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President's Palette

Jan Melchert

Well, the gallery is painted and the art is hung with care, in hopes that you all will soon be there. The remodel was a marathon of work, but it is finally finished. My thanks go out to Raini Armstrong, Jim Melchert, Nancy & Bob Miehle, Pat Quandel and Tami Roleff. The job would not have been completed without their generous help. Many, many thanks go out to all of you. It was a job well done.

As you probably know, but just a reminder, there will not be a general meeting in Joshua Tree on December 10th. Instead, there will be a combined Christmas Party with Morongo Valley Art Colony at Covington Park in Morongo on December 19th at 12:00 p.m. Bring your favorite Christmas dish for the Pot Luck. There will also be a contest for the best handmade Christmas card and/or Christmas ornament. First and second prizes will be awarded for each category. Tune up your vocal chords as there will be some Christmas Caroling for festivities. Hope to see you there.

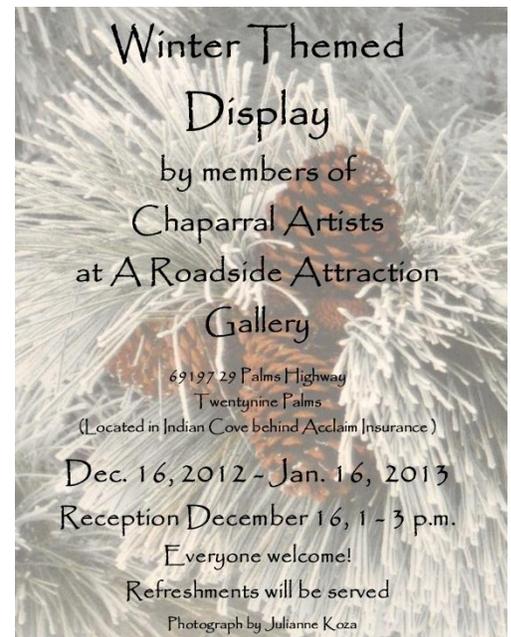
The next Chaparral Artists meeting will be January 14th from 1-3 p.m. Kevin Wong, who is a photographer as well as an artist will be presenting. I look forward to seeing you there.

The next show at A Roadside Art Gallery will be a themed show of "Winter". So anything dealing with winter is acceptable. The entries can be new or old, the more the merrier.

The pick-up and drop-off for the Winter Show will be Thursday, December 13th from 4-6 p.m. and Friday, December 14th from 10:30-noon. The reception will be on Sunday, December 16th from 1-3 p.m.

Wishing you and yours a Happy Holiday,

Jan Melchert



Winter is coming

This month's theme at A Roadside Attraction Gallery is "Winter". Once again we're asking members to submit pieces for our "Winter" exhibit. Last year's show brought together a wonderful array of art depicting various winter scenes from



the deserts to the mountains and more and I'm looking forward to seeing another great winter display.



Raini Armstrong dusting the window ledge prior to painting at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

You can turn in your artwork at A Roadside Attraction Gallery on Thursday, Dec. 13 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. or Friday, Dec. 14 from 10:00 a.m. – Noon. You can also pick up your art from the "Autumn" show at this time.

Please keep the size of your pieces to less than 40" in total width.

The reception will be on Dec. 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Nancy Miehle and Tami Roleff painting along the ceiling

After the renovation

Thanks to the work of several Chaparral Artists members A Roadside Attraction Gallery got a much needed update. Chaparral Artists has been using the gallery for quite some time to hold our monthly shows and it was decided that now was the time to give the gallery a new and improved look. Now the color of the gallery walls are more in keeping with what a gallery should look like and a new hanging system was installed so that the Show Committee will no longer spend a large part of their time patching nail

holes from previous shows. (Thank you to Electra and Richard for allowing us to make these changes.)

Our "Autumn" show was held shortly after the renovations were completed and attendees (guests and artists) of the artists reception all agreed that the gallery looked great.

Chaparral Artists & Morongo Valley Art Colony Christmas Party

In November Chaparral Artists and the Morongo Valley Art Colony Boards met to plan the annual Christmas Party. There were three members of Chaparral Artists and five members of the Morongo Valley Art Colony present.

It was decided that the Christmas Party will be held in Morongo Valley at Covington Park on December 19 at noon. As usual; this is a potluck so everyone bring a dish.

We will be having our annual Christmas card and Christmas ornament contests. Everyone is invited to participate and there is no cost to enter. Chaparral Artists will sponsor the Christmas card contest and the Morongo Valley Art Colony will sponsor the Christmas ornament contest. First place winners in both contests will receive \$10.00 each and second place winners will



Bob Miehle & Jim Melchert preparing to install the new hanging system

receive \$5.00 each. Everyone is invited to vote for their favorites.

There will also be a piano available for anyone who wishes to play Christmas songs.

It was voted that the Pig in a Poke will not be part of the Christmas party this year. (Chaparral Artists



Jan Melchert hanging a photograph using the new hanging system.

will have a Pig in a Poke during a later meeting.)

Covington Park is located in Morongo Valley next door to the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve. If you are coming from the east the easiest way to get there is to turn left at the sign for the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve (just before Willie Boy's) as you enter Morongo Valley. Follow the road to the end. Covington Park will be on your left. We will be meeting in the room across the hall from the gallery.



Nancy Miehle adds the finishing touches to Kidz Korner

Odds & Ends

This year's **Southland Show at the 29 Palms Art Gallery** drew a wide selection of artists. Among them were eleven members of

Chaparral Artists who entered a total of 25 pieces of art.

Members exhibiting were **Chuck Caplinger, Janis Commentz, Rhonda Duval, Sharon George, Deane Locke, Nancy Miehle, Patricia Quandel, Barbara Wells Roberts, Tami Roleff, Tammy Tremblay, and Marci Vanderbilt.**

Congratulations to Patricia Quandel for her second place win for "The Old Hacienda", Chuck Caplinger for his third place win for "Alert", and Tami Roleff for her honorable mention for "Something This Way Cometh".



Patricia Quandel with her 2nd place award winner at the Southland Show – Photo by Tami Roleff

If you won an item in the raffle at Chaparral Artists' November meeting or owe an item for the next raffle hold on to it until our January meeting. In December we will be having a joint get together with Morongo Valley Art Colony in Morongo Valley instead of our monthly meeting in Joshua Tree.

Audrey Koza, a lovely lady and mother of Chaparral Artists member **Julianne Koza**, passed away in November. Our condolences go out to her family.

Introducing **Arts Connection** – the new **Arts Council of San Bernardino County!** Arts Connection was created to share needed knowledge and resources, support initiatives that engage, encourage and advocate community building through the arts, and offer

funding solutions for progressive projects, arts organizations and artists.



Chuck Caplinger's 3rd place award winner at the Southland Show

For more information, call 909-543-9868 or visit www.artsconnectionnetwork.org and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/artsconnectionnetwork.com.

David McChesney was the guest speaker at **Chaparral Artists November meeting.** As usual he thoroughly entertained the group first with a slide show that he put together specifically for the club and secondly by playing his harmonica and singing.



David McChesney speaking to members of Chaparral Artists

Muffin Hill will be accepting paintings and photographs for the **Hi-Desert Water District's "Water, Water Show"** on December 6 from 10 – 10:30 a.m. in the main lobby of the Hi-Desert

Water District in Yucca Valley. Artists can submit up to three pieces. However, due to space constraints all submissions may not be used.

The show will run until the end of February.

The reception will be on December 12 from 4:30 to 5:30.

For more information contact Muffin Hill at 760-367-9700.

Recently **Muffin Hill, Patricia Quandel, and Barbara Wells Roberts** attended the Grand Opening of **AJ's on the Green**, in the Date Palm Country Club. It was held in conjunction with an **Artist's Reception** for Chaparral Artists member **Judith Nagel** whose wonderful photographs are on display.



Tami Roleff's Honorable Mention award winner at the Southland Show

You're invited to the **Desert Art Center Art Opening and Meet the Artists Reception!** Meet the artists, view the new art exhibition and enjoy refreshments on Friday, Dec. 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Desert Art Center Main Gallery located at 550 N. Palm Canyon Drive in **Palm Springs.**

The public is invited to attend "**Articulture**," a monthly show and tell featuring fine art, performing art, fine crafts and more on Monday, Dec. 3, at 7pm at **A Roadside Attraction Gallery** in 29 Palms.

Articulture is a venue where basin artists and guests preview their latest works, exchange ideas and inspiration. There is no charge, so bring your art, old and new! If you can, please bring a small finger food (optional).

A Roadside Attraction Gallery is located at 69197 Twentynine Palms Highway in Indian Cove (29 Palms), 3 miles east of CMC (next to the Indian Cove Market). Call 760-362-4100 for directions or more info.

We're looking for articles and tips from our readers. If you've written or plan to write something that you think our readers would enjoy PLEASE send it to chaparralartists@gmail.com, mail it to Chaparral Artists, or give it to me at one of our meetings. Pat Quandel

Come and join Reach Out Morongo Basin and our sponsor ArtFx for the 1st Annual Hi Desert Holiday Art Auction!!!! There will be beautiful artwork by local artists, live music, holiday sweets and baked goods and camaraderie to kick off the holidays!!! Proceeds from this event will benefit Reach Out Morongo Basin and our services to seniors!!!! Come and join us in Old Town Yucca Valley at ArtFx on December 15, 2012 from 3 - 7 pm!!!! See you there!!!



"A Military Memories" Art Show is the last in a series of Art in Public Places themed exhibitions for the year, and is scheduled to be on

display through Dec. 31 at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce building.

Chaparral Artists members Chuck Caplinger and Tami Roleff both have works on display.



General Palm by Chuck Caplinger currently on display at the 29 Palms Visitor Center and Gallery *****

The Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert is the newest edition to El Paseo Artwalk. In addition to free access to The Galen and the Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden visitors are welcome to explore the Annette Bloch Education Wing to see even more of the museum's permanent collection and public programs.

On exhibition through January 20, 2013 is the exhibition Make it Work: Material Matters in Art and Design which explores the relationship between materials and forms in the creative process by juxtaposing a range of dynamic art and design objects from the 1960's to the present.

Make it Work is organized by the Palm Springs Art Museum. Mannequins generously provided by CNL Mannequins.

Chaparral Artists member Chuck Caplinger, along with Valerie Davis, is showing new work at the 29 Palms Inn through Jan 6, 2013.

Stop by and see Chuck's amazing Coyote portraits and Valerie's new photo collage mandalas.

The 29 Palms Inn is located at 73950 Inn Avenue in Twentynine Palms.

Call for Art: "Palms" is the theme for the next Art in Public Places exhibition, scheduled for Jan. 2 to Mar. 29, 2013, at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery at 73484 29 Palms Hwy. in downtown Twentynine Palms.

Turn in artwork on Friday, Dec. 28, between 9:00 and 11:30 a.m.

An opening reception is being planned for the artists and the public on Friday, Jan. 4, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

The Hi-Desert Medical Center will host its Third Annual Relay for Life HDMC Holiday Craft Fair, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Helen Grey Education Center. Proceeds from table rentals will benefit Morongo Basin Relay for Life.

To be a participating vendor, respond by Thursday, Dec. 13. There is a \$25 vendor fee. For more information call Jeanne Wheeler at (760) 366-6179.

"A Don't Hug Me Christmas Carol" runs weekends through Dec. 15 at Theatre 29, 73637 Sullivan Road. For ticket information call (760) 361-4151 or go online to www.theatre29.org.

HOLIDAY ART & CRAFTS FAIR
29 Palms Art Gallery
Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Paintings, Art Cards, Jewelry, Fabric Art, Dolls, Scarves, Hats, Bags, Pillows, Carved Wood, Hostess Gifts, Collectibles, Glass, China, Pottery, Gourds, Holiday Ornaments & Decorations, Soaps, Jams, Jellies, Baked Goods and more!

29 Palms Art Gallery & Gift Shop - 29 Palms
74055 Cottonwood Drive (off Nat. Park Drive)
Next to Old Schoolhouse Museum & 29 Palms Inn
(760) 367-7819 - www.29palmsartgallery.com

Holiday Art & Crafts Fair at 29 Palms Art Gallery Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012 ~ 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Art, Jewelry, Carved Wood, Dolls, Fabric Art, Collectibles, Jams/Jellies, Ornaments, Baked Goods Also hot dogs, chili dogs, chili, sodas and coffee available on the patio!

(A few sale tables still left: \$10 small, \$20 large. Call 760-367-7819 or Anna 760-219-8261)

Did you know that Chaparral Artists held art tours for several years beginning in 1968? The following article appeared in the Friday, October 1, 1982 issue of the Hi-Desert Star.

Art Tour Sunday

The 14th Annual Art Tour sponsored by the Chaparral Artists of the Hi-Desert Playhouse Guild will be held this Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$1.50 each and can be purchased at any of the five locations. A map will be provided as a guide.

The Hi-Desert Cultural Center exhibit will be hosted by Alyce Allen, president of the Chaparral Artists.

Other locations are the Cheri Palmer studio at 6730 Valley View Circle, Joshua Tree, and the Gloria Amrine home at 6885 Sunny Hills Road, Joshua Tree.

In Yucca Valley, the exhibit at Jackie Smith's residence is at 7555 Victoria Avenue; the Playhouse annex exhibit is at the white house across the street from the Yucca Bowl.

The public is invited to the **Holiday Art Stroll** on Saturday, Dec. 8, featuring lots of area artists at more than 6 galleries and locations **in Joshua Tree** at varying times between 5 and 10pm.

Art Queen features Art Not

Walmart, and **Natural Sisters** features **James Hammond**, from 5 to 7pm. **Joshua Tree Art Gallery** will open its December Group Show, and Ricochet features **Steffi Pacheco** from 5 to 8pm. **Red Arrow Gallery** features Take Art Home from 6 to 9pm, and **Joshua Tree Inn** features **Melissa Spur** from 7 to 10pm.

Condolences go out to local artist **Kim Mayhew** whose husband, **Larry**, recently passed away.

