



The Chaparral Sketch

picture of the piece so that everyone could be on the lookout for it. So if you see it or might possibly know where it may be found please contact your local police.

I don't know if there was a tracking number on the shipment. Hopefully there was and there is some way to find out who stole it.

Student Art Shows at the Glass Outhouse Gallery

I was lucky enough to attend the two student art shows at the Glass Outhouse Gallery in December.

The first show that I attended featured students from Copper Mountain College. Among the artwork were great paintings, photographs, and assemblages. I wasn't able to stay very long at the reception so unfortunately I didn't get a chance to meet many of the artists.

The music was provided by students from Copper Mountain College and I was informed that guitarist and singer Brent Simpson won the Multimedia Contest at Copper Mountain College. I can understand why.

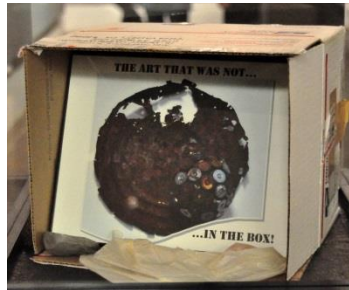
Copper Mountain College Art instructor Kathy Allen was in attendance and spoke to the attendees.

The High School Student Art Show featured artists from all over the Morongo Basin. I was lucky enough to talk to many of the artists thanks to art teacher and fellow artist Krista Wargo who introduced me to the students.

Among the student artists that I met were Jasmine Moore who is the Vice President of the YVHS Art Club, Destiny Vasquez the Treasurer of the YVHS Art Club, and Trevor Gorwin. Trevor and Patrick Kennedy are members of the

The art that was notin the box!

If you attended the reception at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum on January 24 or have seen the show I'm sure that you saw this display and probably wondered about it like I did. At first I thought that I was really dense because it made no sense to me.



Stefanie Ritter, from the museum, saw me standing near the exhibit and asked if I had taken a picture of it. When I told her that I hadn't she explained the story behind it and I decided that I MUST take a picture and pass on the story.

Artist Karyl Newman, who doesn't live in our area, decided to enter a piece in the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Exhibit and she mailed it to the Hi-Desert Nature Museum. Upon seeing that the package was going to a museum someone along the way decided that they should have her artwork instead. So when the package arrived at the museum it was missing Karyl's piece.

Stefanie told me that Karyl was very upset over the theft as I'm sure anyone would be. The museum had Karyl send a

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Copper Mountain College Students & their art at the Glass Outhouse Gallery



Charlotte Burns



Brent Simpson



Henry Corvantes

duo Patrick and Trevor who provided entertainment during the reception. Mike Shaw, whose wife Esther is also an artist, set in on a few sets with Trevor.

role play. A broader use of the term cosplay applies to any costumed role play in venues apart from the stage, regardless of the cultural context.

Have you noticed how multi-talented many artists are? These young artists display much of that talent.



Nancy Miehle talked about 2 of her creations at the last Chaparral Artists meeting.

In February 2013 readership of the Chaparral Sketch had grown to over 460 families. As of December 31 that figure has grown to over 500 and the number grows each month.

If you know someone who you think would like to receive our newsletter simply send their name and email address to ChaparralArtists@gmail.com.

Even though I have no room in my house for more artwork I couldn't resist a painting by YVHS student Haley Rayburn. Unfortunately I wasn't able to meet her.

Finally one very interesting young artist that I met was Sarah Miller. I found out that Sarah had designed a mural for the "S" Club that will be painted at YVHS. She is also a cosplayer.

For those of you, like me, who have never head of cosplay here is a description that I found on the Internet.

Cosplay, short for "costume play", is a performance art in which participants wear costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea. Cosplayers often interact to create a subculture centered on

Dust, Rust & Verdigris: Weathered Relics of the Desert

The Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery has another great show on display through March 28. The reception was held on January 3 and among those displaying their work were eight members of Chaparral Artists.

