

# The Chaparral Sketch



in a new direction. Luckily for the club these four great people volunteered to take over the helm and lead us through the next year. Jan and Gordon already have some good ideas for next year and I'm really looking forward to seeing what they come up with.

One last thing; I was recently informed that Bruce Miller and his wife, Martha, will be leaving the area in the near future. They will be moving to Indiana so they can be closer to their family. We'll miss them. (Bruce was one of the people who helped convince me to run for president of Chaparral Artists after he had held that position for two years. He is also a member of the Morongo Basis Cultural Arts Council and the president of the Morongo Valley Art Colony.)

## It's Almost Here!

*Editor*

The most talked about show of the year is finally upon us!

What began as a casual comment is finally coming to fruition in this month's "Same - But Different" show. The object of this show is to present different interpretations of the same or similar subjects by one or more artists. For instance you can see different interpretations of one of the gates near the garden shop in the Living Desert, paintings by Chuck Caplinger and some of his students paintings & photographs of giraffes by artists from age 6 to over 60, and there will even be some photographs, taken by different photographers, of the schoolhouse at Calico Ghost Town.



**Dekoa  
Dennis's  
entry in  
the "Same  
- But  
Different"  
Show**

## President's Palette

*Patricia (Pat) Quandel*

We had a great turnout at our meeting last month with 43 people in attendance.

Over the next three months we will have selected club members bring in a piece of their artwork and tell a little about it and themselves. This month we will be treated to examples of artwork by Gordon Crawford, Guila Gilmore, Ed Keesling, Sunshine Laue, Pat Lumbattis, and Bruce Miller.

Last month I was very happy to present awards to two of our most dedicated



**Guila and Nancy**

members and volunteers, Guila Gilmore and Nancy Miehle. Without volunteers like these individuals I don't think Chaparral Artists would have survived this long.

Last month a vote was taken at our meeting to elect Jan Melchert as next year's President with Gordon Crawford as Vice-President and Shirley James as Secretary. Nancy Miehle would remain as Treasurer. We've strayed from the election process listed in our by-laws over the last couple of years and I think it's time to rewrite them. One thing that I don't want to see change is the rule that a person can only serve two consecutive years as president. I think this is an excellent way to introduce new ideas to the club and keep it from stagnating.

Over the last few months I've talked to several individuals whom our board members thought might be the right people to lead the club

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## The Chaparral Sketch

This will be the first of our themed shows to include art by youth artists from the Morongo Basin and I'm really excited to see them participating.

This isn't a judged show. Any Chaparral Artists member or young artist who hasn't graduated high school is invited to submit their work for this show. It's a chance for artists to show their work at no charge and for the public to see work by some of the Morongo Basin's most talented artists. All two Dimensional work must be ready to hang and we request that you try to keep your hanging art less than 30" wide due to space constraints. (I would love to see more sculptures and other 3D work.)

A minimum of two pieces of art is required for a grouping so if you have a sculpture of a cat and a painting of a cat that would work. Or, if you have a painting of a fox and a friend has created one in stained glass that would work. One person mentioned that they might display a grouping of photographs of old buildings. The only thing that we ask is that there is no risqué art since we will have young children in attendance.

You can drop off your artwork at A Roadside Attraction Gallery on either Thursday, March 15, between 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. or Friday, March 16, between 10:30 a.m. – noon. If you prefer; you can give it to me at our meeting on March 12.

The artists' reception will be on Sunday, March 18 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and the show will run until April 11.

Since this is the first show we've done like this I have no idea of exactly what we can expect to see. I've seen some of the art that will be displayed and I think it's interesting how several artists can interpret the same thing in such a



Ed Keesling framing a painting for the youth art show.

different style and still end up with a beautiful piece of art.

Don't miss this exciting show.

## Travel to Cabot's Pueblo Museum

*Editor*



Cody Riddle, Flat Stanley, & Austin King at the Youth Art Show Reception

This month we will be staying a little closer to home with Chaparral Artists' trip to Cabot's Pueblo Museum in Desert Hot Springs on March 24.

In 1939 Cabot Yerxa began construction on his four-story, 35 room pueblo-style home and worked on it until his death in 1965. The structure is constructed from found and reclaimed objects.

After Cabot's death his home was abandoned. The property was eventually purchased by Cole Eyraud, an acquaintance of Cabot, who helped restore the Pueblo to its historic state. After Eyraud's death his family donated the property to the city of Desert Hot Springs to continue as a historic museum and art gallery.

The museum is open from 9:00 – 4:00 and has guided tours hourly from 9:30 – 3:30. Sorry, no self-guided tours. Tickets are first come/first served and prices range from \$9.00 - \$11.00.

The deadline to sign up for this trip is March 24. Chaparral Artists still doesn't charge for hosting these trips and you don't have to be a member to accompany us. We only ask that you help pay for the gas of the individual you are riding with.

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. If you need a ride or have room available in your vehicle let us know when you make your reservation. Once we reach our destination it's not necessary to stay in a group. All that we ask is that you leave with the same people you arrived with unless Other arrangements are made. I

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would hate to accidentally leave someone behind.

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

## February Drawing Winners

*Editor*

The following individuals were the winners of our February drawing.

**50/50** – Sherri Barrett

**Door Prize** – Janice Westfall

**Raffle Winners**

Jennie Boyer

Mies Broome

June Fingler

Dorene Fundin

Dennis Hofelich

Diane Stroble (2)

Julia Turpening (2)

Dominic Westfall

Janice Westfall

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 March meeting for each one that you received.**



Kathleen Perry – Riverside Fair Winner Courtesy Photo

## Youth Art Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

*Editor*

This year we had fewer entries in our kindergarten to eighth grade show with only 18 artists participating. I believe that the elimination of the arts programs in many schools has helped contribute to this decline. The show for the older students at the 29 Palms Art Gallery had 179 artists. I understand

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that Bruce Hamilton, an art instructor at Yucca Valley High School, brought in art from 107 of his students. I've heard rumors that the art programs may also be abolished in some of our high schools. It would be a shame for that to happen because we have so many talented young artists in the area and they need all of the help we can give them.

Anyway, back to our show. Even though the number of participants was low we had some wonderful art. Our judge was well-know local artist Anne Lear who thoroughly enjoyed judging the show. She had wanted to attend our awards ceremony and reception but unfortunately wasn't able to make it.

This year we were able to frame all hanging pieces of art that we received unframed. This was thanks to donations from Chaparral Artists and the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council. It really made a difference in how the art looked and I want to thank Raini Armstrong, Ed Keesling, and Nancy Miehle for the excellent work that they did.

Congratulations to the winners and participants of this show. Below are the award winners.

**Best of Show**

Cody Riddle for her painting "Dark Water"



Judge Anne Lear next to the Best of Show winner at the youth art show.

**Kindergarten thru 2nd Grade 2D**

- 1st – Carly Brimhall
- 2nd – Austin Martinez
- 3rd – Rachael McArthur

**Honorable Mention**

Dekoa Dennis

**3rd Grade thru 5th Grade 2D**

- 1st – Cody Riddle
- 2nd – Hannah Rhodes
- 3rd – Loryn Brimhall

**Honorable Mention**

Braden Brimhall  
Paige McArthur

**Other Entries**

Alexis James Coffie

Brianna Morrow  
Angelina Quirante  
Angela Shepard

**3rd Grade thru 5th Grade 3D**

- 1st – Cole Banas
- 2nd – Ryan Luff
- 3rd – Nicholas Councill

**6th Grade thru 8th Grade 3D**

- 1st – Matthew Councill
- 2nd – David Martin

**Teachers awarded a membership in the California Art Education Association**

Michele Banas  
Mrs. Bowdan  
Gretchen Grunt  
Cindi King

Ribbons were provided by Chaparral Artists and the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council. Winners of the first, second, and third place entries in each division received a cash award from Chaparral Artists. Memberships in the California Art Education Association were provided by Ed Keesling, Patricia Quandel, Chaparral Artists, and the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council.

Last but not least I want to thank Ground Control Hobbies for providing a \$25.00 gift certificate for our Best of Show winner, Cody Riddle.

I have to say how encouraging it was to see all of the people who attended our reception in support of our young artists.

**Earth Through A Lens**

*Dennis Hofelich*

Recently I got an email with the results on the international photo contest that I entered months ago. No, I didn't win but I think I did very well. It is a big achievement to just get picked from the hundreds of entries, and on to the final round with one photo. I got two photos in the final round. One named "Hoover Dam" placed 17th and one named "Discarded Tech" got 28th place. As a result of the placement I will have two large printed and

framed pictures displayed at the Rancho Mirage Library for several months and they will also be displayed at the Museum of modern photography in San Diego. You can go to [www.earththroughalens.com](http://www.earththroughalens.com) to see my photographs as well as the other finalists.

**Editor's Note – This is only the third year that the city of Palm Springs, CA has held this event and Dennis is the first member of Chaparral Artists to have any of their work selected for display.**

**Odds & Ends**

*Editor*

Three members of Chaparral Artists received awards for entries in this year's Riverside



Judith Nagel  
Courtesy Photo

County Fair and National Date Festival. **Bruce Miller** received an Honorable Mention in Non-traditional Pets & Animals Color for his photograph "Confrontation", while **Judith Nagel** won First Place in Non-traditional Pets & Animals B&W as well as the Supervisor's Award for her photograph "Is This Really Necessary". The only non-photographer of the three was **Katholeen Perry** who won First Place in Traditional-Drawing with "After the Hunt" and an Honorable Mention in Traditional-Portraits with "Best Friends Forever".

Congratulations to all three.

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On the last Thursday of each month Whitakers Art Supply has a **Crafter and Artist Meet and Greet** from 10 a.m. to noon. There is no charge for these events and everyone is encouraged to stop by. Owner Dawn Whitaker says "This will be a great time for all of us to share art and craft ideas and to meet new people!"

Whitakers Art Supply is located at 5684 Historic Plaza in Twentynine Palms.



Bruce Miller at his show at the Glass Outhouse Gallery in February

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Right now you can see artwork by Chaparral Artists Raini Armstrong, Sharon George, Deane Locke and Patricia Quandel hanging in the director's office at the 29 Palms Visitor Center, Gallery & Chamber of Commerce.

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I recently received this note from Melissa Sabol from Oasis Office Supply in Yucca Valley.

"We will make a custom order for all the supplies needed for your art classes AND we will extend a 15% off discount to your students for those supplies. We also support artists who are local, selling art in our store. Please call so we may help! (760-365-1773)"

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The Morongo Valley Art Colony will host their annual Spring Show on Saturday, March 31 in conjunction with the Morongo Valley Spring Festival. Artists of all manner may submit their work on Wednesday, March 21st during the Colony's meeting or from 10:00-2:00 on Thursday, March 29th at the Gallery, 11165 Vale Drive, Covington Park.

Entry fees for this judged show are: \$10/entry for each non-member's entry; and \$6 for the first entry and \$3 for each additional entry from Colony Members.

Subject art will be judged in the following categories: Animal, Vegetable, Mineral, and other (includes abstract, manipulated photography and unclassifiable three dimensional art). The Colony reserves the right to add sub-categories if volume warrants.

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Not too long ago I received an email from a friend telling me about a great

idea for when the power goes off at night. (We've had a lot of that in the last few months.)

You know those inexpensive solar lights that you have stuck in the ground by your driveway or sidewalk? If your power goes off at night you can bring some of those into your house and stick them in a vase or bottle and distribute them throughout your home. They should stay lit all night and you just need to put them back outside to recharge.

Now if I can just remember to set my extra lights outside to charge.

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"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" Exhibition

On Display March 10 – April 27, 2012

Opening Reception Friday, March 9, 5:00-7:00 PM

Hi-Desert Nature Museum 57116 29 Palms Highway Yucca Valley, CA 92284

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Joshua Tree Through the Lens (outdoor adult class) – Grab your camera and put on your hiking boots for this intensive all-day photo shoot in Joshua Tree National Park! Craig Fucille will guide the class in seeing the natural beauty of the park through the camera lens. The class will begin with a special "photographers only" session at Keys Ranch, focusing on how to capture the buildings and historic remnants of this remarkable homestead.

Date/Time: Saturday, March 10, 6:30 am– 5:30 pm

Meet at: Joshua Tree Visitor Center, 6554 Park Blvd., Joshua Tree, CA 92252

Credit Fee: \$110 (\$100 for JTNPA/PINE members)

Noncredit Fee: \$60 (\$50 for JTNPA/PINE members)

Classes are open to all skill levels. Contact the Desert Institute for catalog, information and registration: 760-367-5535 or www.joshuatree.org

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Condolences go out to former Chaparral Artists member Sonja Arnel and her family. Sonja's

husband, Tom, passed away on February 3rd after a long illness.

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Congratulations to Judith Nagel who was selected as the January Artist of the Month by the CCoachella Valley Desert Camera Club for her photograph "Joshua Tree at Sunset".



Courtesy Photo

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Morongo Valley Spring Fiesta 2012 to be held March 31, 2012 at Covington Park Morongo Valley in conjunction with Big Morongo Canyon Preserve. There will be vendors, FFA "burrito" breakfast from 9am-11am, children's games, art, exhibits. For information or free vendor table application contact Debbie Harris (760) 861-8765 or Charlie Cioffi (760) 985-3607.

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Congratulations to Guila Gilmore and Muffin Hill who were honored by the Morongo Basin Senior Support Center for the volunteer work that they do for the seniors.

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Braden Brimhall poses with his entry from this year's Youth Art Show

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Photography Up Close and Personal (adult class) – Record the intricacy of the desert using macro photography in this two-day field class. Spelman Evans Downer will teach participants the secrets of small-scale picture composition and encourage development of unique photographic styles. The field session in the park will explore the

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landscape focusing on flowers, insects, and detail-oriented compositions.

Date/Time: Friday, March 23, 7 pm – 9 pm & Saturday, March 24, 9:45 am – 6:30 pm

Meet at: Copper Mountain College, Room 219, 6162 Rotary Way, Joshua Tree, CA

Fee: \$85 (\$75 for JTNPA/PINE members)

Classes are open to all skill levels. Contact the Desert Institute for catalog, information and registration: 760-367-5535 or [www.joshuatree.org](http://www.joshuatree.org)

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You can see artwork by Chaparral Artists members **Ronnie Besase, Chuck Caplinger, Dennis Hofelich, Shirley James, Julianne Koza, Patricia Quandel, Tami Roleff, and Marci Vanderbilt** in the “Desert Wildflowers: Kaleidoscope of Color” show at the 29 Palms Visitor Center and Gallery.

## K-8 Youth Art Show reception

*Raini Armstrong*

The turnout for this month's Grades K-8 Art Show reception was most wonderful. Friends, family and art appreciators alike came out in support of the youth in our lovely desert communities. There may have been fewer entries this year, compared to the last, at a total of 18 works of art, but the pieces did not lack the love and excitement that I like seeing in youth artwork. And "Kid's Corner", a part of the gallery that has been dedicated to celebrating youth art year round, has grown over the last few days and now flourishes with vibrant works that bring a smile to anyone's face.



**Dekoa Dennis – Photo by Raini Armstrong**

(It was fun taking pictures, don't know if I'm good at it though lol. It

is a bit challenging working in that sort of time frame where people are moving around, or kids don't want to stay still... or smile :) I always try to practice that sort of photography during family gatherings but it is never perfect. I put the nice ones in an online hidden gallery since there were quite a few:

[http://raini.smugmug.com/Interests/Gallery-Shows/February-19-2012/21547927\\_WTsjBt#!p=1&n=12](http://raini.smugmug.com/Interests/Gallery-Shows/February-19-2012/21547927_WTsjBt#!p=1&n=12)

*Editor's note – Raini is an award winning photographer and artist as well as being Chaparral Artists Show Chairman. Be sure to check out her postings.*

## Whitaker's Art Supply

*Editor*



One of the newest businesses in the Morongo Basis is Whitaker's Art Supply which recently opened in the Historic Plaza in Twentynine Palms.

I finally got a chance to stop by and chat with owner Dawn Whitaker.

Besides being a shop owner Dawn is also an artist and she saw a need for a place in Twentynine Palms where artists and crafters could purchase their supplies without leaving town.

The store offers items for scrapbooking, sewing, beading, painting, drawings, teachers' supplies, as well as collectable sports cards and other items. If you don't find what you are looking for there is a “Wish List” that is posted near the door and Dawn will do her best to get it for you. She can even do special orders.

While I was in the store Dawn greeted a mother and daughter who were first time visitors to the store. She offered her assistance and advice as to what would be the best buy (not the most expensive) for the child's crafting project. Another person came in to pick up a special order for a type of yarn that no one in the Morongo Basin supplies. She doesn't like traveling down to the

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low desert and was really happy to be able to get what she wanted locally.

Dawn wants to do all she can to help our local artists and crafters and would like the store to become like a “mini-Michaels”. **In addition she is offering at 10% discount on everything they carry to any artist who presents a valid artist membership card prior to checkout.**

*Editor's note - (One of my pet peeves is to walk into one of our local businesses and be completely ignored or treated rudely. There are a few places in the area that have treated me that way and I haven't gone back. On the other hand there are other places where the employees have gone above and beyond with the service they've offered and that's the impression I received at Whitaker's Art Supply.)*



**Angelina Quirante with her entry at the Youth Art Show**

**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% off on all art supplies)**

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### **Oasis Office Supply**

56925 Yucca Trail, Suite D  
Yucca Valley CA

**(10% off on all art supplies)**

**(Custom orders for all the supplies needed for your art classes with a 15% off discount to your students for those supplies.)**

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### **Whitaker's Art Supply**

5684 Historic Plaza  
Twentynine Palms, CA

**(10% off everything in the store)**

**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. 12 – Mar. 15**

Patricia Quandel's "Images of the West" at the Hi Desert Water District in Yucca Valley  
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**Feb. 19 – Mar. 14**

Chaparral Artists & MBCAC's Youth Judged Art Show (K- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) at A Roadside Attraction Gallery  
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Carly Brimhall with her entry at the Youth Art Show  
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**Mar. 1 – May 31**

"Desert Wildflowers: Kaleidoscope of Color" at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center & Gallery and Chamber of Commerce  
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**Mar. 9 (9 a.m.)**

Chaparral Artists Board Meeting  
**CANCELLED**  
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**Mar. 9, (5 – 7 p.m.)**

"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle"  
Reception at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum  
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**Mar. 10 (6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)**

Joshua Tree Through the Lens Outdoor Adult Class in Joshua Tree National Park  
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**Mar. 10 – Apr. 27**

"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" Exhibit at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum  
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**Mar. 12 (1 – 3 p.m.)**

Chaparral Artists meeting in the Joshua Tree Community Center  
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**Mar. 15 (2 – 6 p.m.)**

**& Mar. 16 (10:30 a.m. – noon)**  
Pick up artwork from the Youth Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery & drop off artwork for The Same – But Different Themed Exhibit  
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**Mar. 18 (1 -3 p.m.)**

Chaparral Artists Reception for The Same – But Different Themed Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery  
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**Mar. 18 – Apr. 11**

Chaparral Artists The Same – But Different Themed Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery  
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**Mar. 23 (7 p.m. – 9 p.m.)**

**& Mar. 24 (9:45 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.)**  
Photography Up Close and Personal Adult Class at Copper Mountain College & Joshua Tree National Park  
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**Mar. 29 (10 a.m. – noon)**

Crafter and Artist Meet and Greet at Whitakers Art Supply in Twentynine Palms  
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**Mar.29 (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)**

Drop off artwork for Morongo Valley Art Colony Spring Show at Covington Park in Morongo Valley.  
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**Mar. 31**

Morongo Valley Spring Fiesta 2012 & Morongo Valley Art Colony Spring Show at Covington Park in Morongo Valley

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**Apr. 15 – May 16**

Chaparral Artists Spring Open Judged Photography Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery  
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**Apr. 28 or 30 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**

Pick up artwork from "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" exhibition at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum  
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**May 20 – June 13**

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

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

Chaparral Artists Landscape Themed Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery  
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**Aug. 19 – Sept. 12**

Chaparral Artists Photographers on Display Themed Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery  
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Bruce Miller's entry from the Riverside County Fair – Courtesy Photo  
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**Sept. 16 – Oct. 10**

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



Loryn Brimhall with her entry at the Youth Art Show