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The Chaparral Sketch

President's Palette

Jan Melchert

Here it is almost February. It seems that January just flew by with the wind we experienced this month, not to mention the cold temperatures, rains and snow. It was definitely a month of variations and the morning scenes were different every day. There were days where the temperatures did not get above freezing where we live and I had difficult time keeping the hummingbird feeders thawed enough so that they could eat. The minute I went out the door the hummers were there telling me to get busy and fix their feeders at 5 o'clock in the morning. How interconnected and interdependent we all are in this world.

We went to the Southwestern Art Show at the Empire Polo Grounds. What a wonderful variety of art and crafts there were to experience. I went to see my favorite watercolorist, Victor Martinez. Looking at his watercolors of his native people in the native from Peru was very humbling....All the intricate embroidery on their clothing and the weathered faces of their elders. It was just beautiful. It is always a treat to see his work. We asked his wife "how often does he paint"....Her response from "he gets up every morning, takes a walk, eats breakfast, and then he is in his studio painting from 8 o'clock in the morning to 6 o'clock at night. If only I had a smidgeon of that dedication. I surprised to see more jewelry and wearable art booths than



Joshua Trees by various artists in the "Same but Different" Show

I think I have seen there before. We found one gentleman who painted large wooden balls with acrylics and glitter. They were astounding. There were quite a few booths exhibiting metal art. It was a wonderful day. It is always to see how much imagination and talent there is in this world.

The Twentynine Palms Chamber mixer we hosted this month was a success and a fun evening. Everyone was immersed in our "Same but Different" show. We received a lot of great compliments and interest in the entries. We had 102 entries, which really put the new hanging system to the test. Raini Armstrong did a great job hanging the pictures along with the rest of us. My thanks is extended to all of you. We did have a good turn-out for the reception the following Sunday. We have had quite a few people drop by that heard about us from the radio announcements, thanks to Suzanne Burton's efforts.

The next show in February is the Youth Art Show, which is a judged art show. Then the show in March is the Judged Photography show and then in April is the Judged Painter's show. So all of you wonderful artists



out there, get busy.

At the February general meeting, Carlos Reyes will be presenting on how to market our art, which includes pricing. I know that that is a big question for me.....I just don't know what price to put on my pieces. Look forward to seeing you there.



Table arrangement created by Shirley James for the 29 Palms Chamber Mixer

The Same but Different Show and Chamber Mixer

If you weren't one of those who attended the 29 Palms Chamber of Commerce Mixer at A Roadside Attraction Gallery you missed out on a fun event.

Chaparral Artists hosted the mixer which kicked off the "Same but Different" Show. With great artwork, food, plenty of people to talk to and lots of raffle items the mixer was a huge success.

Several Chaparral Artists members were in attendance and many of them won items in the Chamber's raffle. Chaparral Artists member Nancy Miehle won several of the raffle items while another Chaparral Artists member, Tammy Tremblay, won the framed Irene Scoggins print that Chaparral Artists donated. I was lucky enough to win a \$20.00 gift certificate from Desert Map & Aerial Photo that I used to purchase a book on hiking in and around the Coachella Valley.

This years' "Same but Different" Show consisted of 108 pieces of artwork by various members of Chaparral Artists and everyone agreed that it was probably our best



The buffet table at the Chamber Mixer

show ever. From stained glass art to paintings and photographs there was something for everyone.

At the artists' reception a few days after the Chamber Mixer I saw at least two people who had been in attendance at the mixer and went back to get another look at all of the art. They both said that they was so busy talking to everyone at the mixer that they didn't get a chance to really look at the artwork.

The artists' reception was less crowded than the Chamber Mixer but there were still plenty of people who stopped by to view the art.

If you haven't done so already you have until February 13 to see this wonderful show.

Exhibitors you can pick up your art on either Wednesday, Feb. 13, between 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 14, between 10 a.m. – noon.



