



The Chaparral Sketch

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Chaparral Artists 2014 Officers

Last month I reported that we had filled two of the officer positions but still hadn't found anyone to fill the positions of President and Vice President.

At our December meeting Sonja Arnel, who had originally volunteered to take on the position of Secretary, was elected president, with Gordon Crawford taking on the position of Vice President once more. Nancy McHenry is our new Secretary and Nancy Miehle is our Treasurer.



Chaparral Artists member Sherry Killam with one of her Giclees in the Southland Show

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Exhibit – Call for Artists

Hi-Desert Nature Museum

As part of our Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 20, 2013 the local community is invited to contribute artwork made from recycled or reused materials for display in our "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" exhibition. Paintings, sculpture, mixed media creations, photographs of recycled products, or any other art-related

objects can be loaned to the museum for display in the exhibition. Individual and group projects are welcome and children are particularly encouraged to participate.

In today's era of heightened environmental awareness, artists are increasingly turning to junk stores, trash bins, and surplus outlets to satisfy their urge to create while still caring for the planet. This exhibit is designed to make people rethink our throw-away society by sharing the local community's innovative and often surprising use of reused and recycled materials.

Artwork must be dropped off in person at the museum Friday, January 17th, or Saturday, January 18th, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The artwork will be displayed on a first-come, first-serve basis until the temporary gallery space is full. Please be sure the artwork you share with us is of low monetary value and small enough to be hung easily or displayed in an exhibit case. Please ensure that paintings have hanging hardware attached. Limit three artworks per artist. No nudes can be displayed in the museum. No artwork will be accepted that is made of combustible or toxic materials, live animal/plant matter, perishable food products, or other harmful items to the museum's other artifacts or visitors. The museum reserves the right to refuse any artwork made of questionable materials. The opening reception will be Friday, January 24th, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

After the close of the exhibition artwork will be available for pickup Thursday, April 1 through Saturday, May 3, between 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please call the museum for additional information at (760) 369-7212.



Bob & Sharon George with one of Sharon's paintings at Chaparral Artists last show.

Joshua Tree National Park Art Show & Faire

December 2013 marked the first annual Joshua Tree National Park Art Show & Faire. I believe that this event which featured a juried art show will become one, of if not the, best show in the Morongo Basin and maybe even in the country. For those of you who missed the reception you missed a great event. I've never seen so many people at the 29 Palms Art Gallery. Every room in the gallery was packed with people which made it hard to get from one room to another or even outside but everyone was enjoying themselves and no one seemed to mind.

Submissions from all over the world for the show consisted of 78 artists and 204 pieces of art. Then the jury, Mita Barter, Ann Congdon, Caryn Davison, Jimbo Gimson, Art Mortimer, and Andy Woods, had the unenviable task of narrowing the field to 50 pieces of art by 50 different artists.

Of the 50 artists selected for the show I'm extremely pleased to announce that 10 of them where Chaparral Artists members. They were Raini Armstrong, Chuck Caplinger, Bill Dahl, Shirley James, Deane Locke, Sandra Lytch, Darlene Morris, Tami Roleff, Margie Trandem, and Nichole Vikdal, as well as Chaparral Artists Honorary Member Anne Lear. Somehow I managed to get pictures of all of these people

with their work except Nichole Vikdal and Anne Lear who, if they were there, I didn't see them. Besides the Chaparral Artists exhibitors I also saw Chaparral Artist members Christine & Ray Lamb, Muffin Hill, Ed Keesling, Julianne Koza, Barbara Matheney, Georgia Toney, Tammy Tremblay, and Barbara Wells-Roberts at the reception. I love it when our members support each other.

The awards ceremony and reception was held in a large tent which could barely hold all of the people in attendance. If you missed the reception I hope that you at least got to see the show. It was a definitely a treat.

Winners of \$1000.00 each were David Greene from Twentynine Palms, John Greenfield from Yucca Valley, Karine Swenson from Joshua Tree, and Robert Fogle from Haughton, LA. The grand prize winner of \$2000.00 was John Tierney from Durham, England.

Dust, Rust & Verdigris: Weathered Relics of the Desert

Vickie Waite

"Dust, Rust & Verdigris: Weathered Relics of the Desert" is the theme for the winter Art in Public Places exhibition at Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery and Chamber of Commerce. The art show will be exhibited from Friday, Jan. 3 to Friday, March 28, 2014.

The new show takes its inspiration from relics transformed by desert dust, aging rust, and verdigris, the natural patina formed by weather over time. As the harsh desert climate has its way with man-made objects, many artists

find beauty in the resulting forms, colors, and textures.

An opening art reception is being planned for Friday, Jan. 3, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., with music by The Luminators, featuring Mark Ross on mandolin and Paul Gerkin on guitar.

The gallery is open daily in the Visitor Center and Chamber on the highway at the corner of Desert Queen Ave., downtown Twentynine Palms. Art in Public Places exhibitions are presented by the Public Arts Advisory Committee of the City of Twentynine Palms.

Odds & Ends

Desert Art Center opening reception for Shirley James and Barbara Matheney Exhibit – Please join us for the Art Opening Reception for featured artists Shirley James and Barbara Matheney.

Shirley James paints the Softer Side of the Desert: oil miniatures of the local landscape and western genre and desert themed photography.

Barbara Matheney is an intuitive, impressionistic artist. She recreates what she sees as accurately as possible, then adds her take on the subject. Her goal is to reproduce what she sees and feels with enough ambiguity to invite those who view her art to participate.

DATE: Friday, January 3

VENUE: Desert Art Center, Small Gallery

ADDRESS: 550 N. Palm Canyon Drive

CITY: Palm Springs

TIME: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public

WEBSITE: www.desertartcenter.com

EVENT PHONE: 760-323-7973

The exhibit will also be on view January 4 and 5, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The **Morongo Valley Art Colony** will have a **Grand Opening** of their remodeled gallery on **February 1**. In addition to the gallery a gift shop has been added where members have items for sale.

All Morongo Valley Art Colony members are welcome to sell items in the gift shop.

The gallery is located in Covington Park in Morongo Valley.

Whitaker's Art Supply is celebrating their second anniversary with an **art show and reception** on **January 25 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Artists/Crafters can submit one piece for the show, it must be hang-able or approved in advance if it needs table space. All types of art and crafts are welcome. Art must be turned in by Jan. 17th.

Whitaker's Art Supply is located at 5684 Plaza Road in Twentynine Palms.

Congratulations to Chaparral Artists members **Kathi Klopfenstein** and **Tammy Tremblay** who both sold pieces of their work during the Southland Show.

The **29 Palms Art Gallery** will kick off its 2014 season with exhibits by **Snake Jagger** and **Harley Baczkowski**.

The Main Gallery will feature an infrared photo exhibit by photographer and multimedia artist, Harley Baczkowski.

The West Gallery will feature a "Retrospective" show by local artist Snake Jagger.

The Pickering Room will feature art by members of the 29 Palms Artists' Guild.

Please join us on Sunday, **January 5**, from **noon until 3 p.m.** for an artists' reception. The show will be on exhibit from January 1st until January 26, 2014, Wednesday through Sunday, between the hours of noon and 3 p.m.

Tami Roleff – Very excited to announce that my photo of a Joshua tree that was entered in the Joshua Tree National Park Art Show and Faire was purchased by the JTNP superintendent.

Chaparral Artists next regular meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on January 13th at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley.

"Wild Creatures of the Desert" Art Show opening reception on Friday, **January 24, 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

This exhibition will be on display from January 25 – April 26, 2014.

This **MBCAC sponsored** and organized art exhibit is going to be held simultaneously with the Nature Museum's "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" exhibit and is part of the museum's Earth Day celebration. The local community is invited to contribute artwork based on this year's theme of "Wild Creatures of the Desert". Paintings, sculpture, mixed media creations, photographs, or any other art-related objects can be loaned to the museum for display in the exhibition. Individual and group projects are welcome and children are particularly encouraged to participate.

For additional information contact the Arts Council Exhibits Director at exhibits@mbcac.org.

Shirley James – I received some good news. This painting, "Boots n Spurs", was accept for the 39th Annual International Miniature Show by the Miniature Art Society of Florida. That alone is a great honor. The show usually has 800 to 1100 entries and represents the finest miniature artists in the world. * My first time entering, I bit the bullet and braved it.



Soroptimist International of Twentynine Palms will host the opening night of the first show of Theatre 29's 2014 season, **"The Importance of Being Earnest"**, by Oscar Wilde.

Soroptimist spokeswoman Pat Zawojski said opening night has been set for **Friday, Jan 10**, at the Theatre 29 complex at 73637 Sullivan Road in The City of Twentynine Palms, **Doors will open at 6 p.m.** with Heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts created by club members and a silent auction which will conclude during intermission. **The curtain goes up on the play at 7:00 p.m.**

Tickets to the opening night gala only are \$25 each and are available from any Soroptimist or at the Flower Garden in Twentynine Palms. Proceeds from the evening will benefit Soroptimist International

projects. For more information on the Opening Night Gala benefit, call Pat Zawojski, 760-367-4322.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" will run from January 10th through February 8th, 2014, with 12 performances over 5 weekends. Friday and Saturday night shows open at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday Matinees on January 19th and February 2nd at 2:30 p.m.

After opening night, Tickets are \$12.00 for General Admission, \$10.00 for seniors and Military, and \$8.00 for students with ID and children under 12. The play is suitable

works of art and quality crafts, the Festival's reputation for first-class quality and professional integrity make it one of the country's finest.

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Empire Polo Club, 81-800 Avenue 51 (at Monroe Street), in Indio.

Fees/Admission: Tickets \$8.00
2-Day Pass \$12.00

Children 16 & Under Free
Tickets sold until 4 p.m.

Cash/CC accepted at gate

For more information visit www.southwestartsfest.com or phone: 760-347-0676 for information.



Chaparral Artists Christmas

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



Julianne Koza & Raini Armstrong talk to Ray Smith about his painting at the last Chaparral Artists Show

The Indio Chamber of Commerce hosts the **Southwest Arts Festival@ on January 24, 25 and 26, 2014.**

Featuring over 250 artists showing traditional, contemporary and abstract fine

Barbara Wells-Roberts – I had fun putting some of my photos on Christmas cards. They are available at Art FX, Eclectica, Oasis Office, Legacy Office Products and the usual places. Thank you!

On January 8 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum the Morongo Basin Historical Society presents author and artist **Kim Stringfellow's "Jack Rabbit Homestead Act of 1938** changed the Morongo Basin.

\$5.00 donation to MBHS at the door.

Space Limited!

Janis Commentz and Esther

Shaw will be the featured artists at the **Glass Outhouse Gallery** in January. Their show kicks off with a reception on Saturday, **January 4, from 1 - 5 p.m.** with refreshments and musical entertainment.

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.

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)

Don't forget to follow Chaparral Artists on Facebook!

Event Calendar

Chaparral Artists & club member events are highlighted.

January 1 - 26

Harley Baczkowski and Snake Jagger at the 29 Palms Art Gallery in Twentynine Palms

January 3 (4 – 8 p.m.)

Opening reception for Shirley James and Barbara Matheny at the Desert Art Center in Palm Springs

January 3 (5:30 – 7 p.m.)

Art reception for "Dust, Rust & Verdigris: Weathered Relics of the Desert" at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery in Twentynine Palms

January 3 – March 28

"Dust, Rust & Verdigris: Weathered Relics of the Desert" at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery in Twentynine Palms

January 4 (1 – 5 p.m.)

Janis Commentz and Esther Shaw at the Glass Outhouse Gallery in Twentynine Palms

January 5 (Noon – 3 p.m.)

