



The Chaparral Sketch



Georgia Toney with her first place winner at the Southland Show

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Chaparral Artists leaves Roadside Attraction Gallery

Recently Acclaim Insurance was sold and moved from the front of the building where Roadside Attraction Gallery is located. A new tenant will be moving in and they will occupy the whole building so Chaparral Artists will be leaving.

Chaparral Artists "Reflections" Show will be the last one until we find a new venue.

If you have a space where you would like to display artwork by local artists and possibly have monthly receptions take place please send an email to ChaparralArtists@gmail.com.

For all members who have artwork on sale and on display you need to pick up your items on either Thursday, December 12, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. or Friday, December 13, 10:30 a.m. – noon.

Volunteers will be needed to help take down our hanging system and remove items from the gallery. You will be able to sign up at our regular monthly meeting on December 9.

I want to personally thank Electra and Richard Westmann who has graciously allowed Chaparral Artists to use the gallery free of charge for the last few years.

President's Palette Jan Melchert

The end of my term as President is drawing near, and we still don't have a President. This will be my last President's Palette. My mind is willing to continue, but alas my body isn't, and that is the long and short of it. It was fun and interesting; and challenging. I do wish that a member or several members would step forward and give it a try. It is your chance to get involved with the direction of the club as you envision the club should be. I am looking forward to getting back into art, both painting and textile art. I have literally done nothing in the way of producing art since I became president and I miss it terribly, but there is so much my body will do, it lacks the stamina to do both. It was either club responsibilities or producing art, and naturally the club came first. I feel very privileged for the opportunity to get to know the members in our group. You all are wonderful and very talented individuals.

Chaparral Artists Officers

Chaparral Artists has elected our new officers for 2014. Nancy Miehle is once again taking on the job of treasurer and Sonja Arnel will be our new



Chaparral Artists member Tammy Tremblay with two of her photographs in the Southland Show

secretary. Our current secretary, Shirley James, will still manage our Facebook page and our Fine Art America accounts.

Now for the bad news.

Despite the best efforts by the Board of Directors we were unable to find anyone who would like to be either president or vice-president of Chaparral Artists. Over the last few years we have taken several duties of the president and vice-president and reassigned them to other people or committees. So now each position takes up a lot less time than they used to.

Here are brief descriptions of the positions that we still need to fill. Please take the time to read and think whether you would be a good fit for either job.

President: Oversees the Chaparral Artists organization as a whole, presides at all meetings, locates art demonstrators and arranges for general meeting demonstrations/presentations.

Editor – Until Chaparral Artists gets a new venue; the following doesn't apply. The president is responsible for arranging for a judge at Chaparral judged art shows, schedules monthly art shows and selects the theme.

Vice President: In the absence of the President or in the event

of his/her inability or refusal to act, performs the duties of the President, assists the President in his/her duties and performs duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Board, and is responsible for planning the monthly outings as appropriate.

By the way, some people have asked why I don't run for one of the offices. First I can't run for president since I served my two years just before Jan became president. My position as editor and news correspondent of the newsletter takes up a large portion of my time and after being ill for the last year I need to spend more time working on my business and I don't think I could take on another task at this time.



Chaparral Artists member Christine Lamb with some of her artwork at the Glass Outhouse Gallery

Joshua Tree National Park Art Show & Faire

Vickie Waite

On December 6, 7 and 8, 2013, Twentynine Palms, CA, will host the first Joshua Tree National Park Art Show & Faire, a three-day celebration of art and music at the historic Oasis of Mara. Festivities include a juried art show with an opening reception, awards, and a weekend art faire with artists' booths, art demonstrations, cultural displays, park history presentations, youth art activities, live music, food and beverages.

Fifty artists from California, across the nation, and as far away as England, have been selected for the juried art show and will be competing for

\$6,000 in awards for their artwork inspired by the unique natural beauty and cultural history of Joshua Tree National Park, which has attracted artists and nature lovers from all over the world for more than 75 years. The art show opens at noon on Friday, Dec. 6, at the 29 Palms Art Gallery, with an opening reception set for 5 to 8 p.m.

On Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8, all five venues at the Oasis of Mara will host the festivities, from Joshua Tree National Park Headquarters and Oasis Visitor Center on the east end to the 29 Palms Art Gallery, 29 Palms Inn, Old Schoolhouse Museum, and finally the 29 Palms Creative Center & Gallery on the west end of the oasis. Admission is free, and all event venues are within walking distance at the oasis.

The art faire will start with a nature walk at 9 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday, followed by artists' booths, demonstrations, music and activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. A festive Art Celebration at the 29 Palms Inn on Saturday night begins at 5 p.m.



Chaparral Artists member Tami Roleff with one of her photographs at the Southland Show

For a complete schedule of events and information about the featured artists, local lodging, Joshua Tree National Park, links and updates, visit the website at www.jtnpartfaire.com.

Editor – Among the artists in the art show are Chaparral

Artists members Raini Armstrong, Chuck Caplinger, Bill Dahl, Shirley James, Deane Locke, Sandra Lytch, Darlene Morris, Tami Roleff, Margie Trandem, Nichole Vikdal, and Honorary Member Anne Lear.

Hospitality ladies retire

For several years four unique ladies have been mainly responsible for setting up the buffet and decorating the tables for Chaparral Artists monthly meetings. Guila Gilmore has been the chairman of the committee and the other committee members are June Fingler, Lois Morrow and Daisy Pirot.

Over the years others have helped but these four ladies have stayed for the long haul. Now they have stepped down and opened the door for others to do the work.

In February 2012 Chaparral Artists presented Guila with a plaque and a lifetime membership. This November June, Lois, and Daisy were each given their own plaques and lifetime memberships.

THANK YOU LADIES FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE!



Hospitality Ladies Daisy Pirot, Lois Morrow, Guila Gilmore, & June Fingler

Student Art Shows in December

The Glass Outhouse Gallery will be the location of two student art shows in December. If you want to support our

young artists these are the shows you should attend. All of the artwork will be for sale with 100% of the proceeds going to the artists.

The first show will feature Copper Mountain College Students. The show opens with a reception on Saturday, November 30 which will run from 1 – 5 p.m. The show ends on December 6.

The second show will feature 29 Palms High School and Yucca Valley High School students as well as home schooled high school students from the Morongo Basin.

Homeschooled students can drop off their work on December 7 between 9 and 5. The reception will be on Sunday, December 8 from 1 – 5 p.m. and the show runs from December 8 to December 15.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend both receptions. There will be refreshments and music at each event.

The Glass Outhouse is located at 77575 Hwy 62 & Thunder Road in Wonder Valley. It is 3 ½ miles east of Utah Trail on the right hand side of the highway.

Christmas Party

It seems like this year has flown by and now it's time for our annual Christmas Party.

We will be having a potluck as well as a couple of contests and a silent auction.

The contests will be the annual handmade Christmas card and Christmas ornament contests. Each entrant is limited to one entry in each category. Winners will receive cash awards so let's see how many creative entries we receive.

The silent auction will be the ever popular Pig in a Poke. For those of you not familiar with



Dottie Davis at the Southland Show with a photograph of her great-granddaughter that was taken by Chaparral Artists member Patricia Quandel

our version; each person is asked to bring at least one and preferably more items that cost \$10.00 or less and should either be in a bag or wrapped. It can either be new or slightly used. You can wrap your item nicely or funky; anything to get more bids. To make it more fun it's suggested that you provide a

ACTION 29 RAFFLE ITEMS

<p>2 Painting Sessions To Create One Painting with Chuck Caplinger value: \$150.00</p>	<p>Japanese Woodblock Print Only 1000 Print 13 1/2 inches square, 24 x 20 inches VALUE: \$100.00</p>
<p>Numbered, Signed, and Matted Giclee LIMITED EDITION PRINT by Art Mortimer VALUE: \$75.00</p>	<p>Limited Edition Mural Print VALENTINE'S DAY Hand Signed and Numbered by JOHN PUGH and Mounted on an Archival Mat VALUE: \$125.00</p>

Tickets for individual items can be purchased. Call Gillian Thorburn at (760) 865-0704, or LeeAnn Clarke at (760) 367-3840.