Vickie Culver preparing to hang a painting by Chuck Caplinger for the Same but Different Show

Remembering

I've seen several newscasts and articles about the recent passing of Huell Howser and they remind me

anew about all of the wonderful places that Huell introduced us to.

His shows about California introduced me to some places that I had never heard of and would never have thought of visiting. Thanks to Huell some of the monthly trips that Chaparral Artists members have taken over the last couple of years were to the Lemon Lily Festival in Idyllwild (I've been twice), the Kelso Depot, and the mud pots near the Salton Sea; just to name a few.

He was a true California treasure who discovered the magic of the Morongo Basin and its people letting others know about our wonderful area and telling us of other great places to visit. He was so impressed with our area that he even bought a home in Twentynine Palms.

Thank you to the man who introduced us to interesting and little known places in California. You'll be missed.



March is National Youth Art Month.

The Chaparral Artists the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council, and the California Art Education Association, invite all K-8 students in the Morongo Basin to enter the Youth Art Show at the Roadside Attractions Art Gallery, February 13 to March 13.

- All work will be judged in grade categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8. Students in each category

will win certificate prizes and ribbons.

- Each student may submit one work of art. Each teacher may submit up to 5 works per class. (If more work is submitted than can be shown in the gallery space available, the Chaparral art committee reserves the right to select works to be shown, and return works not selected)
- The top 3 students in each category will be invited to enter their work in the San Bernardino County Youth Art Show at the Margaret Clark Gallery at Redlands High School, March 14 to March 30.
- Two Dimensional paintings, drawings, collages, and photography may not be less than 9 x 12 inches, or larger than 18 x 24 inches, framed. All work should be matted, or framed and wired for display.
- Three dimensional works, (multimedia assemblages, wood, clay, stone sculptures and jewelry), may not exceed the maximum dimension for two dimensional work in any dimension (Maximum size: 24x24x18). They must also weigh less than 50 pounds.
- All works must be clearly labeled on the back or bottom with: The Artists' name, address, phone or email, Teacher, school name, and phone.

Art Intake: Wednesday, February 13, 3:00 to 5:00 PM and Thursday February 14, 10:00 AM to 12 Noon.

Show Opening and Awards

Ceremony: Sunday, February 17, 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Roadside Attractions Art Gallery

**69197 Highway 62,
Twentynine Palms**

For more information and assistance, contact:

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Three different quail creations by Julianne Koza in the Same but Different Show

Beginning with this issue of the Chaparral Sketch the Secretary's notes from the latest general meeting will be included.

Chaparral Artists January 2013 General Meeting

Shirley James

- By-Laws/article on membership read by Jan regarding change in period of time. Membership to run from January to January with current memberships expiring December 2013. vote ayes unanimous – nays 0
- Wednesday will be early take-in for show: 4 to 6 and Thursday 10:30 to 12, due Chamber Mixer with 29 Palms Chamber on Thursday evening 5:30 to 7:30

- Tami Roleff, the Same but Different Show clarification, others outside of Chaparral Artists may exhibit is acceptable, workshops or trips quite often have nonmembers attending
- Minutes read by Secretary, Approved
- Treasurer's Report , balance \$ 5081.77
- Report from Gordon regarding upcoming 1 day trips, see Gordon for packet of information, January through March and has list of Museums with free days, Yucca Valley Community Center is offering trip to Fillmore for \$108 includes lunch and train ride, first trip should be January 25 to Southwest Festival at Polo Grounds in Indio, Festival runs January 25-27th possible car pool , seeing others work is a good way to learn , Thursday Workshop at Yucca Valley Community Center 9 to 12
- Julianne Koza: Reduce and Recycle Show at Hi-Desert Museum, per Ed Keesling 0 fee for Wings show at Museum
- Muffin Hill, thanked the group for their support, since the beginning of 2006; 2000 pieces of art have been exhibited, Reminder of MLK and Black History Month, art is being exhibited Adult and Senior Services Center, She has three rotating areas for art exhibits: main lobby of hospital, CEO's office and opposite Nurses Station, She will be retiring in 2014 but will mentor the next art coordinator