Celebrate this Christmas Season with the rhythmic excitement and emotional grandeur of Mannheim Steamroller's acclaimed arrangements of favourite Christmas carols as the **Joshua Tree Philharmonic** beautifully realizes music from Mannheim's most popular hit albums!

Led by Maestro Jarrod Radnich, the Philharmonic's members have been rehearsing for months to bring their finest musical talent to the **Hi-Desert Cultural Center** in four concerts running December 13-16. With amazing music, fanciful decorations, and plush seating, audiences will be taken on a sonic journey through uplifting timeless holiday melodies that the whole family will be sure to enjoy!

More than 25 years after releasing a Christmas album that changed the music industry, Chip Davis, the founder of the multi-platinum selling group Mannheim Steamroller and American Gramophone, the most successful independent record label in history, continues to create music that entralls concert audiences. This year, Chip Davis and American Gramophone are generously supporting the Joshua Tree Philharmonic.

"After hearing how the JPhil's music is re-orchestrated to allow all members to participate in the concerts regardless of skill level, and knowing that the proceeds go to benefit our String Conservatory, this community orchestra, and the

student recitals and scholarships, Chip Davis and American Gramophone became sponsors and waived all royalty fees," explains Maestro Radnich. "I can't tell you how much this support and encouragement means to the many Hi-Desert Cultural Center volunteers who work so hard to bring these programs to the people of this hi-desert. We are truly thankful for this new support and the long-time support of so many generous people in this community."

Evening performances begin at 7pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 13-15. A matinee performance will begin at 2pm, Sunday December 16. All concerts will be held at the Hi-Desert Cultural Center's Blak Box Theater located as 61231 29 Palms Highway in Joshua Tree. Tickets are \$15. While this is a family event, children must be at least 5 years of age to attend. To purchase tickets call 760.366.3777 or go online to www.hidesertculturalcenter.com. Tickets are available at the door if space permits.

**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.**



Judith Nagel, Muffin Hill, and Barbara Wells Roberts at AJ's on the Green

Artists Discounts Offered

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

Cowboy Attic

Located in the Historic Plaza
Twenty-nine Palms, CA

(If you are a Chaparral Artists member and create an account at Cowboy Attic then 10% of what you spend will be donated to Chaparral Artists at the end of six months.)

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
Twenty-nine Palms, CA

(10% off everything in the store)



At the "Autumn" show reception at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Event Calendar

Chaparral Artists & club member events are highlighted.

Sep. 22, 2012 – Jan. 19, 2013

Ride 'em Cowboy! The West in Popular Culture at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Now – Dec. 15

"A Don't Hug Me Christmas Carol" at Theatre 29

Nov. 1 – Dec. 31

"Military Memories" at the Twenty-nine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery

Now – Jan. 6

Chuck Caplinger and Valerie Davis artwork on display at the 29 Palms Inn in 29 Palms

Now – Jan 20

Make it Work Material Matters in Art and Design at the Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert

Dec. 6 (10 – 10:30 a.m.)

Drop off artwork for the Water, Water show at the Hi-Desert Water District in Yucca Valley

Dec. 7 (6 – 8 p.m.)

Desert Art Center Art Opening and Meet the Artists Reception at the Desert Art Center Main Gallery in Palm Springs

Dec. 8 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Holiday Art & Crafts Fair at the 29 Palms Art Gallery

Dec. 8 (5 – 10 p.m.)

Holiday Art Stroll in Joshua Tree

Dec. 12 (4:30 – 5:30 p.m.)

Reception for "Water, Water" at the Hi-Desert Water District in Yucca Valley

Dec. 13

Deadline to become a vendor at the Relay for Life HDMC Holiday Craft Fair

Dec. 13 4 – 6 p.m.

& Dec. 14 (10:30 a.m. – noon)
Pick up artwork from the "Autumn" show and drop off artwork for the "Winter" show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Dec. 13 – 15 (7 p.m.)

Dec. 16 (2 p.m.)

Joshua Tree Philharmonic plays Mannheim Steamroller's Christmas Carols at Hi-Desert Cultural Center's Blak Box Theater in Joshua Tree

Dec. 15 (8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

Relay for Life HDMC Holiday Craft Fair at the Helen Grey Education Center

Dec. 15 (3 – 7 p.m.)

Hi Desert Holiday Art Auction at ArtFX in Yucca Valley

Dec. 16 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Chaparral Artists Reception for the "Winter" themed show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Dec. 19 (Noon)

Chaparral Artists and Morongo Valley Art Colony Christmas Party at Covington Park in Morongo Valley

Dec. 28 (9 – 11:30 a.m.)

Turn in artwork for "Palm's" at the 29 Palms Visitor Center and Gallery

Jan. 2 – Mar 29, 2013

"Palms" at the 29 Palms Visitor Center and Gallery

Jan. 4 (5:30 – 7:00 p.m.)

"Palms" reception at the 29 Palms Visitor Center and Gallery