

The Chaparral Sketch

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President's Palette

Jan Melchert

Welcome back from the summer hiatus. Just like when we kids, it went by awfully quickly. It is difficult to believe that the children are going back to school and the autumn solstice is just around the corner.

A handful of Chaparral Artists held an art class at the Yucca Valley Community Center this summer. They were Bev Schmuckle, Shirley James, Gordon Crawford, Dianne Stroble and I. It was not advertised in advance so the turn out for the class was small, but the budding artists that did attend were very dedicated. They received a lot of one on one attention and instruction in many different media. According to them, they had a wonderful time and are already asking if we will be doing this next year. Hopefully, we will be able to do this again on a much larger scale. You can see some of their work at Roadside Attraction Gallery this month featured in the "Kidz Corner".

It is time to elect new officers. So if anyone is interested or if you have someone in mind for a Board position, we will be accepting nominations at the September Meeting on September 9th at 1:00 p.m. These officers' terms of office will begin on January 1, 2014. And the election will take place at the October meeting. Our hospitality Ladies are retiring from their positions. A heartfelt "thank you" for all your hard work and dedication goes out to you for your

years of service. "Thank you Guila Gilmore, June Fingler, Daisy Pirot, and Lois Morrow."

The next show at Roadside Attraction Gallery will be accepting entries on Thursday, September 12th from 4-6 p.m. and Friday, September 13th from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., with the reception for the show on September 15th from 1-3 p.m. The theme of the show will be "Sunny Days". We are attempting to develop themes which give the artist a chance to interpret their ideas of, in this case, "sunny days".

See you at the meeting.

From the Editor

Patricia Quandel

This is the first newsletter I've written since May. I thought that I should let everyone know the reason why.

Last year I began experiencing various minor health problems. Then about a year ago I lost almost half of my hearing in my right ear in a split second. After several months and multiple doctors it was found that I had a brain tumor.

I saw a neurosurgeon who told me that my tumor was benign and was slow growing. He also told me that surgery wasn't a viable option and he recommended proton radiation treatment. I recently spent six weeks driving to Loma Linda University Medical Center five days a week for treatment. Between the drive and radiation I was pretty wiped out; especially toward the end of my treatments.

The radiation was only supposed to stop the tumor from growing so I probably won't regain my hearing and most of my other problems probably won't go away. I'll have another MRI in six months to make sure the tumor hasn't begun growing again. Then I'll have follow ups at periodic intervals.

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and offers of assistance during this stressful time. You have no idea how uplifting this has been.

I especially want to thank Dottie Davis, Nancy Miehle and Nancy Peckenpaugh for their help.

If you have experienced a hearing loss PLEASE see your doctor. It could be caused by something simple like my friend experienced. He suffered with a hearing loss until he went to his doctor and found out that it was from wax buildup.

If your hearing loss is from something more severe it's better to get it treated as soon as possible. In my case, in addition to the hearing loss, the type of tumor that I have can cause nerve damage, loss of taste, and severe headaches among other things if untreated.

I hope YOU had a more enjoyable summer than I had.

Barbara and Bob Matheney

Did you know that Chaparral Artists member Barbara Matheney used to be a professional photographer or that her husband, Bob, used to be heavily involved in the martial arts? This is just a couple of the things that I found out when I spent a few hours visiting with this soft spoken couple in February.



Barbara & Bob Matheney pose with one of Barbara's paintings.

Bob used to be a Publishers Representative. He published magazines, represented publishers and did their marketing. His job entailed a lot of traveling which included places such as Boston, New York, Chicago and New Orleans and since Barbara was a graphic design artist who designed and put magazines together and who worked

on a deadline not a nine to five job she could travel with him. They would try to schedule the trips so that they could have the weekends free to visit museums and other places of interest.

Bob represented all kinds of magazines and would have to learn about each one which kept his job interesting. He and Barbara attended all types of conventions. The conventions covered a wide range of subjects which included everything from medical conventions to gun manufacturers. Bob and Barbara both agree that the gun manufactures was the nicest group of people to work with.

Even though Bob was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii during the Korean War Barbara has never been to Hawaii. After planning several trips; which were cancelled for one reason or another Barbara has decided that it's not meant for her to go to Hawaii.

Barbara and Bob used to spend their Christmas in different places in Arizona and would drive through the Morongo Basin. They probably never thought that they would live in the Morongo Basin.

Barbara is best known for her oil paintings depicting a western theme but she's also painted many other subjects. Barbara paints images from the computer rather than printed images. This allows her to zoom in to see the details better. When I spoke to her and Bob in February she had just finished a portrait that had been commissioned.

Barbara didn't paint for several years but she's more than made up for it in quantity and quality since that time. She has her own "gallery" with her paintings lining the walls and you can also see her work throughout their home.

One of the ways that the Matheneys like to relax is to watch the wildlife in their front yard from their bay window.

Barbara said that they've had a good life. It's been interesting and they got to travel. "One thing interesting about traveling is that no

matter where you go you're going to see it in a movie or you're going to see it on television, or you're going to see it in the news and then it's kind of neat to say "My God, Bob we stood right there."

To learn more about Barbara and see more of her artwork you can visit her website at <http://barbarasfineart.net>.



Some of the artwork in Barbara Matheney's "Gallery"

More than just a cookbook

On August 14 Chaparral Artists had a meeting at the home of Nancy Miehle to plan a new cookbook. Those attending were Sonja Arnel, Suzanne Burton, Becky & Hugh Huffman, Shirley James, Ila Lewis, Nancy Miehle, Darlene Morris, Patricia Quandel, Carol Snyder, and Diane Stamm.

It was decided that this book would be more than just a cookbook. There will be a history of Chaparral Artists and two pages will be allocated for each Chaparral Artists member. Submissions are to consist of a recipe, a photograph of one of the artist's works, a picture of the artist, and a short biography (approximately two paragraphs). Members may submit additional recipes that will be used if space is available.

Before the book is sent for printing a contest will be held. Each piece of artwork will be judged by the Cookbook Committee. The entry voted the best will be printed on the front of the book and the artist will receive a free copy of the book.

Members have a few options for making their submissions. They can

take their recipes and pictures to the general meeting on September 9, take their submissions to the workshop at Nancy Miehle's house (57604 Sunnyslope in Yucca Valley) on September 11 between 9 and noon or email their submissions to Nancy Miehle at nancy_miehle@yahoo.com.

There will be a photographer at the general meeting as well as at the workshop to take pictures of artists and their work.

We are also looking for a title for the book. We will ask for suggestions at the general meeting and will take a vote at that time. Here are the title suggestions that we've received so far.

- Anything but a cookbook
- Chaparral Artists cook too
- Everything but a cookbook
- More than just a cookbook

Help us make this book something that everyone will want to have in their home.

- Cookbook Committee Chairman – Nancy Miehle
- Editor – Darlene Morris
- Chaparral Artists History – Shirley James
- Biographies – Diane Stamm
- Photography – Becky Huffman, Patricia Quandel
- Recipes – Carol Snyder



Suzanne Burton at her art reception at the HDWD on May 15 - Photo by Tami Roleff.

Odds & Ends

Calling All Artists, Performers, & Musicians! Submit newly inspired artwork in the theme of "A Decade of Decadent Delicacies". Who can submit art? Artists, Students, Guests Instructors, Family

& Friends, Parents & Anybody Transformed by "A Decade of Decadent Delicacies" at the Creative Center for the past ten years...

Art Submissions are to be newly created, and dropped off at the **Creative Center in Twentynine Palms on September 16 – 21.** Performance Artists & Musicians call 760 361-1805.

Don't miss Chaparral Artists meeting on September 9
at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church
at 56750 Mountain View Trail in
Yucca Valley

I attended the fund raiser for the **Hi-Desert Nature Museum** in Yucca Valley on May 11 and I'm happy to say that it appeared to be a success. Among those who had booths were Chaparral Artists members **Roberta Blomster, Emilia Frasher, Shirley James, Nancy McHenry, and Nancy Miehle.**

I believe that most, if not all, of these ladies donated items for the drawing. Chaparral Artists donated a framed print by founding member **Irene Scoggins Bertrand** and **Barbara Matheney** was another member who donated a painting. I got there after the street fair started and I had to leave before it was over so I don't have the names of all of members who made donations.

Calling all artists! Chaparral Artists hosts their annual judged Harvest Art Show in October.

On May 3 'Ragtime' opened at Theatre 29. I believe that this ensemble cast of three dozen contains a large portion of the most talented singers and actors in the Morongo Basin.

Like everyone else I was swept away by the story and time seemed to stand still as the story unfolded.

Usually it's easy to pick out the one or two people who seem to

make the play a success but in this play everyone played a huge part in making it succeed. There were a few people who especially touched me. Starting with **Leonard Weber** as Tateh who helped me see what could happen to an emigrant who arrives in this country to **Sadie Johannsson** who portrayed Emma Goldman with flair and passion. Then there was **Jennifer Paulk** as Mother. Finally there was **Horace Miller**. You could see the passion that he brought to his role. With every word and gesture he brought Coalhouse Walker Jr. to life.

I spoke to Director **Charles Harvey** during the intermission and congratulated him on wonderful play. He told me to wait until the second half. When I asked if it was better than the first all he said was that I would need a hanky and he was right.

When **Adrian Crowell**, as Coalhouse Walker III, made his appearance at the end of the play he stole everyone's heart.

Of all of the performances that I've seen, both professional and amateur, I believe that this was one of the best.

I hope you got a chance to see it.

"A Decade of Decadent Delicacies" Group Show & Performances coming **September 28, Saturday, 6-10 p.m.** at the **Creative Center in Twentynine Palms.**



Chaparral Artist member George Antis with one of his paintings in April 2012. George passed away in June.

Joshua Tree National Park Art Show & Faire 2013 - Visual artists are invited to submit entries for the first Joshua Tree National Park Art

Show & Faire, December 6-8, 2013, in Twentynine Palms, CA. The juried and judged art show will feature up to 50 fine art pieces, \$6,000 in awards, an opening reception, and exhibition for the month of December at the historic 29 Palms Art Gallery. Open to living artists 18 and over, original work in 2-D or 3-D visual arts medium. Entries shall be inspired by or depict the unique desert natural beauty or cultural history of Joshua Tree National Park, which has attracted artists and nature lovers from all over the world for more than 75 years. \$25 to enter one to three images of artwork. One piece will be selected for the judged exhibition from each artist juried into the show. Accompanying art faire Saturday and Sunday offers additional opportunity for artist booths, art store, workshops, plus music and festivities at 29 Palms Inn.

Visit website www.jtnpartfaire.com for details, entry rules, and application. **Deadline: September 16, 2013.** JTNP Art Show & Faire, P.O. Box 1755, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277, Email: contact@jtnpartfaire.com.

Chaparral Artists will be having a **yard sale** on **Nov. 1 and 2** in Yucca Valley with all proceeds going Chaparral Artists. So start gathering your unwanted items so that we can have plenty for the sale.

The collection date and location for items will be posted in next month's newsletter.

Congratulations to Chaparral Artists member **Hugh Huffman** who had one of his pieces of artwork receive an **Honorable Mention** at the **Orange Show**. It was also purchased by the Orange Show Board of Directors for their **permanent collection**.

The Desert Theatre League honors theatrical work in the Hi-Desert and the Coachella Valley with annual awards. Among those

nominated in 2013 were two theaters in the Morongo Basin who received at total of 40 nominations.

Groves Cabin in Morongo Valley received a total of 25 nominations for "Georgia O'Keefe", "Strange Snow", "The Clean House", and "8".

Theatre 29 in Twentynine Palms received a total of 15 nominations for "Gypsy" and "Ragtime".

Congratulations to both theaters groups and good luck.

The 2013 Desert Stars Awards will be presented in a live ceremony at Sun City Shadow Hills on **Oct. 6**.

The 18th annual **Morongo Basin Orchid Festival** will be held at Gubler Orchids in Landers on **Oct. 5 and 6**.

Theatre 29 will present Monty Python's "**Spamalot**" **Aug. 23 to Sept. 21**.

Don't forget to follow Chaparral Artists on Facebook!

"It's Gonna Be a Scorcher!"-- Impressions of Summer Heat is the title of the exhibition at the **Twentynine Palms Visitor's Center Gallery and Chamber of Commerce office** at 73484 Twentynine Palms Highway in the business district of 29 Palms!

"It's Gonna Be a Scorcher!"— Impressions of Summer Heat will call this gallery home **until September 27, 2013**.

From Steve Brown at Sun Runner:

"The Sun Runner is preparing for its upcoming Desert Arts Issue (October/November), and is extending an invitation to area writers to submit a piece about a favorite desert artist/artisan, arts event, or another aspect of arts in the desert. It's a great way to promote the arts across the desert. So, if you have someone or an event you'd like to include in our issue, please let me

know, and if you can't write it, but you still have an idea you think would be good for the issue, please zap it this way and I'll see what we can do from this end.

