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The Chaparral Sketch

President's Palette

Jan Melchert

Spring is in the air, can you feel it? My poor old bones and arthritis is very thankful it is here. I don't think I have ever seen so many Joshua trees and Spanish Daggers blooming. I hope this is an omen that the wildflowers are going to be spectacular, too. I am thinking very strongly of a paint-out and picnic lunch at Covington Park for the May meeting in celebration of the Joshua tree and Spanish Dagger blooms and in anticipation that the wild flowers will be the same. Perhaps we can see some spectacular birds thrown into the mix, just to top it off. Perhaps it won't be too cool or too hot, but just right so says the three bears as they were talking to Goldilocks. What do you think is it a good idea?

Bring the spouses along too, the more the merrier.

We just had a very successful Judged Photographer's Show with 102 entries. It was a tough show because all of the entries were wonderful. I felt sorry for the judge. It was a tough show to judge. The judge spent a lot of time pouring over the pictures and deciding the winners. I am certainly glad I was not the one doing the judging. Although I had to pick the President's Award and that was not easy either.

The next show is the Judged Art Show which includes everything, but photos. The intake for this show is Thursday, April 11th from 4-6 pm and Friday, April 12th from 10:30 am to noon. The reception will be held on Sunday, April 14th between 1-3 pm. Please bring your entries



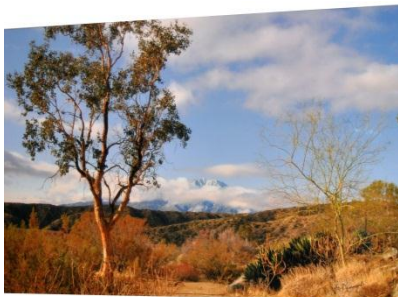
Judith Nagel's "Brown Pelican" Best of Show winner in Chaparral Artists' Spring Photo Show

wired appropriately and tagged with the needed information attached to the back of the picture. The fee for the first entry is \$10.00 and each additional entry for Chaparral members will be \$5.00, and for non-Chaparral Members it will be \$10.00 for each additional picture. The categories will be: Animals, Plants and Trees, Insects, Man-Made, Birds, Sunrise/Sunset, Other, Landscape, Flowers, and People. Good luck and we look forward to seeing your latest creations.

Our next general meeting will be at the Desert First Presbyterian Church. We have found a new home for our monthly meetings. It is at the Desert First Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley. There is a lot of meeting space with round tables. We have a large shelf in a cabinet in the meeting room to store the things we need to store on a monthly basis, so it will ease the task of setting up the room for our meetings by the hospitality staff. This was problem for the hospitality staff when we lost the connex for storage. The ladies had no place to store supplies, which meant that that had to pack all that around. The ladies work really hard for us, to make the meeting place look presentable. It has a nice clean kitchen and we have the use of the

church's coffee urn for our potluck meal. The church has ample parking space and easy access to the church. We need to park in the back part of the lot and take the stairs of ramp up to the back door to enter the meeting room. We will no longer be charged for going over the meeting time by a few minutes, or face the problem of the meeting day falling on a scheduled holiday, which caused great pandemonium this year. Pastor Wayne is very excited about having us rent his space. He mentioned he would like to have an art show at the church, featuring Chaparral Artists. Directions for the new meeting place are: from HWY 62, turn left on Sage, you will come to Onega and Sage (where Yucca Valley High School is), keep going for another two blocks, turn right on Mountain View Trail and go about 1½ to 2 blocks and church is on the right hand side of the street. Please, park in the parking lot. For those of you who are visual people, the church is a low one story building which is yellowish with brown trim and a brown cross attached to the front of the building.

Keep on creating. That is what makes us human, is that we can create!



Barbara Demmock's "Mount San Jacinto"
People's Choice winner in Chaparral Artists' Spring Photo Show

Spring Photography Show

This year's spring photography show had over 100 entries and included some of the area's best photographers. Among those exhibiting were photographers who had never entered a judged show and others who were in their first

Chaparral Artists judged show. I'm happy to report that you will see some of their names in this list of winners.