All proceed go to benefit the Mural Program in Twentynine Palms.

hint as to what's inside. Bidding starts at \$1.00 and increases in increments of \$.50 so don't forget to bring your cash. All proceeds will go to the club.

We hope to see you there.

Odds & Ends

The **Desert Arts Center** in Palm Springs will feature Chaparral Artists members

Shirley James & Barbara Matheny in January.

When I retired in January 2009 my friend Nancy Peckenpaugh took me to **Mitchell Caverns**. This was the first of our many photo trips.

In January 2011 Mitchell Caverns closed for repairs and has remained closed up until now. For those of you who would like to see the caverns; work is continuing on fixing and updating the systems at Mitchell Caverns for a **possible re-opening** of the park by the end of the year.

You should check to make sure the caverns have reopened before planning a trip there.



Chaparral Artists member Darlene Morris with her painting at the Southland Show

Visit the Museum. The **Hi-Desert Nature Museum** is located in the Yucca Valley Community Center Complex at 57116 Twentynine Palms Highway.

The museum is **open Thursday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Admission is free; donations support the educational mission of the museum.

The Hi-Desert Nature Museum is operated by the Town of Yucca Valley.

The holiday classic ghost story

by Charles Dickens "**A Christmas Carol**" is running weekends **through December 14th at Theatre 29.**

Tickets can be reserved at www.theatre29.org or by Calling the Theatre 29 Box Office at 760-361-4151.

**DON'T MISS
CHAPARRAL ARTISTS
CHRISTMAS PARTY!**
It will be on
December 9th
at Desert Hills Presbyterian
Church at 56750 Mountain
View Trail in Yucca Valley.

APOLOGY – Last month I attributed a necklace in the Art Tour Collective Show at 29 Palms Gallery to Georgia Toney. It was actually Toni Callaway who crafted the necklace.



Toni Callaway's necklace

George Catlin's American Buffalo exhibits forty paintings dating from 1832 to 1848 from the artist's original "Indian Gallery." **at the Palm Springs Art Museum.** The exhibition includes eleven full-length portraits of Plains Indians and twenty-nine paintings of his observation of buffalo and their integration into all aspects of Native American life. These paintings are from the permanent collection of the

Smithsonian American Art Museum and will be on display at the **Palm Springs Art Museum until December 29.**

Kelso Depot – After more than four years in operation, the **Beanery Lunch Counter** at Kelso Depot Visitor Center is closed.

Several **Chaparral Artists members** were in the **Southland Show** at the Twentynine Palms Art Gallery.



Some of the Chaparral Artists members and customers at our Barn Sale which was a success

Congratulations to Chaparral Artist member **Georgia Toney** who won a first place award for her photograph "Lost at sea" in this year's **Southland Show** at the 29 Palms Art Gallery.

This year's show had more categories than in the past and awards were limited to first place wins.

Desert Art Center 4th Annual Outdoor Art Mart - More than 40 local artists will be displaying, demonstrating and selling their work.

Saturday December 7 and Sunday December 8.

550 N. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Free and Open to the Public.

ArtFx & Furnishings in Old Town Yucca Valley will be hosting the **second annual Hi Desert Holiday Art Auction on December 14** from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm as a benefit for Reach Out Morongo Basin and its programs for senior and disabled neighbors. With the date rapidly approaching, organizers are

seeking donations of artwork for this event from local artists.

Chaparral Artists member **Chuck Caplinger** along with **Capt. Justin Smith** from the Public Affairs Office aboard the base and **Jay Corbin** were the judges at this year's **Chalk Art Festival** in 29 Palms.

The Chalk Art Festival was held next to the Old Schoolhouse Museum where the annual **Weed Show** was taking place. In addition; it was just down the road from the 29 Palms Art Gallery where the annual judged **Southland Show** had its artist's reception that Sunday.



Capt. Justin Smith & Chuck Caplinger at the Chalk Art Festival

Pamala Redhawk will be teaching **gourd art classes** on the following dates. Each class is \$50.00 and students are to

bring a wood burner and dremel. All materials are supplied.

Dec. 7 Indian Store – Vista (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Dec. 14 Joshua Tree (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Dec. 15 Hemet (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Call Pamala Redhawk at 760-861-0934 to see what gourd we will be doing and to sign up for the class.

Chaparral Artists member **Sharon Nieters** was the judge at this year's **Yucca Valley Gourd Festival**.

Don't forget to follow Chaparral Artists on Facebook!

Desert Art Center Gallery Opening and Fundraiser - Please join us on Friday, **December 6 from 6 - 8 p.m.** for the festive opening of the Desert Art Center Holiday Exhibit! The Opening will be a fundraiser for the Desert Art Center Middle School Art Project: 100% of the Desert Art Center portion of sales for the

evening will go to art classes provided at the Center for middle school students who no longer have art classes in their public schools.

The Desert Art Center Gallery is located at 550 N. Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs.

Chaparral Artists member **Chuck Caplinger** painted two 67 foot murals in **Shafter, California** this summer. He said that he had only one assistant and that was his wife.

One of his murals is in this month's newsletter.



Nancy Miehle, renowned artist Bev Doolittle, & Sharon Nieters during the Studio Art Tour – Courtesy Photo



One of the outdoor murals that Chaparral Artist member Chuck Caplinger painted in Shafter, CA – Courtesy Photo
Chuck's other mural will appear in next month's newsletter.

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.

Now – December 1

Southland Show at the
 Twentynine Palms Art Gallery

Now – December 14

Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" weekends at Theatre 29

Now – December 27

"Recollections: The 20th Century in the Morongo Basin"

at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery in Twentynine Palms

Now – December 29

George Catlin's American Buffalo exhibits forty paintings dating from 1832 to 1848 at the Palm Springs Art Museum.

November 30 (1 – 5 p.m.)

Copper Mountain College Student Art Show reception at the Glass Outhouse Gallery east of Twentynine Palms

November 30 – December 6

Copper Mountain College Student Art Show at the Glass Outhouse Gallery east of Twentynine Palms

December 6 (6 – 8 p.m.)

Desert Art Center Gallery Opening and Fundraiser in Palm Springs

December 6 (Noon)

December 7 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
December 8 (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)
 Joshua Tree National Park Art Show & Faire in Twentynine Palms, CA

December 7

(9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
 Holiday Craft Faire at the Yucca Valley Community Center

December 7

(9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Homeschooled High School Students turn in artwork at the Glass Outhouse Gallery

December 7

(8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Pamala Redhawk Gourd Class at the Indian Store in Vista

December 7 & 8

(10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Desert Art Center 4th Annual Outdoor Art Mart in Palm Springs

December 8 (1 – 5 p.m.)

High School Student Art Show reception at the Glass Outhouse Gallery east of Twentynine Palms

December 8 – 15

High School Student Art Show at the Glass Outhouse Gallery east of Twentynine Palms

December 9 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Chaparral Artists Christmas party in the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley

December 12 (4 – 6 p.m.)

December 13 (10:30 a.m. – noon)
 Pick up artwork from the A Roadside Attraction Gallery

December 14

(9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Pamala Redhawk Gourd Class in Joshua Tree

December 14 (3 – 7 p.m.)

Hi Desert Holiday Art Auction at ArtFx & Furnishings in Old Town Yucca Valley

December 14

Drawing for Action 29 raffle items after the 29 Palms Light Parade

December 15

(9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Pamala Redhawk Gourd Class in Hemet

January 13 (1 – 3 p.m.)

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