Two entries that stood out for me were by Chaparral Artists members Chuck Caplinger and Sandra Lytch.

Chuck's painting of a burro on a rusted red wagon and Sandra's painting of an abandoned cabin painted on an old lid mounted on a piece of plywood definitely

fit the theme of "Weathered Relics of the Desert".

The other members of Chaparral Artists who have their work in the show are Bill Dahl, Becky Huffman, Hugh Huffman, Darlene Morris, Patricia Quandel, and Tami Roleff.

Music was proved by the Luminators (Mark Ross & Paul Gerkin) during the reception.

My apologies to Tami Roleff for forgetting to take her picture after saying that I was going to do so.

Odds & Ends

The first commercially successful form of photography was introduced in January 175 years ago by **Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre**. He called it the daguerreotype.

1st Saturday Night in Old Town, Yucca Valley – Join your local merchants in a festive neighborhood gathering that is fun for all the family. Late Night Shopping while enjoying food and entertainment, featuring new product samplings, one on one with many of our local artists, and amazing Pop-Up opportunities.

Old Town is a perfect place to take a stroll, sit and visit with friends, listen to music or enjoy a meal. The Inaugural 1st Saturday night event, September 7th, had over 25 merchants participating in the very well received event and many in attendance have said the evening was great family fun and Yucca Valley's "Old Town" was the perfect setting.

1st Saturday Night is sponsored by Yucca Valley Digital Media Services, which provides creative content to local businesses and artists, located at ArtFx & Furnishings.



Shirley James showed some of her more recent works and spoke about legal considerations for artists at Chaparral Artists January meeting.

Morongo Valley Art Colony will have their gallery grand opening on Feb. 1 beginning with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 8 a.m. The Gallery is located in Covington Park at 11165 Vale Drive in Morongo Valley.

Create Wonderment with the 29 Palms Creative Center & Gallery. The Creative Center offers a variety of art activities for children, adults, and groups of all sorts! They include silkscreen t-shirts, painting pottery, greeting cards, clay creatures, potter's wheel, stained glass, bookmarking, tile mosaics, painting, drawing, printing, and more!

The 29 Palms Creative Center & Gallery is located at 6847 Adobe Road in Twentynine Palms.

Open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For those of you who have artwork in the show at Whitaker's Art Supply you can pick it up after February 25.

Another Wonder Valley Music Festival! Saturday, February 8th at The Palms, 83131 Amboy Rd, Twentynine Palms, California 92277. (760) 361-2810. Free admission. Camping on site. Music starts at 6:00 pm.

PERFORMERS – The Sibleys, Modern Skiffle Quartet, Rachel Goodrich & The Grrls, Tommy Santee Klaws, Dan Montgomery, and The Ben Vaughn Duo.

Congratulations to Chaparral Artist Sandra Lytch who sold her entry in the "Dust, Rust & Verdigris: Weathered Relics of the Desert" show at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery.

The Shangrila Orchestra will be performing at Kokopelli's Kantina at 57154 29 Palms Hwy. in Yucca Valley on Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

CALL FOR ENTRIES – "Musing on Medusa:" Art Inspired by the Myth of Medusa

The High Desert Mythological Roundtable Group is seeking art inspired by the myth of Medusa for "Musing on Medusa," an art show that will run from March 8-April 7, 2014 at The Listening Lounge, 61597 Twentynine Palms Hwy., Joshua Tree.

This is an open call for entries. Any artist in the Morongo Basin working in two dimensional media (painting, photography, etc.), mixed media, or sculpture is welcome to submit up to two works for "Musing on Medusa." Artworks do not have to be literal representations of Medusa, just related somehow to the Medusa theme.

The opening reception will take place during the 2nd Saturday Art Walk, March 8 from 5-8 pm.

Visit our event "Musing on Medusa: Art Inspired by the myth of Medusa" on Facebook for additional details about entry fees and submissions, to join in, inquire and stay informed.

