

# The Chaparral Sketch



position and I will continue as editor unless someone else would like the job.

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## President's Palette *Patricia (Pat) Quandel*

As my reign as president winds down I'm looking forward to turning the job over to someone new. I've enjoyed my time as President of Chaparral Artists but now I'm looking forward to doing other things.

The Chaparral Artists Board of Directors has been talking to a few Chaparral Artists members whom we believe would be assets to the club as officers. If we haven't spoken to you and you are interested in running for office please let me know. Elections will be held in May so you only a few months to decide if you would like to run for office.

So far; these are the candidates that we have running for office in our 2011-2012 season.

President – Jan Melchert  
 Vice-President – Gordon  
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Secretary – Shirley James  
 Treasurer – Nancy Miehle

In order to lighten the load on the president some changes have been made and there may be more changes in the future. By the way, editor of the newsletter is a separate



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



Currently on display in the main lobby of the Hi-Desert Medical Center

Earlier this year a show committee was created and recently the position of Show Committee Chairman was created with Raini Armstrong taking on the job. (Raini and the members of the show committee were responsible for hanging the current show while I did my best to stay out of their way.)

I think that the Vice-President should take over the job of planning the monthly trips which take place between January and September. These trips originally started because a few Chaparral Artist members expressed an interest in going on some of the excursions that my friends and I take. Of course; the club can change or discontinue the trips if they want.

I want to let everyone know that whoever is elected as an officer will have the full support and assistance of the Board as well as other club members. I couldn't have done as much as I have without their support. Which reminds me; I was totally surprised by the gift of the painting that Nancy Miehle gave me at the joint Christmas party. She painted it from a picture that I took when we went to The Living Desert along with her sister Terry. I'll treasure it. (Its gestures like that that almost make me wish I could run for a third term. And, I mean ALMOST. It's time for someone with new ideas to take over the reins.)

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The new member directories have been printed and will be available for pick up at the next meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in the new year.

## Hilary Sloane's "American Life in Photos" Exhibit: a Bold Re-imagining of Iconic Imagery

*December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 (Los Angeles, CA):* Throughout the photographic ages, our country has continually revealed itself to have incredibly picturesque vista... but nobody shares the amazing and unyieldingly truthful view of it quite like Los Angeles photographer Hilary Sloane. And now, Sloane is inviting the public to immerse themselves in the emotional depth that her camera captures through a new gallery showing at The Glass Outhouse Art Gallery in 29 Palms starting January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012!

Called "TAKE HEART: American Life in Photos", Sloane's collection of images is an intensely beautiful and heartfelt depiction sharing a deeper insight into what it means to exist, live and thrive in America. Subjects and scenarios are presented exactly as Sloane translates them from her infinitely creative soul through her camera lens: unflinchingly honest, delving deeply into an unexplored emotional core.

Sloane's exhibit is part of an overall photo exploration, a journey she began in 2004 after working on location in Argentina. It was there that Sloane became inspired by shooting everyday scenes in extraordinary ways. Upon returning home, she took a road trip with famed photographer Julia Dean that led her across Mississippi on the Blues Highway, resulting in some of the exhibit's most daring images – some of which touched Sloane in an incredibly profound way.

"I was shooting outside at a small public school that taught students who were incredibly poor, and I was entranced by these two little girls,"



Nancy Miehle looks on as Vickie Culver & Pat Lumbattis try their hand at a watercolor project during the annual Christmas Party.

Sloane recalls. "One of them had choppy hair because her mother cut it to deal with a lice infection -- you couldn't tell if she was a girl or a boy. And there was something that was happening between us throughout the course of the day. We never talked, she never said a word to me, but at one point she walked over and just touched me with her fingertips. It was an instant connection. And when you see the picture, you see how I saw that she was just so there and revealed for me."

Since that experience, Sloane packed up her Los Angeles life and made a temporary move to Joshua Tree, where her photography went to an even greater artistic depth upon discovering White Rock Rescue Ranch that helps ailing animals and Johnson Valley, a small, local desert community. After being asked by Charlene Claybaugh to photograph a calendar for Johnson Valley, she became entranced with this side of California life, capturing imagery of a community that -- at times -- seems to be letting change pass them by.

Many of these images -- along with others showcasing New York, Los Angeles and Mississippi -- will be on display at The Glass Outhouse Art Gallery, a unique non-profit artistic space launched by owner Laurel Seidel, who has dedicated her life to giving space to emerging and innovative artists.

Meanwhile, Sloane continues her photojournalism project, fueled by the intimate experience that happens when she shoots a subject. Her ultimate goal with the work? To

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introduce others to a new way of viewing the world around them.

Says Sloane, "There's something magical that happens when we have a chance to move out of our ordinary lives and comfort zones. And that's what I hope people experience with this showing -- the opportunity to observe, to see in a new way, and meet a new friend."

"TAKE HEART: American Life in Photos" is showing at the Glass Outhouse Art Gallery, located at 77575 29 Palms Highway in 29 Palms, California. The opening reception takes place on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 3 to 5pm. The exhibit runs through January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

With a creative career spanning photography, fine art, film and fashion, Hilary Sloane found her passion for shooting while working with some of the industry's top photographers for 35 years, including Klaus Lucka, Tony Petrucelli and Reid Miles. Her photographs have been displayed at the Tah Gallery in Pasadena, CA, the Julia Dean Gallery in Venice, CA, in addition to being purchased by big-name corporations and powerhouse artistic companies from Los Angeles to Hong Kong.

*Editor's note – Hilary is a member of Chaparral Artists.*

## Dr. Valarie Carpenter - Scrapbook Lover

Dr. Valarie Carpenter has been scrapbooking since 1992; before the hobby developed into the widespread passion it is today.

In the early 1990s it was difficult to find patterned papers and accents which are now so readily available. This forced scrapbookers of the time to be creative. In the early 2000s scrapbooking became more popular and the selection of accents and papers became almost overwhelming. The mediums and techniques used in scrapbooking include inking, painting, distressing, tearing, die-cutting and stamping to name a few.

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Valarie started scrapbooking as a way to preserve memories of her family and all the activities they do. She was frustrated looking at pictures of her childhood and not knowing where the pictures were taken or who she was with.

Many scrapbooking products are archival safe for at least 100 years and by using them Valarie says that she can write down the who, what, when, where, and why so that her son and future grandchildren will know the family history.

Valarie says "I have no way of playing the old movies on the projector of my childhood and even the VHS videos I have taken of my 10 year old son are outdated. Pictures with journaling preserved in a scrapbook are easily accessible without the worry of all the continuously changing digital media."

Chiropractor Dr. Valarie Carpenter and her husband, Eddie, along with their son, Trevor, have lived in the Morongo Basin nearly all of their lives. The Carpenters own Align the Spine Chiropractic in Yucca Valley and have been caring for the Morongo Basin since 2002.

*Editor's note – Dr. Carpenter will be the guest speaker at Chaparral Artists meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> where she will discuss scrapbooking with the group.*

### Artists Welcome

*Editor*

A few weeks ago I spoke to Melissa Sabol of Oasis Office Supply, formerly Steve's Office Supply, in Yucca Valley. She said that in order to support our local artists Oasis Office Supply has created a section within the store where artists can buy supplies such as watercolor and oil paints, brushes,



sketch pads, and much more. (If there are any items that you don't see that you would like them to carry please let them know.) They can even do special orders for customers. In addition; there is an area within the store that will be made available for artistic events and classes and there is also a section where local artists can sell their arts and crafts on a consignment basis. Melissa says that the more expensive items don't sell very well so she would prefer that artists bring in less expensive items.

As a special thank you to local artists; any artist who shows a current membership card from an artist group (Chaparral Artists, 29 Palms Artists' Guild, MBCAC, Morongo Valley Art Colony, etc.) prior to checkout will receive a 10% discount on all art supplies.

### Odds & Ends

*Editor*

**Jennifer Ruggiero** is one of Chaparral Artists members who won an Honorable Mention at the recent 29 Palms Art Gallery's Southland Show.

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The **annual Youth Art Shows** are coming up soon. Chaparral Artists and the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council will once again host the kindergarten through eighth grade artists at A Roadside Attraction Gallery in February. The older students will have their art at the 29 Palms Art Gallery. There will be more information made available at a later date.

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Congratulations to Chaparral Artists member **Ed Keesling** who recently received the Ruth Jansen Visual Art Educator Award from the California Art Education Association.

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Chaparral Artist member **Julianne Koza** is submitting some of her photographs for the Desert Storms Exhibit at the 29 Palms Visitor Center and Gallery.

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An exhibition of entries from the **Joshua Tree National Park 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo Contest** will be held at the Joshua Tree Visitor Center on Saturday, January 14 between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Over 40 of the photographers who participated in the contest are featured in the exhibition.

*Editor's note - Chaparral Artist member Raini Armstrong was one of the three winners.*



**Tami Roleff** poses with one of the items she bought during the Pig In A Poke at the Christmas Party. Photo by Dennis Hofelich

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Get well wishes go out to Chaparral Artists member **Ron Churchwell**.

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If you know of an upcoming event that you think our readers may be interested in please send your news via email to [chaparralartists@hotmail.com](mailto:chaparralartists@hotmail.com) and we will try to include it in our newsletter.

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Congratulations to Chaparral Artists member **Anne Lear** who won a 2<sup>nd</sup> place and an Honorable Mention at the recent 29 Palms Art Gallery's Southland Show.

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**Judith Nagel** currently has three of her photographs hanging in the main lobby of the Hi-Desert Medical Center.

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"**Desert Storms**" is the theme for the next Art in Public Places exhibition in the gallery at the **29 Palms Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce**.

Submissions for "Desert Storms" are due on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012, at the Visitor Center between 9 and 11

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a.m. An opening reception is planned for Saturday, Jan. 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center.

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Congratulations to **Mita Barter** who won the teapot that Chaparral Artists donated for the raffle held during the 29 Palms Chamber of Commerce December mixer held at Roughly Manor.



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On January 3 **Sharon George, Nancy Miehle, and Patricia Quandel** will have some of their work going into Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jodi Callahan's office at the 29 Palms Visitors Center and Gallery.

## Images of the West

*Patricia Quandel*

About a year ago I began creating "Images of the West". My first effort was a picture of David McCormick aka Briscoe Friday that I took in Pioneertown. I wanted his image to stand out from the background so decided to try something different. Since then I've taken photographs of others in period costume as well as locals who, even now, embody the image of the Old West and made them uniquely my own. Each of these creations is comprised of one or more of my photographs applied in layers.



Show Chairman Raini Armstrong poses with some of her paintings currently on display at A Roadside Attraction Gallery.

Several pieces of my collection will be on display at the High Desert Water District in Yucca Valley starting on January 12. There will be a reception on January 18 between 4:30 and 5:30 and I hope you have a chance to stop by and chat. The show will be on display until March 15 so you will still have time to see the show if you can't make it to the reception.

## Winter Display

*Editor*

I would like to thank all of the members of Chaparral Artists who submitted their work for the Winter themed display at A Roadside Attraction Gallery. This show brings together a wonderful array of art depicting various winter scenes from the deserts to the mountains and more.

Artists whose work is on display are George Antis, Raini Armstrong, Sharon George, Guila Gilmore, Ruth Hapsburg, Dennis Hofelich, Shirley James, Julianne Koza, Barbara Matheney, Jan Melchert, Nancy Miehle, Judith Nagel, Patricia Quandel, and Tami Roleff.

Thank you also goes out to the committee members who worked on this show. (Vickie Culver, Julianne Koza, Nancy Miehle, Bruce Miller and newly elected Chairman Raini Armstrong) As usual you did a great job.

I especially want to thank Raini Armstrong, Muffin Hill, Dennis Hofelich, and Nancy Miehle for keeping me company during the reception and helping to clean up afterwards. I've never gotten done so fast.

You have until January 12 to see this show before it is replaced by "Artists on Display".

## A look back at 2011

*Editor*

As I look back at 2011 I see that it has been a busy and event filled year for Chaparral Artists. Here are just a few of the highlights.

In January Chaparral Artists held

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their first monthly field trip. On that trip we visited the petroglyphs just outside the town of Joshua Tree and we had over 40 members and nonmembers take the hike. Since then we have taken trips to The Living Desert, Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, the Morongo Valley Spring Festival, the Gourd Art Festival in Fallbrook, the Lemon Lily Festival in Idyllwild, the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, the Big Bear Valley Historical Museum, and the Moonridge Animal Park in Big Bear.

KIDZ KORNER was created in A Roadside Attraction Gallery to display artwork by the young artists in the area.

Chaparral Artists & A Roadside Attraction Gallery each received certificates of appreciation from the California Art Education Association for their efforts in promoting youth art.



Jennifer Ruggiero's Honorable Mention winner at the Southland Show.

Our Spring Photography Show, Spring Art Show, and the Harvest Show were all extremely successful.

In August we started having themed shows whenever a judged show wasn't scheduled.

I wish that I could say the first themed show was planned in advance but it wasn't. I thought that I had an artist scheduled to exhibit but that fell through at practically the last minute so I thought that I would have the club photographers bring some of their work in. I thought that if I didn't have enough photos from other people then I could fill the gallery with some of my work. I shouldn't have worried because we had over 150 photographs by 16 different photographers! By having themed shows it allows the artist who only produces a few pieces of art a year

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to get their work seen by more people.

This year's paint-out was held at Mission Creek Preserve and included a potluck.

Chaparral Artists became a member of the 29 Palms Chamber of Commerce and made arrangements to have members' artwork displayed in the director's office.

A show committee was created and a show chairman was appointed.

On a sadder note; we lost some talented artists as well as family members during the year.



John & Virginia Mansfield's 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of the light contest at the Apache Mobile Home Park.

## Christmas Light Contest

*Editor*

Residents of the Apache Mobile Home Park in Yucca Valley recently had a Christmas light contest and Chaparral Artists was asked to provide the judges.

The first place winner was the home of John and Virginia Mansfield with Beurt Nygaard and Jerry Opp taking second and Brad Foxworthy taking third place.

Congratulations to all of the winners.

## Chaparral Artists Resumes Monthly Trips

*Editor*

Chaparral Artists first trip of the new year will be to the Salton Sea on January 28. A few changes are being made in planning these trips. In the past we set a date and time to meet and didn't know how many people to expect. Beginning with this trip we are requesting advance reservations.

The deadline to sign up for this trip is January 21. Chaparral Artists still doesn't charge for hosting these

trips but each person will be asked to help pay for some of the expenses. You can sign up for this trip by either calling 760-362-1976 and leaving your name and number or you can send an email to chaparralartists@hotmail.com.

## Artists on Display

*Editor*

This month Chaparral Artists and A Roadside Attraction Gallery's art show will be titled "Artists on Display". This show is open to all Chaparral Artists members and will feature various types of artwork and crafts. The only thing that you won't find in this show is photographs. Sorry fellow photographers!

If you are a Chaparral Artists member, or want to become a member you can take your artwork to A Roadside Attraction Gallery on either January 12 or 13 between 10:30 and noon or take your pieces to the Chaparral Artists meeting on January 9. (If you currently have work on display you can pick it up at the same time you drop off your new pieces.) The reception will be on Sunday, January 15, from 1:00 – 3:00. Exhibitors are asked to provide snacks for the reception.



Beurt Nygaard & Jerry Opp took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Apache Mobile Home Parks light contest.

## Winners

Winners of various prizes at the Nov. 14 meeting of Chaparral Artists were the following individuals.

Door Prize Winner – Pat Lumbattis  
50/50 Winner – Terry Meyer  
Raffle Winners  
Mies Broome (2)  
Vickie Culver

Ila Lewis  
Pat Lumbattis  
Terry Meyer (3)  
Bruce Miller (2)  
Lois Morrow  
Judith Nagel  
Kathleen Perry  
Patricia Quandel  
Myrna Riordan (2)  
Marci Vanderbilt (2)

Individuals with a number after their name won multiple prizes. **Remember that if you were a raffle winner you need to bring a prize to our January meeting for each one that you received.**



The 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner of the light contest at the Apache Mobile Home Park was the home of Brad Foxworthy.

## Christmas Party

*Editor*

Chaparral Artists and the Morongo Valley Art Colony's joint Christmas Party was a huge success with a great time held by all.

This year there weren't very many entries in the Christmas Card and Christmas Ornament Contests but the entries were exceptional. The winner of the Christmas Card Contest was Sharon George. (The original painting which her card was copied from is currently on display at A Roadside Attraction Gallery.) Dennis Hofelich was the second place winner. And; in the Christmas Ornament Contest Dennis Hofelich outdid his efforts in the Christmas Card Contest by being the first place winner with Vickie Culver taking second place.

This year Chaparral Artists' Pig In A Poke was held in conjunction with the Christmas Party and there was some pretty competitive bidding going on. Thanks to all of the contributors of Pig In A Poke items and the many bids placed each club earned \$40.00.

Ron Chuchwell usually runs the Pig In a Poke but wasn't able to

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attend the party due to illness. I'm happy to say that Pat Harfield, Nancy Miehle, and Barbara Wells Roberts did a pretty good job of filling his shoes, even though it's hard to replace Ron and we all missed him.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at next year's party.



Pat Lumbattis with two art books that she got in the Pig In A Poke. Photo by Dennis Hofelich.

### 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 during the regular business hours of Acclaim Insurance.**

### Event Calendar

**Chaparral Artists & club member events are highlighted.**

**Dec. 18, 2011 – Jan. 11, 2012**  
Chaparral Artists Winter Themed Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery  
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**Jan. 3, 2012 (9:00 – 11:00 a.m.)**  
Submissions for "Desert Storms" are due at the 29 Palms Visitor Center and Gallery  
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**Jan. 3 – Feb. 29, 2012**  
"Desert Storms" Exhibition at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery

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**Jan. 7, 2012 (3 – 5 p.m.)**  
Reception for Hilary Sloan's "American Life in Photos" at the Glass Outhouse Art Gallery in 29 Palms  
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**Jan. 7, 2012 (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)**  
Opening reception is planned for "Desert Storms" at the 29 Palms Visitor Center.  
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**Jan. 7 – 29, 2012**  
Hilary Sloan's "American Life in Photos" at the Glass Outhouse Art Gallery in 29 Palms  
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**Jan. 9, 2012 1 – 3 p.m.**  
Chaparral Artists meeting in the Joshua Tree Community Center  
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**Jan. 12 & 13, 2012 (10:30 – Noon)**

Pick up artwork from the Winter Themed Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery & drop of artwork for the Artists on Display Exhibit.  
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**Jan. 12 – Mar. 15, 2012**  
Patricia Quandel's "Images of the West" at the High Desert Water District in Yucca Valley  
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**Jan. 14, 2010 (9:00 – 11:00 a.m.)**  
Youth Art Month Workshop with Ed Keesling and Scott Monteith at the 29 Palms Art Gallery. (Ages 8 – adult) Prepare art work for art gallery showing. Learn about matting and framing. For more information call 760-367-7819 go to [www.29palmsartgallery.com](http://www.29palmsartgallery.com).  
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**Jan. 14, 2012 (5:00 – 7:00 p.m.)**  
Opening reception for an exhibition of entries in the Joshua Tree National Park 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo Contest at the Joshua Tree Visitor Center.  
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**January 15, 2012 (1 – 3 p.m.)**  
Chaparral Artists Reception for Artists on Display at A Roadside Attraction Gallery  
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**Jan. 15 – Feb. 15, 2012**



Muffin Hill & Daisy Pirot  
Photo by Dennis Hofelich.

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Chaparral Artists presents Artists on Display (everything except photographs) at A Roadside Attraction Gallery  
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**Jan. 18, 2012 (4:30 – 5:30 p.m.)**  
Reception for Patricia Quandel's "Images of the West" at the High Desert Water District in Yucca Valley  
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**Feb. 13, 2012 (1 – 3 p.m.)**  
Chaparral Artists meeting in the Joshua Tree Community Center  
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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. 15, 2012**  
Chaparral Artists Landscape Themed Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery  
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**Aug. 19 – Sept. 12, 2012**  
Chaparral Artists Photographers on Display Themed Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery  
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**Sept. 16 – Oct. 10, 2012**  
Chaparral Artists Creatures Big and Small Themed Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery