, Eugenia York Godfrey, who had a small market there. Gene started a restaurant in 1974.

After a short trip to Georgia, she returned to Twentynine Palms and started hiking and doing a lot of artwork in the monument.

She moved to Yucca Valley in 1981 and joined the Chaparral Artist. Her artwork can be seen all over the valley.

Gene, Marci Pealstrom and other sisters in their circle of friends spent a lot of time taking bus tours all over, especially to the art shows and the Laguna Art Festival.

She was an artist and jewelry maker and a member of the Morongo Valley Art Colony and 29 Palms Art Gallery in addition to the Chaparral Artists.



A Few of Gene's paintings

She was preceded in death by her grandma and both parents.

She is survived by cousin Marci Vanderbilt Pealstrom of Yucca Valley; caregiver Lisa Hoffman of Yucca Valley; Mary Thrope, Mary Hopkins and Sandy Kenniday, all sisters with her in the Red Hats and friends for over 20 years.

Services are pending. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to hospice.

Gene knew her time to pass over the rainbow was coming, so she donated things to her best friends and to the 29 Palms Art Gallery. She will be missed by all of us.

## Letter from The Wildlands Conservancy to Chaparral Artists

October 12, 2011 – On behalf of the Board of Directors, volunteers and staff at The Wildlands Conservancy (TWC), I thank you for your gift of \$50.00 on September 12, 2011.

Since 1995, it has been the Wildlands Conservancy's overarching goal to call people back to the beauty, wonder and inspiration of the natural world and to encourage people to be participants in saving our magnificent landscapes and restoring California's rich biological diversity. Through the generosity of TWC's supporters the Conservancy is able to work toward achieving these goals through outdoor education programs and stewardship of some of California's most remarkable landscapes.

The Wildlands Conservancy has established itself as a leading nonprofit dedicated to conservation. TWC has protected more land in California with private funding than any other nonprofit organization – over 1,250 square miles. This work could not be accomplished without you. Once again, thank you for your generous support.

Sincerely,  
David Myers  
Executive Director

*Editor's note – The \$50.00 that Mr. Myers mentions was given to The Wildlands Conservancy as a thank you for the presentation that April Sall, Conservation Director of The Wildlands Conservancy, gave at the September meeting of Chaparral Artists.*



**Nancy Miehle working on a painting at this year's Orchid Festival.**

*The following article first appeared in one of the local newspapers on May 6, 1981. I've copied it exactly as written.*

## Chaparral Artists unveil first judged art show at Guild's Cultural Center

*By Dottie James*

The first Chaparral Artist judged art show opened May 2, at the Hi-Desert Playhouse Guild Cultural Center. An impressive display by artists of the Morongo Basin, the exhibit contains something to please everyone.

The judges were local artists Irene Scoggins Bertram, Kirk Martin and Nick Yellenti, all of whom

commented on the variety and workmanship.

The public is invited to view the show on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. throughout May.

The best of show award went to Michael Murillo who received a cash award from Charley and Ruth McMahon.

In the landscape category, first place went to Irene Dunham, second to George Bredehorst, third to June Todd, and honorable mention to Bill Frazine.

Still life first place was won by Hazel Toney, followed by Carol Rudrud, Alyce Allen and Alice de Boton.

Lucille Barrett won first in seascapes with George Bredehorst second, Alice de Boton third, and honorable mention to Alyce Allen.

In the watercolor division, Bill Frazine captured the first place, followed by Bill White, second; Sidney Hayes Jr., third; and honorable mention to Janet Lopez.

In the group consisting of pastels, charcoal, pen and ink, etc., first place was awarded to Kathleen Perry, second to Carol Rudrud, third to Michael Murillo, and honorable mention to Kathleen Perry.

The portrait category was won by Kathleen Perry, second to Betty Warner, third to Alice de Boton, and honorable mention to George Bredehorst.

The Animal and bird award went to Irene Dunham, second to Lucille Beam, third to Jean Mueller, and Hazel Bader, honorable mention.

*Editor – Did you notice that current Chaparral Artists member Katholeen Perry was one of the winners in the very first Chaparral Artists judged show?*

**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.**

**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  
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**Oct. 2 – Nov. 6, 2011**

Hwy 62 Art Tour participating  
artists show at the 29 Palms Inn  
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**Oct. 26 – Nov. 27, 2011**

29 Palms Art Gallery Southland  
Show. For more information go  
to [www.29palmsartgallery.com](http://www.29palmsartgallery.com).  
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**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  
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**Nov. 1 – Dec. 31, 2011**

Keys Ranch Show at the  
Twentynine Palms Visitor Center  
and Gallery  
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**Nov. 4, 2011 5:30 – 7:30**

Reception for "Desert Ingenuity"  
Keys Ranch Show at the  
Twentynine Palms Visitor Center  
and Gallery sponsored by the  
Joshua Tree National Park  
Association.  
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**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](http://www.29palmshistorical.com)  
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**Nov. 5, 2011 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Nov. 6, 2011 – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
Yucca Valley Gourd Art Festival  
at the Yucca Valley Community  
Center

For more information go to  
[www.yuccavalley.org](http://www.yuccavalley.org)  
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**Nov. 5, 2011 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Nov. 6, 2011 – 10 a.m. – 3:30  
p.m.**

Chalk Fest 29 at the 29 Palms  
Community Center near Luckie  
Park  
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**Nov. 5 & 6, 2011**

Reach Out Morongo Basin's 4th  
Annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale at  
the Senior Center in 29 Palms  
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**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](http://www.29palmsartgallery.com).  
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**Nov. 11, 2011 9 a.m.**

Chaparral Artists Board Meeting  
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**Nov. 14 1 – 3 p.m.**

Chaparral Artists meeting in the  
Joshua Tree Community Center  
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**Nov. 17 & 18, 2011**

**10:30 - Noon**

Pick up artwork from the Harvest  
Show at A Roadside Attraction  
Gallery & drop of artwork for the  
Fall Themed Exhibit.  
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**Nov. 18, 2011**

Deadline to take the artists'  
survey created by the Public Arts  
Advisory Committee of 29 Palms.

The questionnaire is available  
online at  
[www.surveymonkey.com/s/MorongoBasinArtistsSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MorongoBasinArtistsSurvey) .  
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**Nov. 20, 2011 1 – 3 p.m.**

Chaparral Artists Fall Show  
Reception at A Roadside Attraction  
Gallery  
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**Nov. 20 – Dec. 14, 2011**

Chaparral Artists Fall Themed  
Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction  
Gallery  
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**Dec. 12 Noon – 2 p.m.**

**Note the time change.**  
Chaparral Artists & Morongo  
Valley Art Colony Christmas  
Party in the Joshua Tree  
Community Center  
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**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  
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**Feb. 19 – Mar. 14, 2012**

Chaparral Artists & MBCAC's  
Youth Judged Art Show (K- 8<sup>th</sup>  
Grade) at A Roadside Attraction  
Gallery  
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**Mar. 18 – Apr. 11, 2012**

Chaparral Artists The Same –  
But Different Themed Exhibit at A  
Roadside Attraction Gallery  
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**Apr. 15 – May 16, 2012**

Chaparral Artists Spring Open  
Judged Photography Show at A  
Roadside Attraction Gallery  
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**May 20 – June 13, 2012**

Chaparral Artists Spring Open  
Judged Art Show at A Roadside  
Attraction Gallery  
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**June 17 – July 11, 2012**

Chaparral Artists Flowers  
Themed Exhibit at A Roadside  
Attraction Gallery  
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**July 15 – Aug. 2012**

Chaparral Artists Landscape  
Themed Exhibit at A Roadside  
Attraction Gallery