

The Chaparral Sketch



Finally, I want to thank everyone who has stopped by to see my show at the Hi Desert Water District in Yucca Valley. I've been showing my work for quite awhile but for some reason I was more nervous about this show than any other one that I've done.

Chaparral Artists to take trip to Calico

Editor

Calico is a mining town that came to life in 1881 during the largest silver strike in California. By the mid-1890's the price of silver dropped and Calico became a ghost town when all of the miners abandoned the town in search of new opportunities.

Now Calico is one of San Bernardino County's Regional Parks and is Chaparral Artists chosen destination for our excursion on February 25th. This trip like the other trips that we've taken is available to anyone who wants to go. Chaparral Artists doesn't charge to lead these trips.

Some changes have been made to our excursions. Advance reservations are now required. We will meet in one of the local fast food restaurants and those who want can have breakfast. When we have finished eating we will then caravan to our destination. (WARNING! The vehicle that I'm in stops unexpectedly so that we can take photographs of interesting things that we see.) Once we reach our destination it's not necessary to stay in a group. As long as everyone in your vehicle stays in touch with each other that's all that's necessary. Any vehicle can leave whenever they want.

Deadline to sign up for this trip is February 18th. You can sign up for

President's Palette

Patricia (Pat) Quandel

Dr. Valarie Carpenter was our guest speaker last month and she showed members some of the scrapbooks that she has created over the years. She briefly talked about creating a scrapbook on the Internet and that leads to this month's presentation.



Dr. Valarie Carpenter

Many of you have seen some of the books that I've created using the Internet. This month I'll show you various examples of books you can create as well as give you a list of on-line businesses where you can get books made.

For those of you who didn't attend last month's meeting; Chaparral Artists has instituted a new policy. It was decided that everyone should wear name tags and tags were passed out to everyone in attendance. **Members who don't wear their name tags will be fined \$50.** It's not necessary for you to wear a Chaparral Artists tag as long as you have one with your name on it.

We have so many new members as well as forgetful members (me) that the Board of Directors decided to institute the new policy. Nancy Miehle has name tags for those who don't have one.

If you don't normally attend the art shows at A Roadside Attraction Gallery I would LOVE to see you at the reception there on Sunday, February 19, between 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. This is your chance to see the work of our young artists and show your support.

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this trip by either calling 760-362-1976 and leaving your name and number and stating that you want to sign up for the trip or you can send an email to chaparralartists@hotmail.com.

Calico Ghost Town is approximately 90 miles from Yucca Valley.

Odds & Ends

Editor

Chaparral Artists members don't forget to get with your friends to prepare entries for our "Same – But Different" Show in March.

Those of you who attended the Chaparral Artists trip to The Living Desert last year are asked to submit at least one image of the blue gate photographed at the garden shop.

Editor – If you're tired of reading a newsletter with articles about me or have something that you think our readers would be interested in reading PLEASE send your articles to me.

Congratulations go out to Chaparral Artists member **Tami Roleff** who is the Managing Editor at radio station Z107.7. Tami recently won a "Golden Mike" for best radio news reporting at the 62nd Annual Golden Mike Awards, which salutes excellence in broadcast journalism. (The Golden Mike is the broadcast news equivalent to an Oscar.)

Chaparral Artist photographer **Hilary Sloane** was one of the featured performers at Desert Stories V at the Hi-Desert Cultural Center's Blak Box Theater on Saturday, January 28.

The Desert Art Center is pleased to host the **14th Annual Palm Springs Juried Art Show** in their gallery at 550 N. Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs February 3 - 25, 2012. Open 10 am to 4 pm Daily. Opening Reception and Presentation of Awards will be in the DAC Gallery on February 3 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Through Eighth Grade Art Show

The Kindergarten through Eighth grade show for Youth Art Month will be held at the Roadside Attraction Gallery, sponsored by the Chaparral Artists and the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council. This show will be juried by grade level; k-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded in each grade level and the teacher of the top student in each grade level will receive a membership in the California Art Education association. Teachers who are members of the CAEA are eligible to enter student work in the Southern Region Show, and the State show. The winning student from the state of California, a parent, and a teacher will win a trip to the national show, paid for by Sergeant.

Each student may turn in one two or three dimensional original work of art, (drawing, painting or sculpture), at the Roadside Attraction Art Gallery (located behind Acclaim Insurance in Indian Cove), **February 16 or 17, between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m.** Framed work is preferred, but MBCAC and Chaparral artists will provide mats and frames if needed.

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Did you know that the oldest living organism in the world is thought to live near Landers? It's a creosote bush ring called King Clone that's thought to be over 11,700 years old.



2011 Best of Show
"The Ghoul"
Watercolor & Ink
by Laci Malin.
5th grade

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Call for Artists to apply for a commission to paint or otherwise embellish a new Portable 29! Sculpture for Twentynine Palms. This call and \$1,000 honorarium is being sponsored by the Public Arts Advisory Committee (PAAC), and the deadline for applications is Feb. 15.

Information and an artist's application form are available on the Art in Public Places page at Twentynine Palms website: www.29palms.org.



Hilary Sloane with one of her photographs at her reception at the Glass Outhouse Gallery.

I recently received an email from Chaparral Artist member **Emilia Louisa Frasher**. She's been very busy lately but she wanted let everyone know that she now has some of her jewelry for sale at Oasis Office Supply in Yucca Valley.

95 year old local artist **Gabi von Kahrs** will be selling her watercolor paintings during an art sale Feb 18th 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Feb. 19th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00p.m. The sale will take place at her home located at 56573 Desert Gold Drive Yucca Valley. The unframed paintings will sell from \$50 for a half sheet and \$75 for a full sheet; framed pieces will go for a little more. She has hundreds of paintings to chose from that depict her travels and local desert themes – beautiful works of art. Gabi is such a treasure and will be leaving her desert home to reside in Utah. For years Gabi belonged to many of the art groups in the basin.

"Desert Wildflowers: Kaleidoscope of Color" is the spring exhibition at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center & Gallery and Chamber of Commerce from March 1 to May 31, 2012. Artists are encouraged to stretch the boundaries

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of expression and submit three-dimensional work as well as more conventional mediums. Up to three pieces per artist may be submitted, and the take-in date for the show will be Wednesday, Feb. 29, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.



Photographers Jeremy Long and Raini Armstrong at the reception for the JTNP's 75th anniversary photo contest.

Pat, Nancy & Flat Stanley's first trip of the year

Editor

When I was at the opening reception of the Joshua Tree National Park 75th Anniversary Photo Contest exhibit I met botanist and naturalist Darrell Shade. During the course of our conversation he informed me that there were already several varieties of wildflowers blooming at the south end of the park.

Nancy P. and I have both been so busy lately that we haven't had a chance to get together since we attended the Yucca Valley Gourd Festival in November and a trip to photograph wildflowers was a good way to get back into the swing of things. I contacted Nancy and we made arrangements to go on January 22.

We drove to the Cottonwood Ranger Station and spoke to one of the Park Rangers who directed us to an area less than three miles down the road. We drove there and spent two and a half hours within a few hundred feet of where we parked our car and we found over 30 varieties of wildflowers blooming.

Each year we set a goal of finding at least one wildflower that we've never seen before. Usually it's later in the season when we find one but this year we've already reached our goal. Nancy was lucky enough to find it. We stopped at the Ranger

Station on our way back and gave them a list of many of the flowers that we found. That's where we found out that we had found a Beetle Spurge. We were told that there were over 60 varieties of wildflowers blooming in the park that weekend.

It was cloudy the day of our trip and I wasn't sure if I would get any shots worth keeping but I got some shots that I thought were fantastic. I even plan to submit three of them for the Desert Wildflowers Exhibit at the 29 Palms Visitor Center and Gallery in March. I always have my favorite picture as the background on my computer and just replaced my African Lion photo with a photo of Canterbury Bells that I took on our wildflower excursion.



Beetle Spurge

Bruce Miller at the Glass Outhouse Gallery

Editor

Chaparral Artists member Bruce Miller is the latest person to have a show at the Glass Outhouse Gallery east of 29 Palms.

Bruce says "When we moved to the area, my wife said to find a house with a lot of rocks. The first half of my show will be of what's on the rocks of our ranch. The second half will be rocks we've seen in our travels."

Bruce's show will run from February 1 to 26 with the reception on Saturday, February 4 from 1:00 to 5:00.

Drawing Winners

Editor

The following individuals were the winners of our January drawing.

50/50 Winner – Mies Broome

Door Prize Winner – Dorene Fundin

Raffle Winners

Mies Broome (2)

Vickie Culver

Mae Fox (2)

Ila Lewis (2)

Pat Lumbattis (2)

Nancy Miehle

Pat Quandt

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.

Ground Control Hobbies

Editor

I had heard about Ground Control Hobbies, located in the west end of Yucca Valley, but I never got a chance to stop by and check it out until just recently. I was pleasantly surprised at the wide variety of items that they carry. If you go in you will find leather crafting items, woodworking supplies, artist

brushes, paints, sketch books, remote controlled vehicles, and much more.

In order to support our local



artists; Ground Control Hobbies owner Eddie Tucker has decided to offer any artist who shows a current artists membership card (Chaparral Artists, 29 Palms Artists' Guild, MBCAC, Morongo Valley Art Colony, etc.) prior to checkout a 10% discount on all art supplies.

A night at the theater

Editor

In January I attended the opening night of the Neil Simon play "Jake's Women" at Theatre 29. The Soroptimist International Club of Twentynine Palms sponsored the opening night with lots of wonderful food, a silent auction and drawings. (I won a bottle of wine.)

This play directed by Butch Pelfrey served to showcase some of

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the many talented actors in the Morongo Basin. From twelve year old Kayleigh Couglin to the oldest member of the cast; the performance of each person pulled you in to the story and made you forget that you were actually watching a play and not seeing into Jake's life and mind.

If you've never been to Theatre 29 I highly recommend that you give it a try. You can see a high quality play for very little money and at the same time help keep the performing arts alive in the Morongo Basin.



K. W. Heckart (Jake) relaxing after his performance on the opening night of "Jake's Women".

A visit to the Salton Sea

Editor

January 28 was the first trip of the year for Chaparral Artists. There were four of us who met in Twentynine Palms for this trip to the Salton Sea State Park Recreation Area. Even though it started out extremely windy the wind eventually died down. We were able to photograph over a dozen different bird species which included a couple of white-faced ibis and a northern shoveler. We managed to do this all at one stop.

After taking a break to eat lunch we took a vote as to where we wanted to go next. It was decided to visit the mud pots near Niland since none of us



Dottie D. & Flat Stanley had been there before. When we first arrived there was one person at the mud pots. Then gradually more people began arriving. A large group of vehicles arrived as we were leaving. I never

realized that the mud pots were so popular.

Some of the mud pots were sunk below ground level and just had bubbles



coming out while others were several feet tall and a few were shooting out mud. I had heard that some of the mud pots were hot while others were cold. I saw a couple that were steaming so I decided that I didn't want to find out if what I heard was true or not.

It turned out to be a good beginning to our monthly trips.

Editor – To find out about our next trip read the article on Calico.

My New Year's Resolution

Editor

I don't usually make New Year's resolutions but I decided that I needed to make one for this year. Last year I felt Like I was stretching myself too thin so this year I decided to slow down.

Here's how well I succeeded in January. Each week I bowled on a league and went to a doctor's appointment. In addition on January 6th I attended a Chaparral Artists Board Meeting and on the 7th I attended Hilary Sloane's reception at the Glass Outhouse Gallery where I spent two hours taking photographs. Then I spent about an hour and a half at Kim & Bill Ortamond's photographing their horses. On the 9th was Chaparral Artists' meeting and then I went back to Kim & Bill's and took some more photos. A couple of days later I took a few photos in Yucca Valley. The same week I spent two days at A Roadside



Patricia Quandel at her reception at the Hi Desert Water District. Photo by Raini Armstrong.

Attraction Gallery helping to get the new show ready. I also hung my show at the Hi Desert Water District, attended the play "Jake's Women" at Theatre 29, and attended the opening reception of the exhibit of photos at the Joshua Tree Visitor Center.

Sunday kicked off the next week with the Artists Reception of "Artists on Display" at A Roadside Attraction Gallery. Then on Monday morning I attended a workshop held by Andy Woods at the 29 Palms Art Gallery. My reception at the Hi Desert Water District was on Wednesday and I had dinner with friends afterwards. The week ended with a potluck dinner with another group of friends.

The final ten days of January started with a day trip to the south end of Joshua Tree National Park, with a trip the Salton Sea and the mud pots on the following Saturday, and finally the Morongo Basin Horsemen's Association Playday at Parkers Arena in 29 Palms.



Paintings by Pat Lumbattis at the "Artists on Display" exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery.

Of course I spent time working with my photographs and working on this newsletter. I also began working on a new line of note cards.

I probably traveled over 500 miles this month with more than 400 of those miles spent on photo excursions.

I've decided that I'm not making any more resolutions. I was so busy in January that I haven't even reviewed all of the photos I took. I'm not complaining because I enjoyed my month but I definitely didn't slow down. If anything; it

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was my busiest month yet. I don't think I was ever this busy when I worked full time.

Chaparral Artists History

Editor

Have you ever wondered about the history of Chaparral Artists? Who started the club and when did they start it?

I've been reading a couple of the club's scrapbooks from the 1980's and have been learning a lot about the history of the club. I think that many of you would be surprised by what the club has accomplished since it began almost fifty years ago in the early 1960s.

A couple of months ago there was an article in the Chaparral Sketch about Chaparral Artists' first judged art show. It's been suggested that the clubs scrapbooks be made available for review during our regular meetings. Due to the age of the books and the fact that the glue is beginning to come loose we will continue to see more historical articles about Chaparral Artists within the pages of the Chaparral Sketch instead.

Horsemen's Playday

Editor

Since I've been spending time photographing horses a friend of mine suggested that I attend the Morongo Basin Horsemen's Association Playday on January 25 at Parkers' Area in Twentynine Palms.

This was the first Playday that I had attended since I quit participating and it seemed strange to just be an onlooker. (I was going to say how many years it had been but I decided that it's too depressing to think how long it's been.)



Lori Parker

There was a nice turnout and it was fun to watch as there were riders of all skill and age levels as well as all types of horses and one mule.

I had forgotten to take a lunch but luckily Dan and Fay O'Brien, owners of Mustards Last Stand, were selling food and drinks. Even though they had the only concession their prices were reasonable. I started out by eating one hotdog. It tasted so good that by the time I was done I had eaten three! It's a good thing that I ran out of money or no telling how many I would have eaten.

I spoke to Lori Parker who, along with her husband Art, own the arena. She said that spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend the events there.

There's no charge for spectators and there's even bleachers to sit on. The next planned Morongo Basin Horsemen's Association event is scheduled for March 10 so mark it on your calendar so you can attend.

The following businesses offer discounts to artists who present their artist membership card prior to checkout.

Ground Control Hobbies

55696 29 Palms Hwy.

Yucca Valley, CA

(10% on all art supplies)

Oasis Office Supply

56925 Yucca Trail, Suite D

Yucca Valley CA

(10% on all art supplies)

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.

Jan. 3 – Feb. 29, 2012

“Desert Storms” Exhibition at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery

Jan. 12 – Mar. 15, 2012

Patricia Quandel’s “Images of the West” at the Hi Desert Water District in Yucca Valley

Jan. 15 – Feb. 15, 2012

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

Feb. 1 – 26, 2012

Bruce Miller featured at the Glass Outhouse Art Gallery in 29 Palms

Feb. 4 (1 – 5 p.m.)

Bruce Miller’s reception at the Glass Outhouse Art Gallery in 29 Palms

Feb. 10 (9 a.m. - ?)

Chaparral Artists Board Meeting

Feb. 13, 2012 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Chaparral Artists meeting in the Joshua Tree Community Center

Feb. 16 & 17 (2 – 6 p.m.)

Pick up artwork from the Artists on Display Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery & drop of artwork for Youth judged art show.

Feb. 18, 2012

Deadline to make reservations for the trip to Calico Ghost Town

Feb. 19, 2012 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Reception for Chaparral Artists & MBCAC’s Youth Judged Art Show 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

Feb. 18, 2012

Chaparral Artists trip to Calico Ghost Town

Feb. 29 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

In-take at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center & Gallery and Chamber of Commerce for "Desert Wildflowers: Kaleidoscope of Color"

Mar. 1 – May 31, 2012

"Desert Wildflowers: Kaleidoscope of Color" at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center & Gallery and Chamber of Commerce

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

May 20 – June 13, 2012

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

June 17 – July 11, 2012

Chaparral Artists Flowers Themed Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

July 15 – Aug. 15, 2012

Chaparral Artists Landscape Themed Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Aug. 19 – Sept. 12, 2012

Chaparral Artists Photographers on Display Themed Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Sept. 16 – Oct. 10, 2012

Chaparral Artists Creatures Big and Small Themed Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery