



# The Chaparral Sketch

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## Chaparral Artists Spring Art Show

Beginning this month Chaparral Artists will be having their shows at Rainbow Stew at 55509 29 Palms Hwy in Yucca Valley which is a few doors east of the Hi-Desert Water District Office.

This month's show is Chaparral Artists Spring Art Show which is a judged show open to all artists. This show is open to all types of artwork except photography. Next month will be the judged photography show.

Due to the change of venue and the limited space we have had to make some changes to the rules this year.

Each artist will be limited to TWO ENTRIES with the overall size not to exceed 20"x24" for each entry.

Intake will be on Thursday, April 17 from 1 – 4 p.m. and Friday, April 18 from 10:30 – Noon.

The reception and awards ceremony will be on Sunday, April 27 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Fees: Members of Chaparral Artists who have paid their 2014 dues and kindergarten thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade students - \$15.00 for first entry, \$10.00 for second entry. All other artists - \$15.00 per entry**

Artwork can be picked up on either Thursday, May 15 from 1

– 4 p.m. or Friday, May 16 from 10:30 to noon.

**For a complete list of rules please see the attached entry form.**

## Chaparral Artists Guest Speakers

Chaparral Artists has been having great speakers at our meetings this year. No matter what type of artwork you do or like you will be entertained and probably learn something you can apply to your own artwork.

In January Chaparral Artists members Suzie Burton, Shirley James, and Nancy Miehle spoke about their work and displayed examples which included pyrography, stained glass, and paintings. Shirley also spoke about legal considerations that all artists should be aware of.

Snake Jagger was our guest speaker in February. Snake paints desert landscapes and calls his art "whimsical surrealism". He displayed examples of his work and explained how he goes about creating one of his paintings.

Photographer David McChesney was our presenter in March. David presented a slide show of his photographs and also talked about how and where he managed to get some of his great shots.

Noreen Lawlor is scheduled to be the guest speaker at Chaparral Artists' meeting on April 14. Noreen is an artist and



Noreen Lawlor

poet who works in various mediums and sometimes combines her poetry and art.

Like the previous guest speakers I'm sure that Noreen will delight and inform you.



David McChesney was the guest speaker at Chaparral Artists March meeting.

## Las Vegas Creative Painting Convention

*Beverly Schmuckle*

On the road again to the Las Vegas Creative Painting Convention at the Tropicana Hotel. This year's convention was held February 23 – 28<sup>th</sup>. Nancy Miehle, Carol Snyder, Jan & Jim Melchert, Carolyn Tober (my roommate) and I made the trek. Once again a motorcycle escort cleared my way to Stateline. A big thanks to my husband Pete and Jim Williams for the company. The weather was beautiful considering there was a reported major storm front coming in.



Chaparral Artists Treasurer Nancy Miehle shows off one of the paintings she did at the Las Vegas Creative Convention.

Carolyn and I were scheduled to take the two-day Pre-Convention still life class taught by Robert Warren. We arrived Friday afternoon, organized our room and painting supplies and

anxiously awaited our Saturday & Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. class. This was my 5<sup>th</sup> year attending the convention and this class was one of the best I've attended. The class was extra nice because it was held at the beginning of the convention and all of the students were rested, refreshed and ready to go. I took a total of 9 classes during the week (I felt like I had taken 9)—all but 2 acrylic classes were worth the effort. As I say to everyone that thinks I'm a little nuts to take that many "I come here to paint!" All of us were so busy attending classes and scheduling other activities off-site that we were surprised when we found each other in a class. I was fortunate to be in several of Jan's classes and one of Nancy and Carol's too. We kept running into each other on the elevator, hallway or artists café. As the convention came to an end the biggest surprise to me was finding out that Nancy and Carol were Carolyn and my next-door neighbors.

Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. the convention floor opened for business to a sea of artists waiting to get in. **Only attendees** of the convention can shop from 9-12 on the first day. The rest of the time the public can attend for a fee. The convention floor was a multi-artist's paradise—something for everyone. The most recent products on the market were demonstrated and enticed the shoppers to purchase. It was nice to speak to the vendors and artists that use the products available. The artists shared ideas and secrets to their success. Unfortunately because of the major storm that arrived, the convention closed down early on Friday so that the vendors could safely prepare for the return trip home. On a good



These are a few of Chaparral Artists member Darlene Morris' paintings displayed at the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church in March.

note the instructors on Friday allowed their students to go to the convention floor and finish up their shopping before finishing their scheduled classes.

