

The Chaparral Sketch



Don't forget that we're looking for articles from our readers. You don't need to be a member to contribute.

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President's Palette Notes from the Editor

Patricia (Pat) Quandel

Even though this space is supposed to contain a message from the Chaparral Artists president; frankly I can't think of a thing to say as president. So this month I'll have 'Notes from the Editor' instead of 'President's Palette'.

Some months I have a difficult time deciding what to write about. Luckily there is so much happening each month that I don't have a problem finding subjects but I have a problem putting my impressions on paper (make that 'on the computer'). This month I thought I was doing pretty well and had even written a few articles early in the month. For some reason I had too many things going at once and accidentally deleted my articles. Needless to say I was pretty angry with myself.

This month in 'Odds & Ends' you'll find several events taking place though out the summer sponsored by various groups and organizations. I've tried to include a wide range of events so that there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Dennis Hofelich and Julianne Koza both sent me photographs that they recently took. Dennis got several nice shots of a young bighorn ram at Barker Dam in Joshua Tree National Park while Julianne managed to photograph some great horned owls near her home. You can see some of these photos in this month's newsletter.

If you are a Chaparral Artists member or youth artist who would like to share your work just email a copy of your art and we'll try to include it in one of our newsletters.



Quilt by Barbara Wells-Roberts currently on display at the Chaparral Artists "Flowers" show.

Volunteer! Editor

Do you want to feel a sense of accomplishment after doing only a couple of hours of work AND get to meet artists and see

their work before the general public gets the chance? Then I have a deal for you!

We're looking for people to help hang our art shows at A Roadside Attraction Gallery. We have an extremely talented Show Chairman (Raini Armstrong) as well as a few good committee members but we need a few more. It would be helpful if you could spare even one hour a month.

Once a month there are two days when the shows are changed. The first day is on a Thursday between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Then on Friday intake is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. On Friday the final work is done after intake and that could take up to a couple of hours.

Send an email to chaparralartists@gmail.com letting us know which day and times you will be available to help.

Thursday 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 Friday 10:30 a.m. – Noon
 Friday Noon – ?

Current committee members please confirm that day and times that you're available.

Dee Hassan Remembered Editor

On June 13 Chaparral Artists member Dee Hassan lost her fight with cancer.



Photo by
Julianne Koza

Dee was an award-winning watercolor artist who shared her knowledge of art by teaching watercolor classes. Even though Dee is gone her memory will live on in her work.

Condolences go out to all of Dee's family and friends.

Donations may be made in her name, Dorothy 'Dee' Hassan Dupont, to the Morongo Basin Humane Society, 4646 Sunview Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92252.

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Trip to the Palm Springs Art Museum

Editor

This month we return to Palm Springs for another fun filled day. This time we will be going to the Palm Springs Art Museum on July 28th.

The Palm Springs Art Museum is one of the outstanding mid-size art museums in the country. Established in 1938 as a museum about the desert it has grown to include at least fourteen permanent collections with works ranging from Mesoamerican artifacts, Native American baskets, paintings, sculptures, photographs, and much more. In addition they have rotating exhibits, a gift shop, the Muse Café and a sculpture garden.

If you are looking for a COOL place to spend a day this is the place to go.



One of the painting by Deane Locke currently on display at the Hi-Desert Water District

The deadline to sign up for this trip is July 14th.

Chaparral Artists 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 if you aren't taking your own vehicle.

We will meet in one of the local

fast food restaurants and 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.

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. You will be contacted with the time and location of where we'll be meeting.

I hope to see you there.

Museum Admission

- Free to members, and youths 12 and under
- \$12.50 adults
- \$10.50 seniors 62 and over
- \$5.00 for students
- FREE for active duty military personnel and their families with I.D.
- Free public admission every Thursday from 4 - 8 pm during downtown Villagefest.
- FREE admission the second Sunday of every month
- Free admission to AAM, NARM, and WMA members with I.D.

Landscapes on Display

Editor

This month's show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery features landscapes in various mediums. This is NOT a judged show and it's free of charge to members of Chaparral Artists or any young artist who hasn't graduated high school. We are looking for paintings, drawings, photographs, stained glass, sculptures, wood art, quilts and any other artistic landscapes that you may have created.



Landscape by Patricia Quandel

We are asking all exhibitors to limit their work to no more than 12 pieces. Depending on the number of artist submissions we may

need to limit each exhibitor's submissions even farther. Please keep all hanging entries to less than 36" wide.

Artists can drop off your artwork on either Thursday, July 12th 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. or Friday, July 13th, 10:30 a.m. – noon. You can also pick up your artwork from the last show. **NO EARLY PICK UP OR DROP OFF WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE SHOW COMMITTEE.**

Everyone is invited to attend the Artists' Reception on Sunday, July 15th, from 1:00 p.m. – 3 p.m. where you have the opportunity to meet the artists and enjoy some light snacks.

The show will be on display through August 15th.

End of Season Party

Editor

In June a Mexican themed potluck in Morongo Valley marked the official end of the season for Chaparral Artists and Morongo Valley Art Colony.



Guila Gilmore was once again in charge of decorations. As usual she did an outstanding job creating table decorations and her paintings were phenomenal. She had help decorating the room but I forgot to get the names of her assistants.

Guila Gilmore with a couple of the paintings that she created for the party.

Besides being an excellent opportunity for the two groups to get together and share good food and conversation the 2012/2013 officers for both groups were announced.

The new officers for Chaparral Artists are Jan Melchert (President), Gordon Crawford (Vice-President), Shirley James (Secretary), and Nancy Miehle (Treasurer).

The new officers for the Morongo Valley Art Colony are Cena Rasmussen (President), Tami Roleff (Vice-President), and Sharon George (Treasurer). The position of Secretary hasn't been filled yet.

Ron Churchwell provided gifts for the free drawing and guest Leslie Shaw, from the Hi-Desert Star, chose the lucky winners who were Lee Blaker, Dorene Fundin, Pat Harfield, Sandy Morris, and Caroline Von Flue.

Thank you to everyone who made this day so enjoyable.

By the way; even though Chaparral Artists won't have any meetings in July or August we'll still have our monthly art shows and sponsored trips.

A New Alien Invasion

Editor

Most people who live in our area as well as in other parts of the desert southwest are aware of the problems created by the Sahara Mustard, Brassica tournefortii, a non native plant that is believed to have entered the United States in the early 1920's as either a contaminant in crop seed or as a contaminant of imported live date palms.

When the Sahara Mustard invades an area it chokes out the native plants and increases the risk of fire damage. The first reported plant was found in the Coachella Valley in 1927 and now it has spread from California to Texas as well as into Mexico.

Now we have another invader entering Southern California.

In March I traveled to Laughlin, Nevada. Normally at that time of year I see lots of flowers blooming along the way. But; this year there weren't very



Rocket Garden Mustard

many. However, I found a patch of flowers blooming near Goffs, California that I had never seen before and wasn't able to find in any of my wildflower books. I sent local wildflower experts Darrell Shade and Bill Truesdale a couple of photos that I took and they were able to identify the plant as a type of mustard. I determined that it is the Rocket Garden Mustard, Eruca vesicaria subsp. sativa. Since its invasion

hasn't been as aggressive as the Sahara Mustard; it isn't as well known. This weed has been found in the Gila Bend area of Arizona for several years and its range is expanding. It causes the same problems as the Sahara mustard by choking out native plants and increasing the risk of providing fuel for fires. Its dead plants can remain standing for a year or more.



Photo by Dennis Hofelich

I believe that we need to try and stop the spread of this invader as quickly as possible. So if anyone knows the proper steps we should take please send your information to chaparralartists@gmail.com or call 760-362-1976.

Odds & Ends

Editor

Have you paid your membership dues for Chaparral Artists the 2012/2013 season?

Annual membership dues are still only \$25.00 per person with couples at \$35.00 and each additional family member an added \$5.00. You can become a corporate member for \$70.00 and students, up to and including 12th grade, can become a member for free. You can mail your membership fees to Chaparral Artists, PO Box 2202, Joshua Tree, CA 92252 or bring it with you to one of our meetings.

The Associated Artists of the Inland Empire are having their 48th Annual Fall Juried Fine Art Show & Festival in Rancho Cucamonga on September 7th, 8th, and 9th.

Muffin Hill has volunteered to take artwork down to the show on September 5th. If you would like her to deliver your artwork please contact her at 760-367-9700 no later than August 20.

You must mail your entry fees and registration form to Associated



Mae Fox with her stained glass window which is currently on display at the Chaparral Artists "Flowers" show.

Artists no later than August 18.

A copy of the registration form is included with this newsletter.

Call for Artists to Paint Outhouse Race Prizes for 29 Palms Pioneer Days - The Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce would like to send a shout out to the artist community to bring back the painted toilet seats as first, second and third place prizes for the Outhouse Races for Pioneer Days in October.

Any Basin area artists who are interested in this, please contact Jodi or Rachael at 760-367-3445.

It is with pleasure that we announce the Arts Council (MBCAC) and Donation = Creation Art Store will be moving into the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce office and gallery space this summer! Donation = Creation will hold a summer moving sale of 20% off all donated and gently used items through July. Stop by and stock up on art books, frames, craft supplies, canvas, paint and more!

The Joshua Tree Chamber has partnered with us to share the new office, which is larger and will better suit our needs. The Joshua Tree Chamber will still maintain an office in the unit and split the back meeting room with us, while we take over the whole store front gallery space. The facility has been designed and rehabbed by the Joshua Tree Chamber as a place for artists.

We plan to close the office for the last week of July to move, and will re-open at the new location on

August 1. We will announce an Open House party for sometime early September. Our new address will be: 6448 Hallee Rd. #9/10, Joshua Tree, CA 92252. [760-366-2226](tel:760-366-2226), info@mbcac.org, and the PO Box remains the same: PO Box 643 Joshua Tree, CA 92252.



Leslie Shaw at the Chaparral Artists & Morongo Valley Art Colony Potluck.

Also, visit our web site at hwy62art.com to keep up to date with our progress,

renew your membership, and submit member news and event information

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before noon Thursdays, to be included in the weekly Newsflash.

Thank you,
Cheryl Kandel
President, MBCAC

"Seussical the Musical" at Theatre 29. "SUESSICAL" will run Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00 From June 29 until July 28 with a Thursday show at 7:00 pm July 12, and a Sunday matinee at 2:30 pm July 22. Tickets for the five-week run are available online at www.theatre29.org or by calling the Theatre 29 box office at 760-361-4151. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors and military; and \$8 for students.

Theatre 29, a 501 (3) non-profit all-volunteer Community Theatre, is located at 73637 Sullivan Road, (right around the corner from Barr Lumber) in the City of Twentynine Palms.

The Old West re-enactment group **Mane Street Stampede** performs a Wild West show every Saturday at 2:30 pm in front of the bowling alley on Mane Street in Pioneertown.

The volunteer group provides family-friendly free shows through October 27.

For more information, inquiries about membership or donations for this not-for-profit group, contact John Henry, 760-831-5928, or Scotty, 760-567-7750, or visit www.manestreetstampede.com.

The Town of **Yucca Valley** presents the **Summer Music Festival**, with free live music every Saturday this summer at the Yucca Valley Community Center Ballfield at 7:00 p.m.

July 7 - There Be Pirates (pirate songs & sea shanties)

July 14 - Silverado (country western)

July 21 - Blue Daddy (blues, R & B, jazz)

July 28 - The Answer (classic rock)

August 4 - South Bound (Buddy Holly Tribute)

August 11 - Dublin Up! (shamrockabilly, Irish, swing)



Photo by
Dennis Hofelich

It's recommended that you bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Wanted: Energetic volunteers! **The Desert Institute** has opportunities for Field Class Representatives, Lecture Series Hosts, Social Media Contributors, and for the really active - Extreme

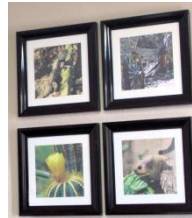
Hike Assistants. There is no minimum time commitment; you can tailor your participation to your areas of interest and schedule. As an active volunteer, you can enroll in one program per season free of charge. The Desert Institute will be offering extensive training in August for all new and returning volunteers, which includes Red Cross First Aid. For more information, please contact Kevin Wong, Desert Institute Program Coordinator, at 760 367-5539 or desertinstitute@joshuatree.org.

Otter Smith-Martinez will be teaching a **class on basket weaving** in Covington Park in Morongo Valley on July 21. The class will be held outside and begins at 9:00 a.m. and will last approximately two hours. (The class was previously scheduled for 10:00 a.m.) Cost is \$10.00 per person. Students need only to bring a pair of scissors. All other supplies will be provided. Reservations required. Make your reservations at

ottersmithmartinez@yahoo.com.
Class size is limited.

Congratulations to Chaparral Artists member **Chuck Caplinger** who is the 2012/2013 President of the 29 Palms Chamber of Commerce.

The City of Twentynine Palms Park and Recreation Department will again present **FREE** family-friendly movies in Luckie Park on Thursday nights this summer until July 26. Movies begin at 8:30 p.m. and are shown on the north wall of the racquetball court building in



Patricia Quandel
photos from Moorten
Botanical Garden
currently on display
in the waiting room
of Align the Spine
Chiropractic

Luckie Park, off Utah Trail at Joe Davis Drive.

Movies remaining in this season:

July 5 - Dolphin Tale

July 12 - Happy Feet Two

July 19 - The Adventures of Tin

Tin

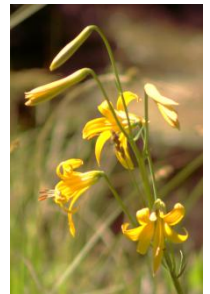
July 26 - The Muppets

Movie goers are invited to bring a blanket, lawn chairs, family and friends and enjoy summer Thursday evenings at the movies in Luckie Park. Admission is free, thanks to local sponsors, and concessions are available for snacks and beverages. For more information, contact the Park and Recreation Dept. at (706)367-7562.

Lemon Lily Festival

Editor

If you have some free time the weekend of July 21 & 22 I highly recommend that you take the time to travel to Idyllwild for their third annual Lemon Lily Festival. Last July Chaparral Artists hosted a trip to the festival and we had a great time.



Lemon Lily

Special events for the weekend include music, botanist-led hikes and talks, arts, crafts and much more. Most of the festival events take place at the Idyllwild Nature Center at 25225 Hwy. 243 but there are also events taking place in town.

The Lemon Lily Festival provides free shuttle service to the various events. I've been advised that if you want to use the shuttle your best bet

is to park near the center of town and catch the shuttle from the Lemon Lily Festival Information Booth which will be located on the closed street between The Fort and Jo'An's Restaurant.

The hours for the festival are 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. on both days.



Lemon Lily quilt being raffled at this year's Lemon Lily Festival

If you would like more information you can go to the festival's website at www.lemonlilyfestival.com.

The Grands

Editor

In September Muffin Hill will be hanging an art show featuring grandparents and their grandchildren at the Department of Aging & Adult Services in San Bernardino. This show will be called "The Grands". So if you're an artistic grandparent age fifty or older and have a grandchild under age eighteen who is also creative; Muffin would like to receive artwork from you for this show.

This show isn't restricted to residents of a specific state, county, town, or even country and can be any type of hanging art or photograph.



Running Horse by Bridgett Walters

Each piece of work must be a minimum frame size of 11"x14", framed and wired, and have the entrant's name age, city & state, and title of work.

For more information or to make arrangements to get your work delivered to Muffin you can contact her at 760-367-9700.

By the way, this ISN'T a judged show.

Flower Show Recap

Editor

The Chaparral Artists Flower Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery is another great example of how artistic our members are. This show has everything from paintings, to photographs, collages, quilts, and stained glass creations that all depict the theme of the show.

If you haven't done so already you have until July 11th to see this show.

I personally want to thank Raini Armstrong and Julianne Koza for putting together another great show.

Botanical Garden Excursion

Editor

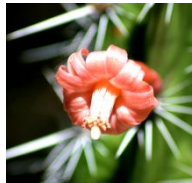


Dottie Davis & Flat Stanley

On May 26th Chaparral Artists hosted a trip to the Moorten Botanical Garden in Palm Springs.

The botanical garden specializes in succulents from all over the world but there are other things to see like the desert tortoises, bits & pieces of machinery, other types of plants and trees, and much more. I was surprised that some plants were in bloom, including a night blooming cereus that had flowers open in the late morning. Evidently you can find something in bloom at almost any time of the year.

If you're in the Palm Springs area and have a couple of hours to spare I recommend that you use the time to take a stroll through the Moorten Botanical Garden.



One of the cactus flowers at Moorten Botanical Garden

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)

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.)

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.

New Display

Editor

The Hi-Desert Medical Center along with Volunteer Public Art Coordinator Muffin Hill has added a grouping of nine pieces of artwork to the Emergency Waiting Room. Like the artwork in the main lobby and across from the nurse's station these pieces are provided free of charge by the artists.

This is the statement that Muffin Hill provided on the artwork.

"All artwork is original. Hannah is four and finger painted "purple maze" especially for this project. Trapper is 18 and retired from stage and screen. Baby giraffe lives and plays at The Living Desert; and Rosie makes mayhem in Palm Springs."



