

# The Chaparral Sketch



of *Chaparral Artists* art work, besides Roadside Attraction. We are very thankful for the use of the Roadside Gallery as a venue to exhibit our art and for the support of Electra Westmann. I would, however, like to explore other possible venues in local communities, especially in the Palm Springs area to increase the public's awareness and exposure to our member's art. The more potential patrons we are able to reach, the better the chance of us selling some of our work.

We will continue to have demonstrations of art techniques and instruction during monthly meetings. Being fairly new to the area, it would be very helpful if you or someone you know would be willing to provide a demonstration during the monthly meetings. Please let me know. I am very open to suggestions. I also would like to know what you're learning expectations are and what we can do to meet those expectations.



Painting by Nancy Miehle

We will also continue the monthly *Chaparral Artists* excursions which are always the last Saturday of the month. This date might change according to the dates of art-themed shows and events. I have attended

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## President's Palette

Jan Melchert

It is the end of a long hot summer and sadly the end of Pat Quandel's term of office and the beginning of a new President's term of office. I have big shoes to fill and I hope I can live up to those expectations. I want to thank Pat for all her dedication and hard work to *Chaparral Artists*. Pat definitely has increased the readership and membership of the club. Pat's goal of increasing membership and readership of *Chaparral Artists* will continue to be a goal of the new leadership regime. We will continue to actively recruit new members to join our organization.

We would like to expand our involvement in the community, especially involvement with a children's art workshop to further foster the interest in art in our upcoming generations. We are presently exploring the benefits of obtaining non-profit status for the club which enables *Chaparral Artists* to qualify as a public charity, allowing us to accept donations from businesses. This allows businesses who donate to *Chaparral Artists* to claim those donations as a tax deduction. This non-profit status would allow the donations to help fund a community children's art workshop.

We will be reviewing *Chaparral Artists* by-laws regarding the club, as well as, the rules regarding the judged shows and making changes with input from members. It is better for all of the members, if we are all on the same page regarding the by-laws and rules. It makes it easier for all of us to comply.

We also will be further exploring new venues for exhibiting members

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quite a few of the road trips during the last year and they have always been interesting and informative. It has been a good way to get to know fellow artists. Gordon Crawford will be in charge of these events. It is something he enjoys doing and is very enthused about sharing the information he has gathered in the past with his fellow artists.

I am looking forward to the new term of office. It will be a learning experience, of that I am quite sure. Pat, bless her heart, has agreed to continue to be the editor of the newsletter and continue to be on the show committee. Please bear with us during the new term of office. In the spirit of Pat's endeavors, we hope to make progress toward these goals and forward movement of the club.

## A new season begins

This month kicks off the 2012/2013 season for Chaparral Artists. Here are just a few things you need to know for this month.

The regular meeting will be held at the Joshua Tree Community Center on September 10 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Everyone is reminded to wear a name tag. Members who were issued a name tag by Chaparral Artists who don't wear some type of name tag will be fined \$.50. If you haven't received one from the club you can get one from Nancy Miehle at the meeting.

Jan Melchert, Jim Melchert, & Pat Quandel will be demonstrating how to cut mats. Attendees are encouraged to bring a picture, frame, and uncut mats to create a framed piece of art. If you don't have a mat board a limited number of blank mat boards will be available for purchase at a nominal fee.

Members are reminded that they can bring an item for the food table.

At our May meeting Dianne Stroble was the winner of the 50/50 drawing and Beverly Schmuckle was the door prize winner.

The follow individuals were winners in the May drawing and are reminded to bring an item for this month's drawing. Each person listed needs to bring at least one

item. Those with a number after their name need to bring additional items.

Gordon Crawford (3)  
Sue Daily  
Pat Harfield  
Pat Lumbattis (2)  
Jan Melchert (2)  
Nancy Miehle (2)  
Patricia Quandel (4)  
Myrna Riordan  
Diane Stroble

The "Creatures Big and Small" themed exhibit will hold its reception on September 16 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at A Roadside Attraction Gallery.

As of this writing no trips have been scheduled.

## Creatures Big & Small

This month will be Chaparral Artists second "Creatures Big & Small" display. Last year there were over 90 pieces of work depicting animals, insects, and people in various mediums from paintings and scratch art to photographs.

I'm asking all Chaparral Artists members to bring in up to 12 pieces of their artwork featuring any type of fauna.

