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The Chaparral Sketch

President's Palette

Jan Melchert

Well, here it is a New Year and we all have survived the end of the Mayan Calendar. It is a time for reflection of the past year. We accomplished some goals which were made at the beginning of the term. We have remodeled Roadside Gallery, giving it a new face lift with new paint on the walls and a new professional-looking hanging system, which makes hanging a show so much easier. No more poking holes in the wall and then patching them and then re-patching the walls yet again when more art work is brought in.

The By-Laws have been rewritten and soon to be distributed, all this in preparation for a possible non-profit status, which will open Chaparral Artists for a whole hosts of new opportunities. We are in the process of starting the daunting task of filling out the huge ream of papers, called an application. Filling the application is the best sleeping pill I have ever had, it will immediately cause your eyes to roll up into the back of your head or your eyelids to slam shut.

It is also a time for New Year's resolutions, good intentions and promises to ourselves that we will be better in the coming New Year than we were last year. I am making a resolution to myself to devote more time to actual painting, which has been seriously lacking. I allow everything else to become a priority over my time for painting. Art is something which puts me at

ease....something I can use to calm my mind and to forget all the other things which clamor for attention. So let's pick up those tools of art, whatever your media may be, and get started, if you haven't already.

Now to the business of Chaparral Artists Group, our meeting on January 14th from 1-3 p.m., we will



Kevin Wong with some of his work in 2010.

have Kevin Wong as our demonstrator. He is a painter and a photographer. The new show will be titled "The Same but Different". This entails any pictures which you have taken as a class, or perhaps a photo versus a painting of the same subject. Let your imagination run wild. The Our pickup and drop off times will be Wednesday, January 16th from 4-6 p.m. and Thursday, January 17th from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The dates for the Pick-up and Drop-off have been changed because on January 17th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. we will be hosting the 29



Palms Chamber of Commerce Mixer, of which we are a member, at Roadside Gallery.



Chaparral Artists President Jan Melchert and Morongo Valley Art Colony Vice-President Dennis Hofelich

The by-laws have been re-written and amended. Dues and the installation of new officers will occur in January 1st of each year. So those of you who have not paid for the 2012-2013 year, your dues are due in January, and the membership year will run from January 1st to December 31st each year. See Nancy Miehle to see if you have paid or not. We also need to start thinking of officers to replace those in January of 2014. We will elect officers at the same time we have always elected officers. However, the newly elected officers will shadow the outgoing officers so that they may learn the ropes, so to speak, which will give a more consistent delivery of duties than in the past. We will be handing out the new by-laws soon.

We have also created new committees and chairs to help lighten the load for the officers and get more input from the members. Those new committees are a Demonstration Committee, who will assist the President in arranging and setting up demonstrations for the monthly General Meetings; and a Field Trip Committee who will assist the Vice President in scheduling and the selection of field trip sites. We are also establishing a Membership Chair who will assist

the Treasurer in assembling the Membership Directory, collects membership dues, gives a report on new members and a tally of the number of members in the club on a monthly basis, and will assist in sending out cards to members as needed, such as bereavement, get-well and birthdays cards, etc. So please step forward and help us out by volunteering for some of these tasks.

Happy New Year to all,

Jan Melchert

“Winter” Show comes to an end

This year’s “Winter” show is almost exclusively images of the desert and its inhabitants. From snow covered mountains and Joshua Trees to a coyote, quail and other animals this show depicts a desert winter wonderland.

You have until January 15 to see this show.



Winter Jay by Dennis Hofelich in the “Winter” Show

Water, Water

I think my mind went on vacation this month. I completely forgot to submit an entry for the Water, Water Show at the Hi-Desert Water District and to make things worse I even forgot to attend the Artists’ Reception.

If you’re one of the people who haven’t seen the show I urge you to

stop by the Hi-Desert Water District Office in Yucca Valley to take a look. I finally stopped by to check it out and I was surprised by the number of artists whose work was on display and the variety of work. There is artwork ranging from paintings to photographs and even stained glass. I was pleasantly surprised to see a painting by youth artist Cody Riddle among the art on display. I recognized the names of most of the artists but there was one or two whose names were new to me.

Congratulations to Muffin Hill for putting on this great show.