Column 1
Bill Sanders "Trapper" Beaumont, CA, Walter Lawson "Future World Leaders" Yucca Valley CA, Nancy Brinkley "Self Portrait" Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Column 2
Dennis Hofelich "Nolina -JTNP" Yucca Valley, CA, Patricia Quandt "Fetch" Twentynine Palms, CA, Suzanne Burton "Green in the Desert" Joshua Tree, CA

Column 3
Guila Gilmore "From Guila's Garden" Yucca Valley, CA, Hannah Cusack "Purple Maze" Yucca Valley, CA, Judith Nagel "Rosie" Palm Springs, CA



Photo by
Julianne
Koza

Event Calendar

*Chaparral Artists & club
member events are
highlighted.*

**The next regularly scheduled
Chaparral Artists meeting will be
at the Joshua Tree Community
Center on September 10 at 1:00
p.m.**

Now 17 – July 11
Chaparral Artists Flower Themed
Exhibit at A Roadside Attraction
Gallery

Now – July 28
"Seussical the Musical"
at Theatre 29
For show dates and tickets go to
www.theatre29.org or call the
Theatre 29 box office
at 760-361-4151.

Now – Aug. 26
The 29 Palms Artists Guild
members show at the 29 Palms Art
Gallery

Now – Aug. 31
Desert Nights show on display at the
Twentynine Palms Visitor Center &
Gallery and Chamber of Commerce
in Twentynine Palms.

**Every Saturday at 2:30
thru Oct.27**
Mane Street Stampede performs a
Wild West show in Pioneertown.

July 5 (8:30 p.m.)
Dolphin Tale
at Lucky Park in 29 Palms

July 7 (7:00 p.m.)
There Be Pirates (pirate songs & sea
shanties) at Yucca Valley
Community Center Ballfield

**July 12 (4 – 6 p.m.)
& July 13 (10:30 a.m. – noon)**

Pick up artwork from the judged
Spring Art Show at A Roadside
Attraction Gallery & drop off
artwork for the Flower Themed
Exhibit

July 12 (8:30 p.m.)
Happy Feet Two
at Lucky Park in 29 Palms

July 15 (1 – 3 p.m.)
Chaparral Artists Reception for
Landscapes on Display at
A Roadside Attraction Gallery

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

July 19 (8:30 p.m.)
The Adventures of Tin Tin
at Lucky Park in 29 Palms

July 21 (9:00 a.m.)
Basket weaving class
in Covington Park

July 21 (7:00 p.m.)
Blue Daddy (blues, R & B, jazz) at
Yucca Valley Community Center
Ballfield

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In Idyllwild

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The Answer (classic rock) at Yucca
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South Bound (Buddy Holly Tribute)
at Yucca Valley Community Center
Ballfield

August 11 (7:00 p.m.)
Dublin Up! (shamrockabilly, Irish,
swing) at Yucca Valley Community
Center Ballfield

**August 16 (4 – 6 p.m.)
& August 17 (10:30 a.m. – noon)**
Pick up artwork from the Flower
Themed Exhibit at A Roadside
Attraction Gallery & drop off
artwork for the Photographers on
Display themed exhibit

Aug. 18
Deadline to submit entries for the
Associated Artists of the Inland
Empire 48th Annual Fall Juried Fine
Art Show & Festival

Aug. 19 – Sept. 12
Chaparral Artists
Photographers on Display themed
exhibit at A Roadside Attraction
Gallery

Sept. 10 (1-3 p.m.)
Chaparral Artists meeting in the
Joshua Tree Community Center

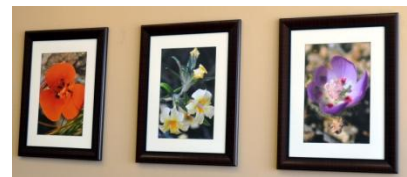
Sept. 16 – Oct. 10
Chaparral Artists Creatures Big and
Small Themed Exhibit at A
Roadside Attraction Gallery

NO MEETING IN OCTOBER

Oct. 8
Chaparral Artists Annual Paint Out

Oct. 14 – Nov. 14
Chaparral Artists judged Harvest
Show at A Roadside Attraction
Gallery

Last Thursday of each month
(10.am. – noon)
Crafter and Artist Meet & Greet at
Whitakers' Art Supply in the Historic
Plaza in 29 Palms



Photographs by Patricia Quandel
currently on display in the main lobby
of Hi-Desert Medical Center