"Please keep photos of the art in mind too – the more colorful our stories about artists are, the more exciting the issue will be for our readers. We will fit as much into the print edition as we possibly can, and if there's more than we can include there, we'll add content to our enhanced digital edition. Always include website URLs and any links to videos about the artist/artisan or event so we can link our content in the digital edition to the websites or videos.

"We'll also be looking for cover art for the Desert Arts Issue, so please share that with folks out your way, and we'll have special pricing for artist, studio, gallery, and arts event advertising that issue too. Deadline for the Desert Arts Issue is September 20, but if you plan on contributing anything, please let me know as soon as possible so I can plan the pages in advance.

"As always, you can input your events in our calendar at www.thesunrunner.com anytime day or night for free, and we're always looking for bloggers for our site from across the Southwest, so the invitation is there if you or someone you know, wants to write about the arts, culture, history, lifestyle, or another aspect of life in the desert. It's a great way to connect with our readers, and soon (the TV show launches this fall), with our viewers.

"After the Desert Arts Issue we have our Desert Road Trips Issue, and then to start off our 20th year in print, we'll have our Best of the Southwest 2014 Desert Travel Issue. We'll be taking the two travel issues with us to the LA Travel & Adventure Show (the biggest travel show in the country), for our seventh time. We love promoting desert travel, and we welcome your participation with us to promote the

beauty, talent, and vitality of the Southwest."

Don't miss The Real Desert with Steve Brown on KVCR PBS Television, launching Summer, 2013.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/RealDesertTV>

www.facebook.com/realdesert

Event Calendar

Chaparral Artists & club member events are highlighted.

Now thru September 11
Chaparral Artists Flower Art Show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

Now – September 21
"Spamalot" at Theatre 29 in Twentynine Palms

Now – September 27
"It's Gonna Be a Scorcher!" — Impressions of Summer Heat Art Show at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery

September 9 (1 – 3 p.m.)
Chaparral Artists meeting in the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley

September 11 (9 a.m. – noon)
Chaparral Artists Cookbook Workshop at the home of Nancy Miehle

September 12 (4 – 6 p.m.) & September 13 (10:00 – 12:30)
Pick up artwork from the "Flower" show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery and drop off for the "Sunny Days" show

September 15 (1 - 3 p.m.)
"Sunny Days" reception at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

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)
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

September 16

Deadline to submit entries for the Joshua Tree National Park Art Show & Faire

September 16 – 21

Turn in artwork at the Creative Center in Twentynine Palms

September 20

Deadline for the Desert Arts Issue of the Sun Runner

September 28 (6 – 10 p.m.)

"A Decade of Decadent Delicacies" Group Show & Performances at the Creative Center in Twentynine Palms

October 5 – 6

Morongo Basin Orchid Festival at Gubler Orchids in Landers

October 6

The 2013 Desert Stars Awards will be presented in a live ceremony at Sun City Shadow Hills

October 14 (1 – 3 p.m.)
Chaparral Artists meeting in the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley

October 17 (4 – 6 p.m.) & October 18 (10:00 – 12:30)
Pick up artwork from the "Flower" show at A Roadside Attraction Gallery and drop off for the "Sunny Days" show

October 20 (1 - 3 p.m.)
"Harvest Show" reception at A Roadside Attraction Gallery

November 1 -2
Chaparral Artists Yard Sale in Yucca Valley

December 6 – 8

Joshua Tree National Park Art Show & Faire in Twentynine Palms, CA

Images from the Hi-Desert Nature Museum's Arts & Crafts Show and Fundraiser held on May 11, 2013



Chaparral Artists members
Emilia Louisa Frasher & Shirley
James



Chaparral Artists
member Nancy
Michle



Chaparral Artists member
Nancy McHenry



Chaparral Artists member
Roberta Blomster



Nancy McHenry's
husband Charlie



Mary Stang -
winner of Barbara
Matheny's painting



Chaparral Artists member
Barbara Matcheney



Beverly Newton -
winner of Shirley
James' painting.



Stephanie Ritter from
the Hi-Desert Nature
Museum & Haylee
Huffer



Jeanine Cleveland
performing a belly
dance