Since this isn't a judged show you can submit a painting, a gourd that you decorated or even a quilt that you made or 20 years ago. You can even bring in pieces that have been in previous shows. We want to see work from all of our members and maybe even top last year's number of entries.

You can turn in your artwork either at our meeting on Monday, Sept. 10, on Thursday, Sept. 13, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. or Friday, Sept. 14, from 10:00 a.m. – Noon.



Photos by Patricia Quandel at last year's Creatures Big & Small

Please keep the size of you pieces to less than 36" wide.

The reception will be on Sunday, Sept. 16, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Exhibitors are asked to bring a snack for the reception.

The exhibit will run through October 10.

## Odds & Ends

Thank you to Raini Armstrong, Muffin Hill and Pat Quandel for their donations of tools and supplies for Chaparral Artists Show Committee.

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

Muffin Hill will be in the parking lot of the Yucca Valley Library between 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5 to pick up your artwork for the Inland Empire Show.

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The **Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council** invites the public to join them in celebrating their new location, shared with the Joshua Three Chamber of Commerce at 6448 Hallee Rd. (across from the Post Office) in Joshua Tree.

There will be an **Open House** and ribbon cutting during the **"Second Saturday" gallery crawl** in Joshua Tree on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 6 to 8pm.

Enjoy refreshments, entertainment, and 20% OFF sale at the Donation=Creation art store, including a very generous donation of supplies that have been gently used, practically untouched! Stay tuned to the Arts Council website at [hwy62art.com](http://hwy62art.com) for details and more information.

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**The Chaparral Artists Trip to the Palm Springs Tram had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.**

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The **Morongo Basin Historical Society** is having their **annual membership meeting** on Sunday,

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September 16 at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Morongo Basin Historical Society Museum and Research Center located at 632 Landers Lane in Landers.

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Call for artists to paint Outhouse Race prizes for 29 Palms Pioneer Days.

Any Basin area artist who is interested in painting a toilet seat please contact Jodi or Rachael at the Chamber of Commerce 760-367-3445.

The cutoff date is September 21st. \*\*\*\*\*

In September Muffin Hill will be hanging an art show, The Grands, featuring grandparents and their grandchildren at the Department of Aging & Adult Services in San Bernardino. If you're an artist age fifty or older and have an artistic grandchild under age eighteen, Muffin would like to show your artwork.

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

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"Anne of Green Gables" is showing through September 22 at Theatre 29. The musical runs Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. with a Thursday night show September 6 at 7 p.m. and a Sunday matinee September 16 at 2 p.m.

Tickets 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 children under 12 and students with ID. Theatre 29 is located at 73637 Sullivan Road, (right around the corner from Barr Lumber) in the City of Twentynine Palms.

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The Morongo Valley Art Colony is having a judged show on September 22, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and September 23, 8:00 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Covington Park during Fiesta Days. Entries will be accepted at the monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 19 at noon in Covington Park.

If you need additional information you can call 760-363-7937.

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The fall season of the Old Schoolhouse Lecture Series gets under way on September 14 at the Old Schoolhouse Museum in 29 Palms. The opening lecture will be Bighorn Sheep Observations Utilizing Remote Cameras, a talk by Bob Burke of the Bighorn Society. Lectures start at 7:00 p.m. and admission is \$5 at the door. You can also subscribe to the entire lecture series for \$40 (a savings of \$10), either at the door or online at www.joshuatree.org. Lecture series participants are invited to join the speaker for dinner before each lecture at the 29 Palms Inn. Contact the Desert Institute at 760 367-5535 for more information.

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Joshua Tree Art Gallery launches its new season with an opening reception on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 6 to 8pm at the gallery in Joshua Tree. Featured artists through September include David Burnham, Frederick Fulmer, Marcia Geiger, Percy Gibbar, Naomi Parker, Drew Reese, Steve Rieman, Tobi Taboada, Melissa Spurr, Marta Rogoyska, and Karine Swenson.

Joshua Tree Art Gallery is located at 61607 Hwy 62 Suite B, open 10am-3pm Saturday and noon-3pm Sunday, or by appointment at 760-366-3636. For more info visit www.joshuatreeartgallery.com.

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The Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce, along with the Historic Plaza Merchants would like to announce "The Historic Plaza Days" on September 22 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Historic Plaza. The Historic Plaza merchants are organizing this fun event to kick off Pioneer Days. There will be craft and food vendors, live western music, dancing, and several fun contests including a Mustache/Beard Contest, Western Costume Contest, Hat/Bonnet Contest, and Tattoo Contest.

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The Morongo Valley Fire Fighters

Auxiliary hosts the annual Morongo Valley Fiesta Days at Covington Park in Morongo Valley on Sept. 21, 22, & 23.



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Theatre 29, the Morongo Basin's premiere live theater venue, will join forces with all four Morongo Basin Chambers of Commerce to unveil their 2013 performance season in a unique "Season Announcement Gala" event.

The special Four-Chamber event, hosted by the Yucca Valley, Twentynine Palms, Joshua Tree, and Morongo valley Chambers of Commerce, will feature the announcement of the much anticipated 2013 Theatre 29 season of live theatrical productions. The season announcement Gala will take place at the spectacular "Friendship Hall" of the Joshua Tree Retreat Center (formerly Mentalphysics) in Joshua Tree from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM Wednesday, September 12, 2012.

There is no charge for the season Announcement Gala event. For more information on the season announcement event, or Theatre 29, call Board President Brian Tabeing 760-367-9338.

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Congratulations to Wally Pacholka for his Monument Valley photograph that was selected as one of Time Science and Space "Window on Infinity" images on August 31, 2012.

To see Wally's photograph you can go to http://science.time.com/2012/08/31/window-on-infinity-pictures-from-



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September 29 is National Public Lands Day, and to celebrate the occasion, entry to the park is free! Come out and enjoy your National Park, and if you'd like to help keep the park pristine and beautiful, join our "Leave No Trace" volunteer crews for the morning. Volunteers will meet at 8:00 a.m. on September 29 at the Oasis Visitor Center in Twentynine Palms or at the Joshua Tree Visitor Center, and receive their assignments. Bring your family, spend a couple of hours keeping the trails clean, and enjoy a picnic afterwards.

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the tour we also saw Thimble Berries, Pink Mountain Currants, Columbines and a few other types of plants.



Nancy McHenry

After we took the Garden Tour we took the free shuttle to the Idyllwild Nature Center. We had just exited the shuttle when we were met by Charlie McHenry. Charlie is the husband of Chaparral Artists member Nancy McHenry. Nancy was one of the many artists who had their work for sale at the Nature Center.

While we were at the Nature Center I placed a bid on a couple of items in the silent auction and was the winning bidder on one of them.

When we returned to Idyllwild we saw Pat Harfield, another Chaparral Artists member.

I received an email from Nick Shaw who sent links to a couple of websites where he has posted images of Lemon Lilies. Some of the images he captured on a hike led by Dave Stith as part of the Lemon Lily Festival. The others were captured a week earlier. Below is the information that Nick sent.

Slide Show: See Shutterfly below. Also, enjoy the video on full screen HD option on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0DGj-YVDmI4>

If selecting "See pictures" doesn't work, copy-and-paste this address into your browser: [http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=1BcN2jZs5ZMS0&emid=shareprintviewer&linkid=link5&cid=EM\\_sharview](http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=1BcN2jZs5ZMS0&emid=shareprintviewer&linkid=link5&cid=EM_sharview)

Photographers Work Displayed

Patricia Quandel

You still have a chance to see the final show of the 2011/2012 season, "Photographers on Display", which

closes on Wednesday, May 12. As usual it was another great show.

I was pleasantly surprised to see photographs by George Antis and Jan Melchert whose art I usually see in the form of paintings. I shouldn't have been surprised because so many of our painters also create art in other mediums.

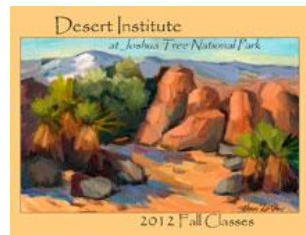
We were also treated to some of new member Bill Zellmer's photographs from his travels. Each picture includes a brief statement about the picture and I don't think any visitor to the gallery passed by them without stopping to read each statement.



Checking out the gift items during the reception - Photo by Raini Armstrong

Thank you one and all for the helping my reign as your president end on a high note.