Modern Mermaid by Cena Rasmussen in the “Water, Water” Show

Here are the artists whose work is on display until the end of February.

- Carolyn Eads Blaker, Mies Broome, Suzanne Burton, Vickie Culver, Mae Fox, Sharon George, Guila Gilmore, Sherry Killam, Keith Klingonsmith, Julianne Koza, Walter Lawson, Deane Locke, Judith Nagel, Katie Naylor, Sharon Nieters, Cena Rasmussen, Cody Riddle, Tami Roleff, Bill Sanders, Ellie Tyler, and Tammy Tremblay

November Winners

Here are the winners of the Chaparral Artists November Drawings.

Door Prize: Ila Lewis
 50/50: Dianne Stroble
 Raffle Winners:
 Gordon Crawford
 Vickie Culver
 Doreen Fundin
 Patricia Quandel
 Betty Stirratt
 Dianne Stroble

If you were a winner in the raffle don't forget that you need to take a raffle item to our January meeting.

The Same but Different Show returns

Last season's "Same but Different" Show was the most anticipated show of the season and participants were already planning this year's entries before the 2012 show closed.

For those of you not familiar with the object of the show it's fairly simple. One person, or several, can create different interpretations or images of the same or similar thing. For instance; there were several groupings of artwork by various artists who painted the same subject and there were also groupings of similar subjects in different mediums. One group consisted of paintings, drawings, and photographs of giraffes by various artists.

Last year's entries consisted of paints, drawings, photographs, and stained glass. I would love to see more variety. (Maybe some quilts or sculptures)

This show is open to all Chaparral Artist members who have paid their dues as well as youth up to and including 12th grade. 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.



Photos by Patricia Quandel now on display in the waiting room of Align the Spine Chiropractic

Please keep all hanging entries to no more than 40" wide and standing pieces to 40 pounds or less.

You can turn in your artwork at A Roadside Attraction Gallery on Wednesday, Jan. 16th from 4 – 6 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 17th from 10:30 a.m. to noon. **(Note the day of turn-in changes)** You can also pick up your art from the "Winter" show at this time.

The reception will be on Jan. 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This show runs until Feb. 13th.

Christmas Party Recap

Members of Chaparral Artists and Morongo Valley Art Colony had their joint Christmas Party at Covington Park in Morongo Valley in December.

Even though Morongo Valley Art Colony President and Chaparral Artists member Ron Churchwell was in the hospital he made sure that every person in attendance received at least one gift. THANK YOU, RON.

Getting into the spirit of giving; Nancy Miehle made small boxes from Christmas cards and gave them

to attendees along with pieces of chocolate and Sheila Goodwin had made several stained glass Christmas ornaments that she offered to attendees.



What's Guila telling Daisy?

There were several entries in the Christmas Ornament and Christmas Card Contests. Guila Gilmore took first place in the Christmas Card contest with her hand painted card while Nancy Miehle took second place. The winner of the Christmas Ornament Contest was Sheila Goodwin who created a stained glass angel. Guila Gilmore and Nancy Miehle tied for second place.

There was lots of good food and everyone had a good time.



Chaparral Artists Vice President Gordon Crawford and member Ray Lamb at the "Winter" Shows Artists Reception

Chaparral Artists Host Chamber Mixer

In case you didn't know; Chaparral Artists is a member of the 29 Palms Chamber of Commerce and we will be hosting the Twentynine Palms Chamber Mixer on January 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at A Roadside Attraction Gallery.

This mixer will be a perfect time to get a preview of the new "Same but Different" Show, check out the newly remodeled gallery, and meet other Chamber of Commerce members as well as members of the public.

Jan Melchert, our president, promises to have plenty of refreshments for attendees in case you need an extra incentive.

Let's see how many of our members and friends can make it to the mixer.

A Roadside Attraction Gallery is located in Indian Cove behind Acclaim Insurance at 69197 29 Palms Highway, Twentynine Palms.



The "Winter" Show Artists Reception

Odds & Ends

Upcoming art show at Whitaker's Art Supply – Local artists can submit one piece of art, it must be hang-able or approved in advance if it needs table space. All types of art and crafts are welcome. Art must be turned in by Jan. 17th.

The art show reception will be Sunday the 20th from 1 – 4 p.m. and there will be refreshments served. It will also be a celebration of our one year anniversary of Whitaker's Art Supply being open. The show will run from Jan. 20 to Feb. 20. I look forward to displaying all the wonderful art pieces. - Dawn, Whitaker's Art Supply

Whitaker's Art Supply is located at 5684 Historic Plaza in Twentynine Palms.

Editor's note – Chaparral Artist members who want to submit a piece of work and can't make it to Whitaker's can drop off their work with me at either our January meeting or at A Roadside Attraction Gallery on the 16th or 17th during

our turn-in for "The Same But Different" Show. Whitaker's reception will be on the same day as the one at A Roadside Attraction Gallery so make an afternoon of it and go see both shows. Pat

The **Board of Directors** for the non-profit Community Theater organization, **Theatre 29**, held their yearly reorganization meeting December 11, 2012 and elected new officers and Board Members for 2013.

Re-elected for two-year terms (2013-2014) were Brian Tabeling, Ken Palmer, Kathryn Ferguson, Robin Schmelling, and Mary Phelps. They will join incumbent Board members (2012-2013) Frances Wright, Gary Daigneault, Tom Highfill, Marty Nieder, and Cindy Daigneault.

Get well wishes go out to Chaparral Artist member Ron Churchwell.

Chaparral Artists member and award winning photographer **Julianne Koza** was featured in the article *Starry Night Photography* in the Fall 2012 issue of the Basin Wide Spirit magazine along with **Bill Dahl**; another extremely talented photographer who recently became a member of Chaparral Artists.

The **Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce** is currently looking for motivated and energetic business persons to join the **Board of Directors**. Directors must be the owner or employee of a business that is in current good standings with the Chamber or an associated member in good standing. Prospective Directors with experience coordinating volunteers and planning events is a plus. This is a volunteer position that requires dedication and a positive attitude that will enhance the daily operations of the Chamber and benefit the local community. If you are interested, please pick up an

application at the Chamber office located at 73484 Twentynine Palms Hwy, Twentynine Palms; or you can call 760-367-3445 and speak with Rachael.

Don't forget to pay your Chaparral Artists Membership Dues.



Mae Fox's Snow Melt in the "Water, Water" Show

Call for artists to submit works in an upcoming January exhibit at the **Hi-Desert Nature Museum**. "**All Things With Wings**" is the theme... butterflies, dragons, birds, just wings, etc. The exhibit shows from **January 25 to April 27**, with an opening reception on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 5 to 7pm. Art should be dropped off no later than Friday, January 18, 2013. Each artist is allowed to submit one piece, 2-D and 3-D art accepted. Nothing too expensive or too big. Art will not be sold at the museum. Submission fee is \$10. Submitting artists should bring an info card that states the title, dimensions, medium, and artist contact information; this same information should be included on the back bottom of each piece. Art must be ready for hanging/display with hanging hardware.

The art will be taken to the museum on Monday, January 21 and can be picked up on either the 27th or 29th between 10am and 4pm.

Please call the museum for additional information at (760) 369-7212.

The **Morongo Basin Life Drawing League's** sessions will resume on **January 24th** from 6:30 - 8:30pm in the Friendship Hall at the Joshua Tree Retreat Center.

Those who attend each Thursday (usually 5 - 7) split the \$40 model fee. There is a \$1 fee per artist for the center each week. Bring your sketching materials, easel (if desired) and dropcloth. Chairs are provided.

To sign up or to be put on the email list, contact Janis Commentz at elpres2@msn.com.



One of the groupings from last year's "Same but Different" Show

The **Hi-Desert Nature Museum** is pleased to partner with the Morongo Basin Historical Society in hosting their series of history programs.

Join us on January 9th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. when Steve Hanson presents "**The Hospital House.**"

A \$5 donation to the MBHS at the door.

The opening night performance of "**Deathtrap,**" **Theatre 29's** first production of the 2013 season, is a fundraising gala for **Soroptimist International** of Twentynine Palms on January 11.

Doors open at 6 p.m., curtain at 7 p.m. The evening will feature appetizers and desserts made by SI members, with a silent auction concluding during intermission.

Tickets to the opening night gala are \$25 each and are available from any Soroptimist or at the Flower Garden in Twentynine Palms. Proceeds from the evening will benefit SI scholarships and service projects. For more information, call Tanya Stuckey at 760-265-2552,

Dee Foster at 760-362-4057, or Pat Sanford at 760-333-8995.

"**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.

The opening reception is sponsored by the 29 Palms Inn and will be on Friday, Jan. 4 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Harp music by Patti Hood.

Participate in the **Hi-Desert Nature Museum's "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle"** exhibition on display **January 25 - April 26, 2013**. Opening reception will be Friday, January 25th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. As part of our Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 20, 2013 the local community is invited to contribute artwork made from recycled or reused materials for display in our "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" exhibition. Paintings, sculpture, mixed media creations, photographs of recycled products, or any other art -related objects can be loaned to the museum for display in the exhibition. Individual and group projects are welcome and children are particularly encouraged to participate.



Dome Rock by **Judith Nagel** currently on display in the "Water, Water" Show

In today's era of heightened environmental awareness, artists are increasingly turning to junk stores, trash bins, and surplus outlets to



Out of the Fog by **Sharon George** currently on display in the "Water, Water" Show

satisfy their urge to create while still caring for the planet. This exhibit is designed to make people rethink our throwaway society by sharing the local community's innovative and often surprising use of reused and recycled materials. Artwork must be dropped off in person at the museum Friday, January 18th, or Saturday, January 19th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The artwork will be displayed on a first come, first - serve basis until the temporary gallery space is full. Please be sure the artwork you share with us is of low monetary value and small enough to be hung easily or displayed in an exhibit case. Please ensure that paintings have hanging hardware attached. Limit three artworks per artist. No nudes can be displayed in the museum. No artwork will be accepted that is made of combustible or toxic materials, live animal/plant matter, perishable food products, or other harmful items to the museum's other artifacts or visitors. The museum reserves the right to refuse any artwork made of questionable materials. After the close of the exhibition artwork will be available for pickup Saturday, April 27th, or Monday, April 29th, between 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Please call the museum for additional information at (760) 369-7212.

Theatre 29 will hold **auditions** for the second show of the 2013 season, the Broadway classic "Gypsy", a

musical fable suggested by the memoirs of **Gypsy Rose Lee**. Open auditions will be held Monday, January 14, at 6 p.m. at the theatre in Twentynine Palms.

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.

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
Twentynine 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
Twentynine Palms, CA

(10% off everything in the store)



Attendees receive their gifts at the Christmas Party

**Event Calendar
Chaparral Artists & club member events are highlighted.**

Now – Jan. 6

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

Now – Jan. 19, 2013

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

Now – Jan. 20

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

Jan. 2 – Mar. 29

“Palms “Art Show at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery

Jan. 4 (5:30 – 7:00 p.m.)

“Palms” reception at the 29 Palms Visitor Center and Gallery

Jan 9 (5:30 – 7:00 p.m.)

“The Hospital House” at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Jan. 11 (6:00 p.m.)

Soroptimist International hosts opening night of “Deathtrap” at Theatre 29

Jan. 14 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Chaparral Artists meeting in the Joshua Tree Community Center

Jan. 14 (6 p.m.)

Auditions for “Gypsy” at Theatre 29

Jan. 16 (4 – 6 p.m.)

& Jan 17 (10:30 a.m. – noon)
Pick up artwork from the “Winter” show and drop off artwork for the “Same But Different” show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Jan. 17

Deadline to turn in artwork at Whitaker’s Art Supply

Jan. 17 (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

Chaparral Artists hosts 29 Palms Chamber Mixer at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Jan. 17 – Feb. 13

Chaparral Artists “Same But Different” show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Jan. 18

Deadline to drop off art for “All Things With Wings” and “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Jan. 20 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Chaparral Artists Reception for the “Same But Different” themed show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Jan 20 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Artists Reception at Whitaker’s Art Supply

Jan. 24 (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)

The Morongo Basin Life Drawing League sessions resume at the Friendship Hall at the Joshua Tree Retreat Center

Jan. 25 (5 – 7 p.m.)

Opening reception for “All Things With Wings” and “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Jan. 25 – Apr. 27t

Nature Museum’s “All Things With Wings” and “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”