- Pat Quandel has space for exhibit at 29 Palms Chamber and Visitors Center in CEO's office for art and Whitakers Art Supply gives 10% off to Chaparral members, They will also be celebrating their 1 year anniversary with a one month art show. Whitakers is in the Historic Plaza on 2mile Road,
- Tami Roleff invited members to Simi Dabah's Saturday 26th, he will be selling many of his sculpture pieces and donate the money to the 29 Palms Art Guild
- Shirley James announced that Kathleen Radnich of the Joshua Tree Basin Water District is initiating a program to support and assist High School aged children in the art field by painting water wise native plant murals on Joshua Tree water tanks, the first tank will be the one behind the Water Wise Garden, She would like to coordinate with Chaparral Artists to mentor the young artists and direct them as far as a composition, color and other principles of art, Water Company will supply the paint, end result will be a portfolio for the youth artists, The Water District will supply a meeting place. Gordon Crawford volunteered.
- Beverly advised group of workshop Thursday and Friday with Darlene Morris from 9 to 12 and finishing on February 14 and 15, \$10 each session
Kevin Wong presented a slide show of his photographs in Mexico and South America.



Kevin Wong speaking at the January meeting of Chaparral Artists as President Jan Melchert looks on.

- Door Prize: Tami Roleff
50/50: Beverly
Schmuckle
Raffle: Sharon George
Pat Quandel
Mae Fox
Doreen Fundin
Gordon Crawford
Vicki Culver
Dianne Stroble
Nancy Miehle

Thanks to Shirley James Chaparral Artists is now on Facebook. Check it out!

Odds & Ends

Members who attended the January meeting of Chaparral Artists voted to change the membership year to run January 1st to December 31st of each year effective immediately. Those who paid their dues any time in 2012 will have their membership extended through the end of 2013.

Don't forget to pay your membership dues.

The annual membership meeting of the **Morongo Basin Cultural**

Arts Council will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 5-7pm at the Joshua Tree Retreat Center, in the Friendship Hall.

We will hold a drawing for FREE VIP tickets to the Palm Springs Fine Art Fair 2013; we have several pairs to give away. Stay tuned to hwy62art.com and the [Hwy 62 Weekly Newsflash](#) for details!

Enjoy a wild day at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum learning about animals, animals, animals! This special event offers fun animal-themed activities for all ages including hands-on crafts, face painting, and a scavenger hunt. Get up close and personal to bugs and touch our Madagascar hissing cockroaches.

Wild Wonders Animal Show
11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. in the Yucca Room

See an alligator, kinkajou, and more!!

Saturday, February 9
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

FREE!

You can purchase handmade gifts created by Chaparral Artists at A Roadside Attraction Gallery.

Remembering Huell on February 10th – Friends, fans, and desert folks are invited to a Huell Howser Remembrance on Sunday, Feb. 10, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the 29 Palms Inn. The event is an opportunity to share stories and remember the work of the longtime television personality and Twentynine Palms resident, who passed away on Jan. 7, 2013.

The Huell Howser Remembrance at 29 Palms Inn is being co-hosted by the Twentynine Palms Historical Society, Joshua Tree National Park Association, and the City of Twentynine Palms. The event is free and open to the public. Any children in attendance must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

29 Palms Inn is located at 73950 Inn Avenue off National Park Drive

in Twentynine Palms, (760) 367-3505. For more information about the event, contact Vickie Waite at (760) 217-8839 or Les Snodgrass at Twentynine Palms Historical Society (760) 367-2366.

The 29 Palms Art Gallery hosts the 7 to 12 grade Annual Students' Art Show at the 29 Palms Art Gallery. The show is scheduled to run from January 30 to February 24. The opening reception will be Sunday, February 3, between 12 and 3 p.m. The 29 Palms Artists' Guild and Gift Shop will be giving awards to the top three works in three categories as well as two scholarships to seniors with outstanding work.

A Reception for the artists will be held at the Gallery on Sunday, February 3rd from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. All students, families, friends, and the public are invited to attend. Refreshments will also be served. Ribbons and cash awards will be presented at 12:30 p.m. during the reception.

Readership of *The Chaparral Sketch* has grown considerably since September 2010 when I first began tracking subscribers. From only a few dozen readers our subscriber list has grown to over 460 families throughout the U. S. and Canada.

Whitaker's Art Supply celebrated their one year anniversary with an art show and reception on January 20.

I managed to slip away from Chaparral Artists' reception and spend a little time looking at the artwork at Whitaker's and chatting with Dawn and her family as well as several art show attendees.

Among those who have artwork in the show are Chaparral Artists members Raini Armstrong, Julianne Koza, Patricia Quandel, Tami Roleff, and Dianne Stroble.

The show runs until February 20.



Painting by Dianne Stroble currently on display at Whitaker's Art Supply

**Hilary Sloane
Visions and Images
The Glass Outhouse**

77575 Twenty Nine Palms Hwy
29 Palms, CA 92277

February 2nd - February 27th, 2013

Reception: February 2, 2013
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM



New Mexico photograph by Hilary Sloane

Enjoy a once-a-month lunch break with your neighbors and friends at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum, while learning about an interesting topic related to the High Desert. This lecture series is held one Thursday a month through March.

February 21: *The Tortoise Intaglio Mystery*, presented by John Rafter Starting at Noon

FREE to the public and coffee will be served



Two stained glass entries by Bill Zellmer in the Same but Different Show

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)

Event Calendar

Chaparral Artists & club member events are highlighted.

Jan. 2 – Mar. 29

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



Chaparral Artists member Margie Trandem poses with her photograph currently on display in the Palms Show

Jan. 17 – Feb. 13

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

Jan. 20 – Feb. 20

Art Show at Whitaker’s Art Supply



Dawn Whitaker & daughter Shelby pose in front of a painting by Dawn’s grandfather, Robert French

Jan. 25 – Apr. 27 Nature Museum’s “All Things With Wings” and “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”

Jan. 30 – Feb. 24

7 - 12 grade Annual Students' Art Show at the 29 Palms Art Gallery

Feb. 2 (1 – 5 p.m.)

Hilary Sloane Artists’ Reception at The Glass Outhouse

Feb. 2 – Feb. 27

Hilary Sloane artwork on display at The Glass Outhouse

Feb. 3 (Noon – 3 p.m.)

Opening reception for the 7 - 12 grade Annual Students' Art Show at the 29 Palms Art Gallery

Feb. 5 (5 – 7 p.m.)

Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council annual membership meeting

Feb. 9 (10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Wild Wonders Animal Show at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Feb. 10 (2 p.m. – 5 p.m.)

Remembering Huell Howser at the 29 Palms Inn

Feb. 11 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Chaparral Artists meeting in the Joshua Tree Community Center

Feb. 13 (3 – 5 p.m.)

& Feb. 14 (10:00 a.m. – noon)

Pick up artwork from the “Same but Different” show and drop off artwork for the K – 8 Grade Youth Art Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Feb. 17 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Chaparral Artists Reception for the K – 8 Grade Youth Art Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Feb. 21 (Noon)

The Tortoise Intaglio Mystery at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum



Raini Armstrong hanging photographs by Tami Roleff for the Same but Different Show

Don’t miss the youth art show.



Chaparral Artists, the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council, & the California Art Education Association invite you to the K - 8 Grade Annual Art Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

69197 29 Palms Highway
Twentynine Palms

(Located in Indian Cove behind Acclaim Insurance)

Feb. 13, 2013 - Mar. 13, 2013

Reception Feb. 17, 1 - 3 p.m.

Everyone welcome!

Refreshments will be served.