This year there were 815 in attendance and 94 instructors. There was a very nice variety of classes to choose from: 73 acrylic; 9 watercolor; 18 oil; 18 misc. medias; 9 pencil; 7 theory; 6 sponsored events; 9 8-hour intensive study and 10 retro classes (taught in the past). There were two pre classes and 5 post classes too.

Coming home was a bit of a challenge because of the incoming storm front. Nancy and Carol were heading back to Yucca early on Saturday morning so I followed them taking the Kelso/Amboy route. Fortunately we received a lot of information regarding road closures and clearings through home contacts and Caltrans Road Conditions. Jan and Jim left shortly after us and took the Barstow route. We all arrived home safely and tired from our non-stop week. For those of you that travel locally or afar one of the favorite numbers I keep on my cell phone is Caltrans Road Conditions. Checkout road conditions anytime day or night -- (800) 427-7623. Another successful convention, would I attend again?, you bet.

## 29 Palms Youth Art Show

On February 2nd I attended the Youth Art Show Reception at the 29 Palms Art Gallery.

## Youth Art Show at the 29 Palms Art Gallery



Judge  
Janis Commentz



Cheyanne  
Hernandez



Kylie Howell



Dawn Rich



Cole  
Estrada



Brianna  
Johnson



29 Palms  
Artists  
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Twentynine Palms  
High School art  
teacher Steven Howes  
with some of his  
students art.



Art Gallery Curator  
Michelle Mark



Jenna Morales, art  
teacher at Hope  
Academy, with some  
of her students art.



Kendra Kuns with  
her painting that won  
the Buyer's Choice  
Award



Brianna Johnson &  
CMC Foundation President  
Sandy Smith



In the past Chaparral Artists has hosted a youth show for younger artists around the same time but unfortunately we weren't able to do so this year.

This year's show at the 29 Palms Art Gallery attracted almost 200 entries from all over the Morongo Basin.

The winner of the \$500 Ada Bigler Scholarship was Sarah Miller. Sarah wasn't at this reception but you may



remember that I met her at the High School Art Show at the Glass Outhouse Gallery in December and reported on some of what she was doing in our February newsletter.

Since Rebecca Unger of the Desert Trail reported on the winners of the various

categories I won't repeat them here.

As you can see from the pictures that I took we have some extremely talented young artists in our area.

I want to congratulate the 29 Palms Artists Guild for another wonderful show. Curator Michelle Mark did a great job of getting this show hung.

I want to commend Janis Commentz for the job that she did judging this show and especially for explaining what she liked about various pieces and why she chose them. This is something I always appreciate hearing from a judge when I have an entry in a show.

Most of all I want to congratulate all of the artists who submitted their work. If your piece wasn't selected as a winner all that means is that you have to work a little harder and

maybe you'll walk away with the top prize at some future date.

I'm pleased to say that several pieces of art sold during the reception. Congratulations to the purchasers and sellers.

### Odds & Ends

**"The Desert Rocks! Life on the Faultline"** is the theme for the spring Art in Public Places exhibition at the **Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce**, 73484 29 Palms Hwy., in downtown Twentynine Palms. The group art show will be on display from **April 1 to June 27, 2014.**

An opening art reception is planned for Friday, **April 4, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**, with music provided by Jamie Hafler.

For more information, contact Jon Beard at (760) 367-7562 or email [publicarts@29palms.org](mailto:publicarts@29palms.org).

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### Desert Art Center presents an artist demonstration by Terry Masters!

Terry Masters is an award winning plein air painter. He is an artist member of the California Art Club and the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association. Terry has lived in Palm Springs for many years, and has taught painting classes at the Desert Art Center, The Palm Springs Art Museum, as well as many Workshops in California. He is co-founder of the desert chapter of the California Art Club. His works are found in reference books documenting noted California painters.

**Tuesday, April 8, 4:30-5:45 p.m.**

Desert Art Center Auditorium  
550 N. Palm Canyon Drive,  
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Free of Charge, Public  
Welcome

Refreshments Following

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**Don't forget to follow Chaparral Artists on Facebook!**

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**Pick up artwork from Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Exhibit and the Wild Creatures of the Desert” Art Show at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum from May 1 - May 3.**

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**2014 Car Show & Street Fair** in Twentynine Palms - It's that time of year again: OUR Annual Car Show & Street Fair is almost here! As you may have heard, this year's event has been moved to **Luckie Park** and will be held on **Saturday, May 3rd from 10am to 6pm!**

We are anticipating this event to be bigger and better than ever! Don't miss your chance to participate - sign up to be a vendor, sponsor, or to show off your car, truck, or motorcycle!

To apply, visit our website at <http://www.29chamber.org> or come by the Chamber office today!

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Grubstake Days Fair open for vendors – Nonprofit organizations, artisans, crafters and commercial vendors who want to participate in the Grubstake Days Community Fair on May 24 should apply as soon as possible.

For information on signing up, call the Basin Wide Foundation at (760) 365-7219.

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**"Fabulous Divas of Hollywood" coming to Theatre 29** for a limited engagement - The creative team behind the hit off-Broadway musical Fabulous Divas of Broadway are at it again bringing the Fabulous Divas of Hollywood to Theatre 29 for two performances, **Saturday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 13th, at 2:30 p.m.** Writer/Creator Alan

Palmer has outdone himself with this audacious tribute to Hollywood films and the delightful divas that starred in them.

This outlandish, outrageous and out and out fun-filled show parodies some of the biggest and best that Hollywood has to offer. With fast paced changes of beautiful costumes, wigs, thematic projections and a bevy of satirical songs, Alan Palmer's impressions remind us why we all love to go to the movies and adore the leading women who star in them.

Beyond mimicry, beyond drag, Alan Palmer's Fabulous Divas of Hollywood is both reverent and irreverent. A loving and hysterical tribute to the Prima Performers of Hollywood, it's a must for all lovers of film!

Theatre 29 is located at 73637 Sullivan Road in the City of Twentynine Palms. Tickets are \$15.00 each, available at the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce. This is a special, limited engagement, so tickets are cash or check only. To make reservations, call the Theatre 29 Box Office at [760-361-4151](tel:760-361-4151).

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**Chaparral Artists member Shirley James will be the Artist of the Month at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church in April.**

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Palm Springs Art Museum - The Artists Council will also hold its **annual 99 Bucks art sale fundraiser on April 12 at the Riviera Hotel Grand Ballroom from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** This event features 5" by 7" canvases created by a wide range celebrities and artists, and all are sold anonymously for \$99. After the canvases are purchased, the name of the artist is revealed as the artworks are signed only on the back of the canvas. Past

surprise contributors include Ed Ruscha, Tony Bennett, Barry Manilow, k.d. lang, among others. Save the date for this annual major fundraiser for the museum's Education Department that is always a popular and intriguing one night event that draws more than 1,400 art lovers from all over Southern California.

Submitted canvases can be reviewed prior the sale at [fineartamerica.com/profiles/99-bucks.html](http://fineartamerica.com/profiles/99-bucks.html).

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**The Hi-Desert Cultural Center's latest theatrical production, "Moon Over Buffalo",** will open Friday, April 4th.

"Moon Over Buffalo" will play at the Hi-Desert Cultural Center's Blak Box Theater **April 4 – 19**. Performances are Friday and Saturday evenings at 7 p.m., and a special Saturday matinee April 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general seating and \$20 for elite seating. To purchase tickets, go online to [www.hidesertculturalcenter.com](http://www.hidesertculturalcenter.com) or call the Box Office at [760.366.3777](tel:760.366.3777).

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**Woodcarving** – Transform blocks of wood into a personal masterpiece! Experienced woodcarvers are on hand to help beginners learn the techniques and practice the skills of woodcarving. Wood burning and painting are also included. This activity is hands-on, self-paced, and fun. Ages: 16 & over Cost: \$2/Session **Day: Tues. Time: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** Location: **Yucca Valley Community Center**

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You can find creations by the following Chaparral Artists members at the locations indicated.

**Sonja Arnel** at Oasis Office Supply, Yucca Valley

Nancy McHenry at Eclectica Home Goods, Yucca Valley

Virginia Neal at Copper Moon, Yucca Valley

Patricia Quandel at the 29 Palms Chamber of Commerce Gift Shop, 29 Palms and the California Welcome Center, Yucca Valley

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Photographs taken February 11 on Dana Point Whale Watching Trip.

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The Joshua Tree National Park Association's 22nd Annual Art Festival will feature art inspired by the Joshua Tree National Park. Located at the park's Oasis of Mara Visitor Center, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, the show takes place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 4, 5 and 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Meet local and regional artists and learn what it was in their desert view that so inspired their creativity. Chuck Caplinger's oil paintings, Mark Heuston's metal sculpture; astro-photography by Wally Pacholka and the wildlife photos by David McChesney will be just a few of the artworks available for attendees to view and purchase.

The Festival is sponsored by the Joshua Tree National Park Association, a non-profit organization that provides support and assistance to the park's interpretive, educational and scientific programs. A portion of sales benefit the Association.

Festival admission is free.

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Vanessa LaValle and Anna Houghton will be the featured artists at the Glass Outhouse Gallery from Apr. 5 - 27. There will be an artists reception on Apr. 5 from 5 - 9 p.m. Music will be provided by Patrick and Trevor.

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.