Raini Armstrong took additional pictures during the reception and you can see them at [http://raini.smugmug.com/Interests/Gallery-Shows/August-19-2012/25007270\\_CJNwVm#li=2048899155&k=wRJVvVX](http://raini.smugmug.com/Interests/Gallery-Shows/August-19-2012/25007270_CJNwVm#li=2048899155&k=wRJVvVX) on the Internet.



Registration has now started for the Desert Institut

e's Fall program, and classes are filling fast! Coming up in September are *Insects and Arthropods of the Morongo Basin*; *Basic and Advanced Map and Compass*; and *Desert Snakes: Fang, Rattle and More*. Check out the full class schedule by picking up a catalog at any of the park's Visitor Centers, download a copy from our website at [www.joshuatree.org](http://www.joshuatree.org), or give us a call at 760 367-5535 and we'll put a catalog in the mail for you. Check out the Desert Institute's new Family Programs this fall too!

Lemon Lily Festival

Editor

On July 22 Raini Armstrong, Flat Stanley & I went to Idyllwild for the Lemon Lily Festival. Just like here the dry season affected the flower growth. The Lemon Lilies around Idyllwild had almost all finished blooming for the season but we did get to see some when we took the Idyllwild Garden Club's tour. On



Some visitors & artists enjoying the show at Roadside Attraction Galley - Photo by Raini Armstrong

# Letters to Chaparral Artists

**I am on the Board of Directors** of the Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Desert, and we are having our annual live and silent auction fundraiser on Saturday, September 22, 2012. At the Boys & Girls Club, 56525 Little League Drive in Yucca Valley. This year's theme is "The Art of Giving ... An Evening At The Gallery". I have attached a copy of our flyer for additional information.

**The Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Desert**  
Presents their annual Live & Silent Auction Fundraiser ...



For Tickets or Sponsorship Information, call 760-365-5437

To support our theme we are seeking a wide variety of art pieces (paintings, photography, sculpture, jewelry, etc.) for our live and silent auctions. Would it be possible for you to send out our request to your members asking them for a donation? We would be happy to give them a Donation Receipt for tax purposes. Of course, we would love to have many of your members attend as well! This is always a great community event. We are seeking items with a value of \$50 and up for our silent auction and items with a value of at least \$250 for our live auction.

The Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Desert is a 501(c)(3) corporation that was established nearly 30 years ago in Yucca Valley and serves children from ages 5-18 throughout the Morongo Basin. The Club provides a positive and safe place for children to go after school and during the summer, and offers many programs and activities including

sports and programs designed to teach children life skills, character building, and promote educational excellence with tutoring and homework assistance.

Thank you very much for considering this request. Please feel free to contact me at (760) 401-0764 if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,  
Donna Davies  
Board Member, Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Desert  
P.O. Box 402  
Yucca Valley, CA 92286  
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### Greetings from Joshua Tree!

I'm in the middle of working on our Route 62 Visitors Guide today, so I'll be brief with this last Sun Blast of August. There's so much going on between the guide, the latest issue and planning for our Desert Writers Issue, work on our upcoming Desert Travel issues, our weekly radio show, and our TV show, that I can barely keep up. It's nuts, but in a good way.

Do you have a favorite desert destination or road trip that we should consider for our Desert Travel issues? If so, send them to me at [publisher@thesunrunner.com](mailto:publisher@thesunrunner.com). We'll include as many as possible. And if you have a desert hotel, restaurant, shop, attraction, or distraction, you should definitely consider advertising in these two issues.

We're working on two Desert Travel issues this fall - our regular Desert Travel Issue, and Desert Road Trips. Both will be handed out at the LA Travel & Adventure Show and sent to our contacts from the International Tour Operators Pow Wow. I'm excited about these issues and getting out to go explore more of the desert's great destinations.

Our fall Little Petroglyph Canyon Tour is now accepting reservations. We'll be leading a special Sun Runner small group tour to Ridgecrest on November 10-11 and it's sure to fill up fast. This is the largest concentration of Native American petroglyphs in the western

hemisphere, and an incredible opportunity for our readers to walk back in time in this stunningly beautiful, spiritual canyon.

Please drop by our website and vote for our contestants in the AdventureCORPS Desert Voices Blogging Contest as we seek out the best contributors for our new website, from all around the California deserts. We're looking for folks to blog on our website, [www.thesunrunner.com](http://www.thesunrunner.com), from Calexico to Death Valley, and all points in between. We'll have prizes and fun, and build our own desert community where we can keep up with everything going on around this big ol' desert. I hope you'll check out our new website. It has a lot of great new features and allows for a lot more interaction with our readers.

