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The Chaparral Sketch

President's Palette

Jan Melchert

Bev Schmuckle and I are going to Las Vegas February 24th to March 3rdso I am gone painting for a week. The Las Vegas Creative Painting Convention is so much fun, but it is grueling. You paint from the morning to the late evening, every day for a solid week. About the middle of that week you begin to talk to yourself. "You must be crazy to do this! What's the matter with you? What were you thinking? Hello, in there, can you pick up that brush and smear some paint on that canvas in a logical and artistic manner?" When you leave Vegas, you vow to yourself that you will never do this again, only insane people do this to themselves. Yes I'm going to stick to my guns and not do it again. Then June rolls around and you go on the web-site for the Las Vegas Creative Painting Convention. You look through the on-line catalog and you see what each instructor is painting. Oh what beautiful pictures! Can they teach me to paint like that? Surely they can. You start developing your class schedule, attempting to fit all those classes in. The next thing you know, you are calling them up and paying for the classes. Okay, so now you are committed, you have to do this thing. You kind of forget about it until February rolls around. You get a little excited, that passes quickly. Then you begin to get your list of equipment needed for each class you signed up for. What brushes do I need to add to my collection? These

instructors are very serious about what brushes you use for their class. Then you make lists and more lists for what you have to pack. Clothing....check, toothpaste and toothbrush....check, check, don't get that toothbrush mixed up with the required class brushes that would be unfortunate....Deodorant, those classes are usually ragingly hot or stunningly cold with 30 or more people jammed into the class room...check, check check. Okay instructors get out your magic wands; here comes Bev Schmuckle, the frequent flyer, and Jan Melchert, the novice. Wave those wands and impart all that knowledge on us and guide our little hands to paint just like you! Look out, here we come!!!!



Annual Judged Photo Show in March

This year's Spring Photo Show has been moved to March instead of April in order to make room for a solo show by Robyn Goudy that will open in May. We'll tell you more about Robyn's show in an upcoming issue of the Chaparral Sketch.

Chaparral Artists' Spring Photo Show is open to all photographers and there is no limit on the number of entries that a person can have. Youth and adult entries will not

compete against each other except for Best of Show and People's Choice awards. Age will be a factor in choosing winners in the youth category. Members of Chaparral Artists who have paid their dues and all young artists who have not graduated high school will pay a \$10.00 entry fee for their first photograph and \$5.00 for each additional entry. Non-members will pay a \$10.00 entry fee for each submission. However; if they would like to become a member the membership is \$25.00 for one person and \$35.00 per couple with \$5.00 for each additional family member. (We don't charge a membership fee for young artists who haven't graduated from high school.)



Cody Riddle with her Best of Show Winner & 1st Place award winner in the 3 – 5 Grade Category in the K-8 Grade Art Show – Photo by Raini Armstrong

Each category will have subcategories of birds, other animals, landscapes, people, man-made, sunrise/sunset, flowers, plants & trees, still life, insects, and other. We will combine groups if there are less than three entries in any category/subcategory.

You can turn in your photographs at A Roadside Attraction either on Thursday, March 14 between 4 and 6 p.m. or Friday, March 15 between 10:30 and noon. **No entries will be accepted after noon on Friday without prior approval of the show committee.**

Everyone is invited to attend the awards ceremony and reception on Sunday, March 17 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

This show will run through April 10.

An entry form has been attached for your convenience.

Chaparral Artists Enters Digital World

Shirley James

Chaparral Artists now has a fan page on Facebook. We will be posting events and activities along with pictures of past activities, shows and their winners. We will have albums to browse of current happenings and past. Check it out and like the page

We have our old domain name back and will have a website up by mid-March. We will announce it on Facebook with a link.



Christopher Falossi' People's Choice award winner at the K-8 Grade Art Show – Photo by Raini Armstrong

Kindergarten thru Eighth Grade Art Show

Another great show is taking place at A Roadside Attraction Gallery. As usual our young artists have submitted some wonderful art and I was happy to see that we have several artists that were participants in last year's show.

Chaparral Artists in conjunction with the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council, and the California Art Education Association are the hosts of the Morongo Basin Kindergarten

through Eighth Grade annual Art Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery in Indian Cove. This show runs from February 13 to March 13.



Barbara Matheney's "Chilly Desert Morning" currently on display at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Awards for the show were presented during the artists' reception on February 17. Ground Control Hobbies, located in Yucca Valley, provided the Best of Show winner with a gift certificate and cash awards were given by Chaparral Artists for first, second, and third in each category. The Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council gave each participant a one year membership in their group. Chaparral Artists doesn't offer membership in their club to youth artists. Instead; any



Cole Banas with his 1st Place award winner in the 3D Category at the K-8 Grade Art Show

local youth artist who hasn't graduated from high school has the same rights and privileges of club members and are encouraged to

display their work at A Roadside Attraction Gallery.

Winners of each category are shown below.

Best of Show – Cody Lyn Riddle

People’s Choice - Christopher

Falossi

Kindergarten – Second Grade

1st – Kimberly Balch

2nd – Carly Brimhall

3rd – Rachael McArthur

Honorable Mention – Dylan Dolen

Third – Fifth Grade

1st – Cody Lyn Riddle

2nd – Loryn Brimhall

3rd – Mei Chua

Honorable Mention – Lillian

Rollberg

Three Dimensional

1st – Cole Banas

2nd – Kayli Kirschenbaum

3rd – Evalyn Grunt

Honorable Mention – Christopher

Falossi

Honorable Mention – Julia

Livingston

There were no entries in the Sixth

– Eighth Grade Category.

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Kimberly Balch with her 1st Place award winner in the K-2 Grade Category at the K-8 Grade Art Show – Photo by Raini Armstrong

March is National Youth Art Month.

**Chaparral Artists
February 11, 2013
General Meeting**

Shirley James

Meeting called at 1:15

Items discussed at Meeting:

Youth Art Show Take-in will be Wednesday from 3-5 and Thursday 10-12, The reception will be from 1-3 on February 17 with cash awards to First and Second and a gift certificate from Ground Control to People’s Choice

Art Scene and demonstration gardens briefly mentioned and that the new by-laws have been written , they will be reviewed section at a time at the meeting, non-profit status is being actively pursued.

Nancy Miehle Treasurer discussed how the dues of members is used: cost of room, website, awards for shows newsletters

Gordon Crawford Vice President discussed shows in Cathedral City, and other opportunities for local



George Antis’ “Last Flight Before Red Dawn” currently on display at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

artists to show down in the Palm Springs Area, “go beyond the bounds” Show calendar for area discussed including Black History Parade

Shirley James, Secretary discussed Facebook page for Chaparral Artists with Albums being added for shows and activities

Muffin discussed Black History Month and the Show honoring in San Bernardino County, she mentioned her retirement and that she would still act as a mentor for the new art coordinators, three will be needed one for Hi-Desert Medical Center, Water District.



Marci Vanderbilt’s “Flutter By” currently on display at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Ed Keesling discussed the Youth Show, Janis Commentz the leader for the Life Drawing Class will be the Judge, The winners of the Youth Show will be advanced to the County Youth Show being hosted by the Redlands Art Association on March 15, winners will advance to Southern Area, then State on-line,



Lillian Rollberg with her 3-5th Grade Honorable mention entry in the K-8 Grade Art Show

The judge for this show of over 40 entries was local artist and art instructor Janis Commentz. Raini Armstrong has several pictures that she took at the reception that you can see at

winners, one parent and teacher will then go to National Show in New York Gretchen Grunt of The Creative Center will be bringing 2 pieces of art for each of her students for the show

Ed Keesling discussed need of local artist, Chastity a graduate of UCR, who is under financial difficulties in need of home and job.

Raffle: Door Prize: Daisy Pirot 50/50: Suzie Burton, Raffles Gordon Crawford, Judith Nagle, Sonja Arnel(2), Myrna Riordan, Ila Lewis (3), Nancy McHenry(2), Nancy Miehle(2)

Carlos Reyes presented a discussion on promotion and marketing, enthusiastically received by group, highlights included customer service, blogs, exploiting Facebook, longevity of art and mention www.wink-flash.com and www.uprinting.com and www.fineartamerica.com.

Notes from the Editor

As many of you know; I had cut back on my activities for several months due to health concerns. February was a good test to see if I was getting back to normal.



Hilary Sloane with her photograph "The Bird and the Lamp Post"

I started out the month by attending the artist reception for Chaparral Artists member Hilary Sloane at the Glass Outhouse Gallery. Hilary had a wonderful show which featured a wide range of her paintings and photographs. Last year I took photographs at one of her receptions and she asked me to do the same thing this year.

It wasn't intentional but the scope of my photography keeps expanding. Besides taking photographs for the Chaparral Sketch I'm currently doing some jewelry shots for Janice Westfall, another Chaparral Artists member. Taking pictures of jewelry is a lot more challenging to me than shooting nature or wildlife.

I attended the 7 – 12 grade Artists Reception at the 29 Palms Art Gallery. This show had 85 pieces of work on display that John Fisher, whom I met at Hilary's reception, did an excellent job of judging. This was another wonderful example of what our youth artists are capable of. While at the gallery I met artist Shawn Hoesel who had a few of his pieces in the show. His work made me take time and study it. I wouldn't be surprised to see more of his work in the future.



"The Luck of Life" was one of Shawn Hoesel's entries in the 7 – 12th Grade Art Show at the 29 Palms Art Gallery

I got a chance to stop by the Hi-Desert Nature Museum and see the shows "All Things with Wings" and "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle". I was surprised at how many Chaparral Artists members had work in this show. I tried to take pictures of all of our members work and you will see some of them in this month's newsletter and the rest in next month's newsletter. *Remember I can't tell others where they can see your art if you don't tell me where it is.*

Carlos Reyes, owner of ArtFX, was the guest speaker at Chaparral Artists' February meeting. He spoke about marketing our artwork and the

only complaint that I had was that there wasn't enough time to learn more from him. (Carlos has artwork by approximately 70 local artists in his store.)

A surprise attendee at our meeting was Eric "Q" Quander who is the Artistic Director of the Yucca Valley Shakespeare Guild. He treated us to a brief performance from Julius Caesar which will be opening on March 14 at the Blak Box Theatre in Joshua Tree. I never had any desire to see a play by Shakespeare until now. If this is any indication of what the play will be like then I urge everyone to attend. (Something that we found interesting was the similarity of our last names. It was the first time that either of us found another name with spelling so close to our own.)

In February I attended the Reach Out Morongo Basin's Parade of Homes, interviewed Barbara and Bob Matheney, and took a trip to the Salton Sea with fellow photographers Raini Armstrong and Judy Nagel. I'll tell you about them in next month's newsletter.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of artist Elsie Grace in February. Elsie was a friend, teacher, and inspiration to many members of Chaparral Artists.



"Sunset over the Sawtooths with Joshua Trees" by Ray Lamb

Ray Lamb at the Glass Outhouse

Ray Lamb is one of Chaparral Artists newest members and he'll be having a one man show at the Glass Outhouse. Opening with a reception from 1 – 5 p.m. on March 2 the show will run through March 30.

Like many other artists Ray put aside his painting for many years but now he has returned. His vibrant colors and technique make his work easily identifiable.

This show will include many new works as well as pieces that have been seen before. Don't miss this chance to see so many of Ray's paintings in one place. I guarantee his work will make your day more colorful.

The Glass Outhouse is located at 77575 Hwy 62 & Thunder Road in Wonder Valley. It is 3 1/2 miles east of Utah Trail on the right hand side of the highway.

Odds & Ends

The new Chaparral Artists member's directory will be coming out soon. Have you paid your dues?

The "Palms" Art Show will be on exhibit through March 29 at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center & Gallery in downtown Twentynine Palms.

In January 2013 Wally Pacholka, a Southern California photographer, was one of the photographers whose work was selected for auction by The Financial Times and The Global Fund for Children in association with Christie's, New York. This marked the first charity photography auction in the US and raised \$250,000 in aid of The Global Fund for Children, including matched funding from the Pearson Foundation and GFC sponsors.



Yosemite Christmas Night by Wally Pacholka was one of the works auctioned by Christie's

Gretchen Grunt, artist and art instructor, has informed me that thanks to Chaparral Artists promotion of youth artists she has decided to have an art show at the 29 Palms Creative Center & Gallery in March that will feature artwork by her young students. The Creative Center is located at 6847 Adobe Road in 29 Palms and I'm sure that Gretchen would love to have you stop by.

Chaparral Artists members Guila Gilmore, Pat Harfield, Deane Locke, and Nancy Miehle recently painted three mural in the pediatrics section of the Hi-Desert Family Medical Clinic in Yucca Valley.



One of the murals painted by Guila, Pat, Deane, and Nancy

"Desert Critters" is the theme for the next Art in Public Places exhibition, scheduled for April 1 to June 28, at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery at 73484 29 Palms Hwy in downtown Twentynine Palms.

Turn in artwork on Friday, March 29, between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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

2nd Friday Old Schoolhouse Lecture Series - Dennis Casebier will be presenting Harold & Lucille Weight's "Wildflowers of the Desert, the Bloom of 1964".

Sponsored by the Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park and the Twentynine Palms Historical Society, this lecture is held at the Old Schoolhouse Museum, 6760 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, on Friday, March 15 at 7 pm. This lecture is open to the public and costs \$5 per person at the door. Optional dinner with speaker at 5

p.m. at the 29 Palms Inn, room is limited and attendees are responsible for their own meal. If interested in dinner please RSVP to Marion Gartner 760-361-1202 or desert29palms@yahoo.com.

The 29 Palms Art Gallery will be hosting a reception on Sunday March 3rd at 74055 Cottonwood Drive from 12 to 3 p.m. for Chuck Caplinger and Ellie Tyler. The show also features work by guild members in the Pickering Room. Caplinger will be showing oil paintings and giclee prints on canvas in the West Gallery with work by Joshua Tree photographer Ellie Tyler in the Main Gallery

Dawn Whitaker from Whitaker's Art Supply reported that during their recent one year anniversary show seven pieces of art was sold.

Dawn reported that Whitaker's Art Supply plans to have at least two group art shows every year.

On March 14 Palms and Orchids, Flowers and Ferns - Plant Diversity in Joshua Tree National Park will be presented by Mitzi Harding at noon in the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley.

This presentation is free to the public and coffee will be served.

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. Includes the Chaparral Artists logo and a note: 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
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)

Event Calendar

Chaparral Artists & club member events are highlighted.

Jan. 2 – Mar. 29

“Palms “Art Show at the
Twenty-nine Palms Visitor Center
and Gallery

Jan. 25 – Apr. 27

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

Feb. 13 – Mar. 13
K – 8 Grade Youth Art Show at A
Roadside Attraction Gallery

Feb. 27 – Mar. 24

Chuck Caplinger & Ellie Tyler art
on display at the 29 Palms Art
Gallery

Mar 2 (1-5 p.m.)

Artist’s Reception for Ray Lamb at
the Glass Outhouse

Mar 2 – 30

Ray Lamb art on display at the Glass
Outhouse



Mar. 3 (12:00 – 3 p.m.)

Artists’ Reception at the 29 Palms
Art Gallery for Chuck Caplinger &
Ellie Tyler

Mar. 11 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Chaparral Artists meeting in the
Joshua Tree Community Center

Mar. 14 (Noon)

Palms and Orchids, Flowers and
Ferns - Plant Diversity in Joshua
Tree National Park at the **Hi-Desert**
Nature Museum

Mar. 14 (4 – 6 p.m.)

& Mar. 15 (10:30 a.m. – noon)
Pick up artwork from the K – 8
Grade Youth Art Show and drop off
photographs for the Spring Photo

Show at A Roadside Attraction
Gallery

Mar. 14 – 17

Julius Caesar at the Blak Box
Theatre

Mar. 15 (7:00 p.m.)

“Wildflowers of the Desert, the
Bloom of 1964” at the Old
Schoolhouse Museum

Mar. 17 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Chaparral Artists Reception for the
Spring Photo Show at A Roadside
Attraction Gallery

Mar. 17 – Apr. 10

Chaparral Artists Spring Photo
Show at A Roadside Attraction
Gallery

Mar. 29 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Pick up artwork from the “Palms”
show and drop off artwork for the
“Desert Critters” show at the
Twenty-nine Palms Visitor Center
and Gallery

Apr. 1 – June 28

“Desert Critters” Art Show at the
Twenty-nine Palms Visitor Center
and Gallery



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
Twenty-nine 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.