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Join actors Lee Stetson as Muir and Alan Sutterfield as Roosevelt as they portray these important characters in American history in "The Tramp and The Roughrider," An Afternoon with John Muir and Teddy Roosevelt, at the 29 Palms Inn on Sunday, April 27, starting at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are on sale for this one-time performance at \$15 each and can be purchased by calling the Inn at (760)217-0015. Tickets are limited and advance reservations are required. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the newly formed Joshua Tree National Park Council for the Arts, which presents this performance in honor of the 50th anniversary of The Wilderness Act.

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Chaparral Artists next regular meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on April 14th at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley.

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The Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park is offering

the following classes.

Fine Art Photography in JTNP with Ralph Nordstrom

Friday, April 11, 7 pm - 9 pm
Saturday, April 12, 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday, April 13, 5 am - 4 pm

Fee: \$150 JTNP/PINE member \$160 non member

Immerse yourself in the wonders of Joshua Tree National Park and connect with the enchantment to be found there. The content of this workshop will focus on not only the mechanics of photography, but also on personal interpretation and expression which is the heart of the art

Light and Color: Oil Painting in JTNP with Diane McClary

April 13

Fee: \$50 JTNP/PINE member \$60 non member

Capture the vitality of Keys Ranch in this oil painting class with Diane McClary. McClary will teach fundamental plein air painting techniques while immersed in the beauty of the Keys Ranch, a National Historic Site.

Watercolor Painting Workshop with Anahita King

April 13

Fee: \$50 JTNP/PINE member \$60 non member

Indulge your creativity with a day of painting in a private retreat that borders the Joshua Tree National Park. Participants will be immersed in the desert landscape to inspire originality and learn the observational skills that are essential to painting nature.

For more information or to sign up go to http://www.joshuatree.org/desert-institute/field-classes.



Photographs taken at Whitewater Preserve on February 1

**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.)**

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**Ground Control Hobbies**

55696 29 Palms Hwy.  
Yucca Valley, CA

**(10% off on all art supplies)**

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**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.)**

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**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 – April 26**

“Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” & “Wild Creatures of the Desert” Art Show at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley

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**March 8 – April 7**

“Musing on Medusa” at the Listening Lounge in Joshua Tree

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**April**

Shirley James is the Artist of the Month at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church in Yucca Valley

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**April 1 – June 27**

“The Desert Rocks!” Life on the Faultline.” at the 29 Palms Chamber of Commerce & Gallery

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**April 4 (5:30 – 7 p.m.)**

Artists Reception for “The Desert Rocks!” Life on the Faultline.” at the 29 Palms Chamber of Commerce & Gallery

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**April 4 -6 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**

Joshua Tree National Park Association’s 22nd Annual Art Festival at the Oasis of Mara Visitor Center in Twentynine Palms

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**April 4 – 19**

“Moon Over Buffalo” at the Hi-Desert Cultural Center’s Blak Box in Joshua Tree

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**April 5 (5 – 9 p.m.)**

Reception for Vanessa LaValle & Houghton at the Glass Outhouse Gallery in Twentynine Palms

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**April 5 – 27**

Vanessa LaValle & Houghton at the Glass Outhouse Gallery in Twentynine Palms

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**April 8 (4:30-5:45 p.m.)**

Artist Demonstration by Terry Masters at the Desert Art Center Auditorium in Palm Springs.

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**April 11 (7 – 9 p.m.)**

**April 12 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**

**April 13 (5 a.m. - 4 p.m.)**

Fine Art Photography in JTNP with Ralph Nordstrom

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**April 12 (4:30 – 6:30 p.m.)**

99 Bucks art sale fundraiser at the Riviera Hotel Grand Ballroom in Palm Springs

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**April 12 (7 p.m.)**

**April 13 (2:30 p.m.)**

“Fabulous Divas of Hollywood” at Theatre 29 in Twentynine Palms

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Light and Color: Oil Painting in JTNP with Diane McClary

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**April 13**

Watercolor Painting Workshop with Anahita King

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**April 14 (1 – 3 p.m.)**

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

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**April 20**

Hi-Desert Nature Museum Earth Day celebration in Yucca Valley

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**April 27 (3 p.m.)**

“The Tramp and The Roughrider” at the 29 Palms Inn in Twentynine Palms

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**May 1 – 3**

Pick up artwork from Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Exhibit and the Wild Creatures of the Desert” Art Show at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley

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**May 3 (10 a.m. – 6 p.m.)**

Car Show and Street Fair in Twentynine Palms

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**May 12 (1 – 3 p.m.)**

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

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**May 24**

Grubstakes Days Community Fair in Yucca Valley