Please check out our calendar on our new website at [www.thesunrunner.com](http://www.thesunrunner.com) and enjoy your summer! Remember - you can enter your events in our online calendar for free. It's easy, and it gets you noticed.

All the best,

Steve Brown  
desert wanderer in chief

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.**

**Thru Sep. 22**

“Anne of Green Gables” at Theatre 29

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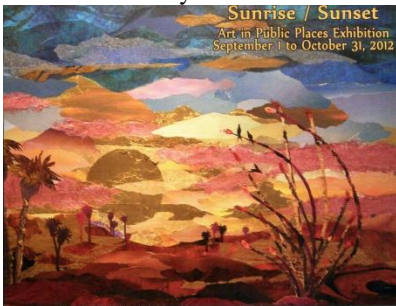
**Every Saturday at 2:30 thru Oct.27**

Mane Street Stampede performs a Wild West show in Pioneertown

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**Sep. 1 – Oct. 31**

Sunrise, Sunset art on display at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center & Gallery and Chamber of Commerce in Twentynine Palms



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**Sep. 5 (8:30 – 9:00 a.m.)**

Muffin Hill will be in the parking lot of the Yucca Valley Library to pick up your artwork for the Inland Empire Show.

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**Sep. 5 (2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)**

Turn in artwork for the Inland Empire Show in Rancho Cucamonga

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**Sep. 7 (5:30 – 7:00 p.m.)**

Sunrise, Sunset Reception at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center &

Gallery and Chamber of Commerce in Twentynine Palms.

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**Sep. 7 & 8 (10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.)**

**Sep. 9 (11:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**  
Inland Empire Show in Rancho Cucamonga

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**Sep. 8 (6 – 8 p.m.)**

The Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council will have an Open House and ribbon cutting at the Joshua Three Chamber of Commerce

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**Sep. 8 (6 – 8 p.m.)**

Joshua Tree Art Gallery launches its new season with an opening reception

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**Sep. 10 (1-3 p.m.)**

Chaparral Artists meeting in the Joshua Tree Community Center

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**Sep. 12 (5:00 – 7:00 p.m.)**

Theatre 29 season announcement Gala at the "Friendship Hall" of the Joshua Tree Retreat Center

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**Sep. 16 (2:00 p.m.)**

The Morongo Basin Historical Society annual membership meeting at the Morongo Basin Historical Society Museum in Landers

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**Sep. 13 (4 – 6 p.m.)**

**& Sep. 14 (10:30 a.m. – noon)**

Pick up artwork from the “Photographers on Display” themed exhibit at A Roadside Attraction Gallery & drop off artwork for the “Creatures Big & Small” themed exhibit

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**Sep. 14 (7 p.m.)**

Lecture series Bighorn Sheep Observations Utilizing Remote Cameras at the Old School House Museum in 29 Palms

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**Sep. 16 (1 – 3 p.m.)**

Chaparral Artists Reception for Creatures Big and Small at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

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**Sep. 16 – Oct. 10**

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

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**Sep. 19 (Noon)**

**Morongo Valley Art Colony meeting & art turn-in.**

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**Sep. 21**

Deadline for artists to sign up to paint the toilet seat awards for this year’s Outhouse Race held during Pioneer Days in Twentynine Palms

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**Sep. 21, 22, & 23**

Morongo Valley Fiesta Days at Covington Park in Morongo Valley

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**Sep. 22 (8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**

**Sep. 23 (8:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.)**

Morongo Valley Art Show at Covington Park in Yucca Valley

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**Sep. 22 (6:00 p.m.)**

“The Art of Giving ... An Evening At The Gallery” at the Boys & Girls Club in Yucca Valley

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**Sep. 22 (6 – 10 p.m.)**

Historic Plaza Days" at the Historic Plaza in Twentynine Palms

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**Sep. 29**

National Public Land Days

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**NO MEETING IN OCTOBER**

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**Oct. 8 (10:00 a.m. - ?)**

Chaparral Artists Paint Out at Mission Creek Preserve

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**Oct. 14 – Nov. 14**

Chaparral Artists judged Harvest Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

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**Last Thursday of each month (10.am. – noon)**

Crafter and Artist Meet & Greet at Whitakers’ Art Supply in the Historic Plaza in 29 Palms