Best of Show – Judith Nagel's "Brown Pelican"
People's Choice - Barbara Demmocks' "Mount San Jacinto"
President's Choice – Margie Trandem's "Lion 1"

Animals

1st –
2nd – Julianne Koza
3rd – Patricia Quandel
Honorable Mention – Margie Trandem

Birds

1st – Judith Nagel
2nd – Raini Armstrong
3rd – Julianne Koza
Two Honorable Mentions – Tami Roleff

Flowers

1st – Judith Nagel
2nd – Raini Armstrong
3rd – Patricia Quandel
Honorable Mention – Judith Nagel

Insects

1st – Vickie Culver
2nd – Margie Trandem
3rd – Margie Trandem
Honorable Mention - Raini Armstrong

Landscapes

1st – Judith Nagel
2nd – Bill Dahl
3rd – Judith Nagel
Honorable Mention – Mies Broome
Honorable Mention – Vickie Culver
Honorable Mention – Barbara Demmocks
Honorable Mention – Julianne Koza

Man-Made

1st – Margie Trandem
2nd – Dennis Hofelich
3rd – Julianne Koza
Honorable Mention – Barbara Demmocks

Other

1st – Tami Roleff
2nd – Georgia Toney
3rd – Dennis Hofelich
Honorable Mention – Tami Roleff
Honorable Mention – Georgia Toney



Margie Trandem's "Lion 1" President's Choice winner in Chaparral Artists' Spring Photo Show

People

1st – Dennis Hofelich
2nd – Tami Roleff
3rd – Patricia Quandel

Plants and Trees

1st – Margie Trandem
2nd – Dennis Hofelich
3rd – Margie Trandem
Honorable Mention – Patricia Quandel

Sunrise/Sunset

1st – Margie Trandem
2nd – Raini Armstrong
3rd – Patricia Quandel
Honorable Mention – Dennis Hofelich
Two Honorable Mentions – Margie Trandem
Chuck Caplinger was the judge for this show.

Congratulations to all of the winners.

You can pick up your artwork on Thursday, April 11 from 4 – 6 p.m. or Friday, April 12 from 10:30 – noon.

Chaparral Artists meeting are now held in the Desert First Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley.

Odds & Ends

"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.



Chaparral Artists member Ray Lamb poses with one of his painting that was on display at the Glass Outhouse Gallery in March.

An opening reception is being planned for the artists and the public on Friday, April 5, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. with refreshments sponsored by Lil' Bugs Pet Shop and music by Randy Godfrey and Bobby Furgo.

The gallery is located in the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce, 73484 29 Palms Hwy., at the corner of Desert Queen, (760) 367-6719, open 9-5 Monday through Friday and 10-4 Saturday and Sunday.

Art in Public Places exhibitions are presented by the Public Arts Advisory Committee of the City of Twentynine Palms.

Applications are now being accepted for this year's **Hwy 62 Art Tours**. The 12th annual Hwy 62 Art Tours is set for October 19 & 20, and 26-27 at open studios and other locations in the Joshua Tree Gateway Communities including Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley, Twentynine Palms, Morongo Valley, Wonder Valley, and surrounding areas. Open studios, galleries, and shops and businesses featuring local art, are welcome to apply through April 30 (or May 19 with a late fee). Visit www.hwy62arttours.com for information, application fees, rules and regulations, and to submit your application.

Chaparral Artists members **Guila Gilmore, Pat Harfield, Deane Locke, and Nancy Miehle** were given certificates by the Hi-Desert Medical Center Directors in recognition of their work in painting three murals in the pediatrics section of the Hi-Desert Family Medical Clinic in Yucca Valley.

(Photos of the murals were in last month's newsletter.)



Guila Gilmore, Nancy Miehle, Deane Locke, & Pat Harfield with the certificates they received from the Hi-Desert Medical Center Directors – Photo by Dennis Hofelich

Amy Medina becomes the newest artist to have her artwork on display in Kidz Korner at **A Roadside Attraction Gallery**.



Amy Medina with her painting "The Oasis"

American Pride Icon Destroyed by Vandals - Joshua Tree's Sunburst Park mural inspired by Sherri Sullivan of CFI Solutions was recently defaced with offensive graffiti. The mural's artist and Park District have determined damage so extensive that salvaging the 66' long by 13' tall "American Pride Mural" to be impossible.

The "American Pride Mural" dedicated as a tribute to the areas children in 2005 was originally painted with the help of numerous volunteers over a two week period.

Frank Haggard of the District says "It would be a shame not to replace the mural" and asked for the communities help. Artists and individuals looking to lend a hand or have design concepts considered should contact the District Office @ 760-366-8415. Preliminary design sketches from local Joshua Tree artists are to be submitted to the Park District by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 31st, 2013 in order to be considered.

PH: 760-366-8415

Email:

fhaggard6@sdd.sbcounty.gov

On Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/JoshuaTreeRecreationandParksDistrict>

If you have items for Chaparral Artists scrapbook please give them to Janice Westfall or Jennifer Westfall Boyer.

The Desert Classic Film Society will be presenting the silent film classic **The Freshman** starring Harold Lloyd on Friday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at the Bijou Cinema in Yucca Valley.

Chaparral Artists member **Guila Gilmore** teaches art classes at the Morongo Basin Senior Support Center in Yucca Valley on Mondays from 9 – 11.

Desert Art Center Art Enrichment Lecture Series presents **Robert Brasier** Deputy Director of Education and Public Programs for the Palm Springs Art Museum speaking on "The Story of Art" in the Desert Art Center Auditorium, 550 N. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262 on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, 4:30 p.m. Free of charge. Public invited. Refreshments following.

Don't forget that artists who haven't graduated from high school do not need to be a member of Chaparral Artists in order to enjoy

the same benefits and discounts as regular members.



Chaparral Artists member Chuck Caplinger poses with one of his painting that was on display at the 29 Palms Art Gallery in March.

The Wildlands Conservancy's Whitewater Preserve will host its third annual benefit weekend, "A Matter of Taste," on April 13 and 14. Come enjoy an art festival from 9am to 4:30pm both Saturday and Sunday, featuring local artists, raffles, and outdoor activities for kids, live music, and the stunning scenery of Whitewater Canyon.

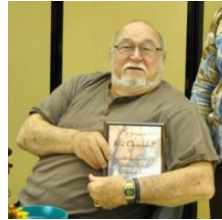
On Saturday afternoon at 4:30 pm, the preserve will host a benefit auction and artists' reception. By purchasing a ticket for \$30.00, guests can enjoy refreshments, live jazz music with the Palm Springs High School Jazz Band, and bid on artwork from favorite local artists, including Stephen L. Rieman, Michael Smiley, David Salk, David Jesse McChesney, and Elizabeth Green.

For more information and a complete list of artists, please visit www.wildlandsconservancy.org and click "A Matter of Taste."

The Hi-Desert Nature Museum is holding a silent auction at the museum through April 20th. This exciting fundraising event features 30 works of art made from recycled materials representing a wide range of styles created and donated by local artists. The artwork is currently on display at the museum and available for bidding.

Chaparral Artists is now a member of the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce.

We are saddened to report the passing of long time Chaparral Artists



member Ron Churchwell. Over the years Ron has

Ron Churchwell in April 2012 with the award he received from Chaparral Artists.

volunteered much of his time to the club and he will be sorely missed.

Chaparral Artists members Emilia Louisa Frasher and Janice Westfall both had booths at this past weekend's Desert Art Center's 2013 Outdoor Art Mart.



The Town of Yucca Valley will stage the Run for the Arts on Sunday, May 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Essig Park at the corner of Warren Vista Avenue and Joshua Lane. The event is a 5K run and health walk complemented by artist booths, entertainment, refreshments, and children's activities.

Vendor registration is open to artists who have original artwork, jewelry, photography, and other art items to sell.



Barbara Wells-Roberts "Hawaiian Vacation" currently on display the at Hi-Desert Nature Museum.

Vendor and exhibitor booths and spaces will be assigned on FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis.

The 5k run and the art show will be held rain or shine.

Vendors are required to supply a copy of a valid seller's permit. Applications for a "temporary seller's permit" can be requested from the State Board of Equalization at either of these offices: 3737 Main Street, Suite 1000, Riverside, CA 92501, (951)680-6400 or 35-900 Bob Hope Dr., Ste. 280, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270, (760)770-4828.

The Town will provide one 15' x 15' exhibit space per booth. Tables, chairs, canopies or umbrellas are the responsibility of the vendor.

For more information contact Lynne Richardson, museum@yucca-valley.org or 760-369-7212.



This painting by Carolyn Eads Blaker is currently on display at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Tickets are on sale now for the 11th Annual Joshua Tree Music Festival May 17 - 19.

Get your early bird tickets now, or earn a free ticket to the festival by volunteering. Volunteer at the festival, or pass out posters/postcards in advance in exchange for a festival ticket. Go to the website and register now for your shifts. Being a part of the festivities enhances the festival experience, and you save some coin. Visit the festival's website, joshuatreemusicfestival.com, for complete details.



This piece by Marci Vanderbilt is one of the works currently on display at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum.

The Life and Times of Cowboy Billy Mitchell - Morongo Basin Historical Society presents 2nd Wednesday Program at 5:30 PM Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at the **Hi-Desert Nature Museum**, 57116 29 Palms Highway, Yucca Valley.

Suggested \$5 donation

The Mojave Desert, rich with cowboy and Indian legends, was settled by people who celebrated life, ranching, mining and cowboy ethics. Billy Mitchell, fourth generation of one of the founding families of Barstow, is a rancher, cowboy, father, grandfather, great grandfather and resident of Johnson Valley. He will relate his fascinating and compelling story about growing



This whimsical piece by Ed Keesling is one of the works currently on display at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum.

up in the Mojave Desert with his rancher grandfather.

With Billy will be **Hilary Sloane**, a photographer who has been documenting cowboy life in the High Desert.

Editor's Note - Hilary is a member of Chaparral Artists.

Chaparral Artists March 11, 2013 General Meeting

Jan Melchert called the meeting to order at 1PM.

Attendance: members of the Chaparral Artists

Jan said that Chaparral Artist is looking for a new place to meet, probably a church that could accommodate general meetings and provide storage for the meeting, Diane Stroble and Suzanne Burton are checking with their churches

Photography Show intake is 4 to 6 Thursday and 10:30 to 12 on Friday, reception will be Sunday 17.

Nancy provided a graph of expenditures and provided the new directory. New members: Nichole Vikdal, Margie Tandem, and returning member Becky Huffman

Gordon Crawford did a brief presentation of local and regional events, the importance of exhibiting your art, and definitions of art, a handout was given, Car show trip through community center, \$45 includes lunch.



Dorene Fundin's "Cactus Bloom in Pepsi Can" currently on display at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum.

Morongo Art Show, see flyer April demo will be by Brenda Johnson.

Per Beverly Schmuckle Chuck Caplinger will be painting at the Open Studio Workshop in April.

Nichole Vikdal won door prize. Pig 'n' Poke festivities

Note- all artwork show in this publication was created by Chaparral Artists members.

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)



Sharon's George's "Flying Dragon" at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Event Calendar

Chaparral Artists & club member events are highlighted.

Now thru Apr. 10

Chaparral Artists Spring Photo Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Now thru – Apr. 27

High Desert Nature Museum's "All Things With Wings" and "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle"

Now thru April 30

(or May 19 with a late fee)

Applications being accepted for this year's Hwy 62 Art Tours.

Now thru May 31 (5 p.m.)

Preliminary design sketches from Joshua Tree artists due at the Joshua Tree Recreation and Parks District for a new Sunburst Park mural

Apr. 1 – June 28

"Desert Critters" Art Show at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery

Apr. 5 (5:30 – 7:00 p.m.)

"Desert Critters" reception at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery

Apr. 8 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Chaparral Artists meeting in the Desert First Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley

Apr. 9 (4:30 p.m.)

"The Story of Art" at the Desert Art Center in Palm Springs

Apr. 10 (5:30 p.m.)

The Life and Times of Cowboy Billy Mitchell at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum



Mies Broome's "Eagle" at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Apr. 11 (4 – 6 p.m.)

& Apr. 12 (10:30 a.m. – noon)

Pick up artwork from the Spring Photography Show and drop off artwork for the Spring Art Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Apr. 12 (7 p.m.)

The Freshman starring Harold Lloyd at the Bijou Cinema in Yucca Valley

Apr. 13 & 14 (9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

"A Matter of Taste" at Whitewater Preserve

Apr. 14 (1 – 3 p.m.)

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

Apr. 14 – May 15

Chaparral Artists Spring Art Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Apr. 20

Silent Auction at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum



"Dragonfly Darkly" by Julianne Koza at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum

May 5 (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Run for the Arts in Yucca Valley

May 17 – 19

Joshua Tree Music Festival

May 31 (5 p.m.)

Deadline for Joshua Tree artists to submit design ideas

Judged

Photography Show

hosted by Chaparral Artists at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

69197 29 Palms Highway
Twentynine Palms
(located in Indian Canyon behind Acclaim Insurance)

Mar. 17, 2013 - Apr. 10, 2013

Reception March 17, 1 - 3 p.m.

Everyone welcome!

Refreshments will be served.

Photograph by Patricia Quandel