Opening reception for Harley Baczkowski and Snake Jagger at the 29 Palms Art Gallery in Twentynine Palms

January 8 (5:30 – 7 p.m.)

Kim Stringfellow's "Jack Rabbit Homesteads" at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley

January 10 – February 8

"The Importance of Being Earnest" at Theatre 29 in Twentynine Palms

January 13 (1 – 3 p.m.)
Chaparral Artists meeting in the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley

January 17

Deadline to turn in artwork for art show at Whitaker's Art Supply in Twentynine Palms

January 17 & 18 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Turn in artwork for the Reduce, "Reuse, Recycle" Exhibit at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley

January 24 (5 – 7 p.m.)

Opening reception for "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" Exhibit at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum Yucca Valley

January 24 (5 – 7 p.m.)

Opening reception for "Wild Creatures of the Desert" at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley

January 24 – 26 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

The Southwest Arts Festival at the Empire Polo Club in Indio

January 25 (1 – 4 p.m.)

Art show and reception at Whitaker's Art Supply in Twentynine Palms

January 25 – April 26

"Wild Creatures of the Desert" Art Show at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley

February 1

Morongo Valley Art Colony Gallery Grand Opening in Morongo Valley

February 10 (1 – 3 p.m.)

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

April 20

Hi-Desert Nature Museum Earth Day celebration in Yucca Valley

May 1 – 3 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

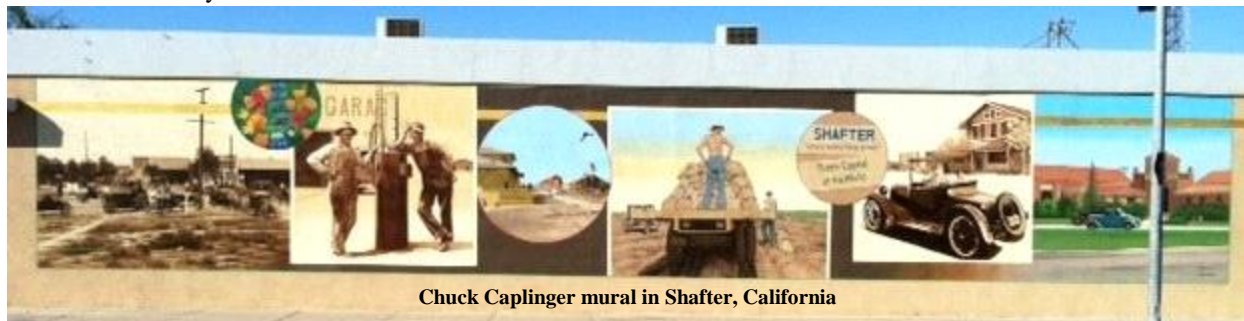
Pick up artwork at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley

Chaparral Artists' Christmas Party marked the passing of the torch to our new officers.

Besides great food there was heated bidding on the Pig in a Poke items.

Outgoing president Jan Melchert was presented a gift from the club that was handcrafted by Nancy Miehle.

Carolyn Eads Blaker was the winner of the door prize, Nancy McHenry was the winner in the Christmas Ornament Contest and Virginia Neal won the Christmas Card Contest.



Chuck Caplinger mural in Shafter, California



David McChesney & Georgia Toney



Barbara Wells-Roberts



Nichole Vikdal's entry



Raini Armstrong



These ladies were having a great time.



Deane Locke



Chuck Caplinger & Ray Lamb

2013 Joshua Tree National Park Art Show & Faire Reception

Chaparral Artists members & friends



Ed Keesling & Julianne Koza



Darlene Morris



Anne Lear's entry



Muffin Hill



Margie Trandem



Sandra Lytch



Deane Locke & Darlene Morris



Art Mortimer



Shirley James



Tammy Roleff



Holgie Forrester Caplinger & husband Chuck Caplinger



Bill Dahl