Noreen Lawlor, Cat Livingston and Rik Livingston will be the featured artists at the Glass Outhouse Gallery in February. There will be a reception on Feb 1 from 1 to 5 p.m. with music provided by the Adobe Collective.

Chaparral Artists next regular meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on February 10th at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" at Theatre 29 will run through February 8th.

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



Suzanne Burton shared two of her latest creations at the January Chaparral Artists meeting.

Whitaker's Art Supply has three areas in the store where featured artists can display their work each month. If you would like to one of these artists you can contact Dawn at Whitaker's Art Supply.

There is no charge to display your work but a 20% commission is charged on all art sales.

CALL FOR ART: 2014 Exhibitions at Twentynine Palms Visitor Center – Three themed exhibitions are planned for the remainder of 2014 in the Art in Public Places gallery at Twentynine Palms Visitor Center, 73484 29 Palms Hwy., downtown Twentynine Palms.

Desert artists are invited to create one (1) piece of original art for possible inclusion in each of the upcoming group

exhibitions. Artwork needs to depict the theme of each show, and needs to be delivered to the visitor center on the designated In/Out days between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The theme for the **spring show, April 1 to June 27**, is "The Desert Rocks!" Life on the Faultline." Artwork submissions are due on Friday, March 28.

The **summer show from July 1 to September 26** is "Water in the Desert: Scarcity and Abundance." In/Out day for artwork is Friday, June 27.

The **fall-winter show from October 1 to December 26** is "Gold, Iron & Steel: A Metallic History of the Morongo Basin." Artwork is due on Friday, September 26.

The Art in Public Places exhibitions are intended to make

visitors aware of the vibrant art community by showcasing local artists. Themes are chosen to challenge artists' exploration and to encourage newcomers as well as old timers to see the desert from a new perspective.

Artists are encouraged to submit three-dimensional work such as assemblage, sculpture, ceramics, or fabric art as well as more conventional mediums, like oil or acrylic painting, watercolor, photography, and mixed media.

There is no charge for submitting art, and the piece must be offered for sale. All work must be ready to hang or mount with professional wire and should be suitable for viewing by the general public. Artists are requested to read the complete Exhibition Guidelines

available at the visitor center and on the Art in Public Places page at www.29palms.org.

The gallery at Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce is open seven days a week, 73484 29 Palms Hwy. at the corner of Desert Queen Avenue, downtown Twentynine Palms, (760) 367-6197. Art in Public Places exhibitions are presented by the Public Arts Advisory Committee of the City of Twentynine Palms. For more information, contact Jon Beard at (760) 367-7562 or email publicarts@29palms.org.

Jesika von Rabbit & Sleepy Sun will be performing at **Pappy & Harriet's** on February 15 at 9:00 p.m. \$12 ADV

Pappy & Harriet's is located at 53688 Pioneertown Road in Pioneertown.

America's National Parks, including Joshua Tree National Park, will offer **free admission** on **February 15 thru February 17** President's Day Weekend.

Gift Shop and Gallery
Grand Opening February 1st

Morongo Valley Art Colony

Welcome to the new Art Colony of Morongo Valley Gallery and Gift Shop, located in the Covington Park adjacent to the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve and gateway to Joshua Tree National Park.

We sell original art work created by our members, including photography, crafts, books, gifts, cards, mugs, tee shirts and more. Much of the art is one of a kind. We don't accept commercial products.

When you buy at the gallery/gift shop you are supporting local artists, the art

Chaparral Artist entries

in Dust, Rust & Verdigris: Weathered Relics of the Desert Show



By Hugh Huffman



By Sandra Lytch



By Tami Roleff



Datrelene Morris



Bill Dahl



By Becky Huffman



Music was proved by the Luminators
(Mark Ross & Paul Gerkin)



Patricia Quandel
Photo by
Tami Roleff



Chuck Caplinger

Morongo Basin High Student Art Show at the Glass Outhouse Gallery



Christina Gabbard



Trevor Gorwin



Shelby Whittaker



Kylie Howell



Destiny Vasquez



Lori Lewis



Trevor Gorwin



Lily Naylor with piece she created with Hannah Cross



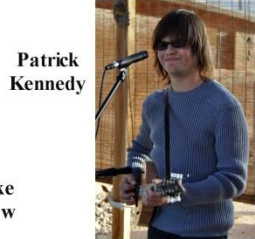
Jasmine Moore



Sarah Miller



Mike Shaw



Patrick Kennedy

Don't forget to follow Chaparral Artists on Facebook!

colony, Big Morongo Canyon Preserve and the Morongo Valley community.

We try our best to keep our products made in the USA. We care about sustainability and the protection of our little valley and preserve. Our products are of high quality, produced using sustainable and archival acid free materials whenever possible.

February 1st, 2014 is going to be a great day for Morongo Valley, California!

Open Wednesday and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Feet on Ground, Head in the Sky

This is the title of the January show at the Glass Outhouse Gallery featuring artists Janis Commentz and Esther Shaw. From Janis's paintings of people to Esther's paintings of giant redwoods this was a show worth seeing.

In addition to art by Janis and Esther the backroom of the gallery has artwork by other artists. Among those displaying their work was Shaktima Brien from Palm Springs who I met during the reception. Also, among the artists who have their work on display are Chaparral Artists members Becky Huffman, Hugh Huffman, and Sandra Lytch.

Music was provided by the La Saber Group.

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.)

Whittaker's Art Supply

5684 Historic Plaza
Twentynine Palms, CA
(10% off everything in the store)

Feet on Ground, Head in the Sky at the Glass Outhouse Gallery



Esther Shaw



Sandra Lytch



Shaktima Brien



La Saber Group



Becky Huffman



Hugh Huffman



**Janis
Commentz**

Editor's Note – I ran out of room this month so I'll be reporting on the receptions at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum and Whitaker's Art Supply in next month's newsletter.

Event Calendar
Chaparral Artists & club member events are highlighted.

Now – February 8
"The Importance of Being Earnest" at Theatre 29 in Twentynine Palms

Now – February 25
Art show at Whitaker's Art Supply in Twentynine Palms

Now – March 28
"Dust, Rust & Verdigris: Weathered Relics of the Desert" at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery in Twentynine Palms

Now – April 26
"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" & "Wild Creatures of the Desert" Art Show at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley

February
Noreen Lawlor, Cat Livingston & Rik Livingston at the Glass Outhouse Gallery in Twentynine Palms

February 1 (8 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.)
Morongo Valley Art Colony Gallery Grand Opening in Morongo Valley

February 1 (1 – 5 p.m.)
Noreen Lawlor, Cat Livingston & Rik Livingston reception at the Glass Outhouse Gallery in Twentynine Palms

February 7 (7:30 p.m.)
The Shangrila Orchestra at Kokopelli's Kantina in Yucca Valley

February 8 (6:00 p.m.)
Music Festival at The Palms in Twentynine Palms

February 10 (1 – 3 p.m.)
Chaparral Artists meeting in the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley

February 15 (9:00 p.m.)
Jesika von Rabbit & Sleepy Sun at Pappy & Harriet's in Pioneertown

February 15 – 17
Free admission to all National parks

After February 25
Pick up artwork at Whitaker's Art Supply

March 8 (5 – 8 p.m.)
Opening reception for "Musing on Medusa" at the Listening Lounge in Joshua Tree

March 8 – April 7
"Musing on Medusa" at the Listening Lounge in Joshua Tree

March 10 (1 – 3 p.m.)
Chaparral Artists meeting in the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley

March 28 (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.)
"The Desert Rocks!" Life on the Faultline." artwork submissions due at the 29 Palms Chamber of Commerce & Gallery

April 20
Hi-Desert Nature Museum Earth Day celebration in Yucca Valley

May 1 – 3 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)
Pick up artwork from the "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" & "Wild Creatures of the Desert" Art Shows at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley