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Chaparral Artists Spring Photography Show

Chaparral Artists Spring Photography Show is a judged show open to all photographers. This year it will be held at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley.

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, May 15 from 1 – 4 p.m. and Friday, May 16 from 10:30 – noon.

The reception and awards ceremony will be on Sunday, May 18 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Entries can be picked up on either Thursday, June 19 from 1 – 4 p.m. or Friday, June 20 from 10:30 to noon.

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

Rainbow Stew is located at 55509 29 Palms Hwy in Yucca Valley a few doors east of the Hi-Desert Water District Office.

This will be our last show until the fall.

On Golden Pond

In March fellow Chaparral Artists member Nancy Miehle and I attended a production of "On Golden Pond" performed by the St. Joseph's Players at St. Joseph of Arimathea Church in Yucca Valley. I'm probably one of the few people who've never seen the movie so I had no preconceived idea of what to expect and I'm glad.

When we entered to take our seats the first thing that I noticed was the stage and how real the setting looked. Then I took time to look at the artwork by Nancy Miehle as well as Jean Essig, Sadie Johannsson, and Eric Ross that decorated the walls. Nancy had told me that the artwork was on display during the whole run of the show but I didn't expect so many wonderful pieces by each of the artists.



Nancy Miehle with one of her creations at St. Joseph of Arimathea

Once the play began it didn't take long to get so immersed in what was happening that I could hardly take my eyes off the stage. I can't even think of the words to describe how much I enjoyed the play. I wasn't ready for it to end and all of the actors and crew did a fantastic job. From Jananne Turner, appearing in her second play, to veterans Sue Kelly and Lloyd Steele as well as seasoned actors Sadie Johannsson, Benjamin Bees, Trevor Carpenter and Ben Sasnett it was a play not to be

missed. At one point I glanced over at 12 year Trevor's mom, Valarie, and saw that she was mouthing the words as Trevor spoke his lines. I couldn't help smiling because she didn't even realize that she was doing it.



Paintings by Nancy Miehle at St. Joseph of Arimathea Church

After the play I stated that I would like to get a picture of the cast and everyone was extremely helpful in getting the group together especially director Rebecca Havely. Light and Sound Technician Dennis Priest was on hand and joined in and shortly after I began taking pictures Props Assistant Chalise Kunz started to walk by and the group convinced her to crowd into the picture. It was obvious how well the cast and crew got along with each other.

When Nancy and I were leaving after the play she said "If it makes you cry it's a good play". Judging by the number of tears seen on various faces in the audience this was A VERY GOOD PLAY.

If you get a chance to see future productions by the St. Joseph's Players I highly recommend that you do so.

Oatman, Arizona

I don't make New Year's Resolutions but this year I decided to try and get back to taking at least one photo trip per month. Even though I sometimes attend several artist receptions and take pictures at them each month I don't consider these part of my goal.

I wasn't able to take a trip in

January so I took two trips in February. The first was to the Whitewater Preserve which is about 50 miles from home and the second trip I took was a whale watching trip from Dana Point. (I had a few pictures from these trips in last month's newsletter.)

In March my friend Dottie and I went to Laughlin, NV to participate in a bowling tournament. We do this a couple of times a year and this trip we decided to go to Oatman, AZ since neither one of us had

gold mining town that boomed from 1910 to 1920 and at one time almost 8,000 people lived there.

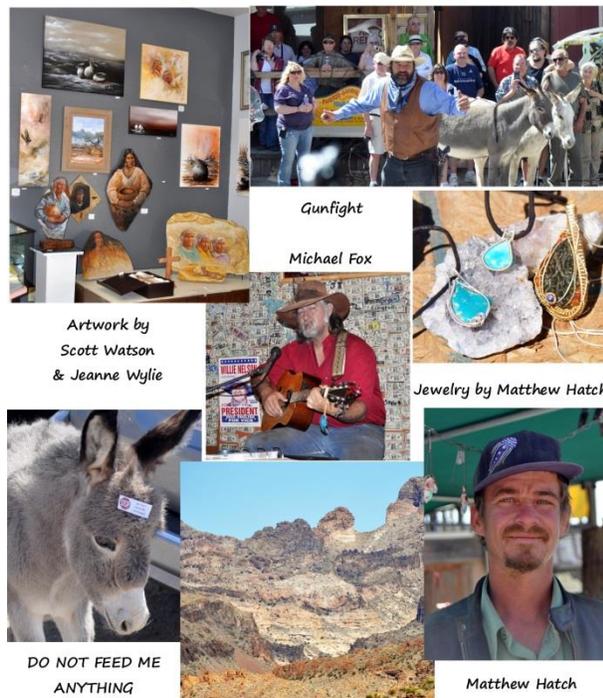
We were lucky enough to find a good parking place without having to dodge too many people or burros. (There were quite a few of both.) There were three burros that especially caught my eye. A week before we arrived at Oatman one of the burros had a baby girl. (Female burros are called jennies.) There was a white burro that looked like she was going to have her

baby at just any time. I felt sorry for her since burros carry their babies for about eleven months and she looked like she was much farther along than that. Then there was one with a broken ear that made me think of Eeyore from "Winnie the Pooh".

I was taking pictures when I heard a man tell some people not to try and feed the baby since she had no teeth. I spoke to him for a few minutes and he's the one who told me the baby's age.

He also told me that there should have been a sticker on her head saying not to feed her. (Later I saw that someone had put a sticker on her.) I asked the gentleman if he had any idea where we might see burros outside of town and he suggested that we might try taking the Silver Creek Road which is a dirt road. Then we decided to walk to the opposite end of town and work our way back to my pickup.

Oatman, Arizona on March 15, 2014



DO NOT FEED ME ANYTHING

ever been there before even though for years we had been hearing about the town and the wild burros roaming the streets.

We only had a few hours to visit Oatman and it wasn't nearly long enough. Originally called Blue Ridge Camp the name was changed in 1909 in honor of Olive Oatman, who as a young girl, was kidnapped by an Apache tribe, sold to Mojave Indians and later rescued in a trade in 1857 near the current site of the town. Oatman was a



Some of the cast & crew of "On Golden Pond" – Benjamin Bees, Sadie Johannsson, Jannane Turner, Rebecca Havelly, Trevor Carpenter, Lloyd Steele, Sue Kelly, Ben Sasnett, Chalise Kunz, & Dennis Priest

piece of artwork caught my eye inside a shop. We went inside and I was immediately drawn to some paintings on the wall. The place was Creative Edge Art and all of the artwork was by local artists. I wanted to get a picture of some of the painting to put in our newsletter and since there was a sign stating that no pictures were allowed I decided to speak to the salesperson. That person was Mary Watson who graciously took time to answer some of our questions and allowed me to take a picture of some of the wonderful artwork. She told us that the paintings with the cracked pots were by her husband, Scott. The cracked pot and his signature are his trademark on his paintings. The other pieces in my picture are by Jeanne Wylie and if I remember correctly they are painted on sandstone.

Scott Watson had some prints for sale and I told Mary that I would be back later to buy one. She probably thought "yah sure". We did go back and I didn't buy just one I bought two and Dottie even bought one. I'm looking at mine as I write this article.

I was telling fellow Chaparral Artists member Julianne Koza about the pregnant burro and the shop where we bought the prints when she surprised me by

about two weeks after we were there. She told me that the white burro was still pregnant and she went into the same shop. She enjoyed her visit and raved about the jewelry which I'm ashamed to say I didn't even see.

If you want to learn more about Creative Edge Art you can visit their website at creativeedgeartaz.com.

Another place where we stopped was at an outdoor stand where I was told that there might be fire agates. We met Matthew Hatch and his partner Mike Malabre who showed me a very nice fire agate. Then we spent some time talking to Matthew and Mike and looking at some of Matthew's jewelry. I've included a picture that I took of some of the pieces but it doesn't even begin to do them credit. I said that if I won big in Laughlin I would come back and buy one of the pieces. Matthew told me that someone else had said the same thing and later came back from winning and bought some jewelry. (I wasn't a winner.)

Matthew and Mike are miners who spend their summers in Colorado and winters in Arizona and California.

We watched a gunfight that even had a couple of burros as spectators. Then we had lunch in the dining room of the

Oatman Hotel. While we were eating we were entertained by Michael Fox who had been a gunfighter for 9 years. Michael sang and played the guitar as well as told us the history of the town. One thing of interest was the signed dollar bills that customers had put on the walls and ceiling of the dining room. Michael told us that there was approximately \$95,000 - \$100,000 on the walls and ceiling.

After we finished our meal and picked up our prints we headed out of town on the Silver Creek Road. The road was in great shape and any type of vehicle could navigate it. (You may want to check with one of the locals to make sure that the road is passible if you plan to drive it.) The view of the mountains was spectacular and I stopped several times to take pictures. We managed to spot three burros browsing on one of the hills and I got a few shots of them.

We met some very nice people on this trip and had a good time. I had a few goals set for this trip and each was met and exceeded.

This won't be my last trip to Oatman.

Noreen Lawlor - Printmaker

On April 14 Noreen Lawlor was the guest speaker at Chaparral Artists monthly meeting. Noreen works in various mediums and on this day she chose to talk to the club about printmaking. She told us that Gretchen Grunt at the Creative Center in Twentynine Palms has been very helpful in her learn the process.

Printmaking is the process of making artwork by printing, usually on paper and each print is considered an original since no two prints are exactly alike.

Noreen uses various types of metal plates as well as Plexiglas for her etching. She showed attendees a few examples of printmaking plates that she had etched as well as various prints that she had created from those etching. I know very little about etching and I was amazed at how many different looking prints could be made from the same plate.

To make a print, the engraved plate is inked all over. Then the ink is wiped off the surface, leaving only ink in the engraved lines. The plate is then put through a high-pressure printing press together with a sheet of paper. The paper picks up the ink from the engraved lines, making a print.

A variant of engraving that was also mentioned was drypoint. Drypoint scratching leaves a rough burr at the edges of each line which creates a soft and sometimes blurry line. Consequently much fewer prints can be made from each plate.

There are many more ways to create prints; with a printer being one of the easiest to use.

After this presentation I'm sure that there will be some new recruits in the art of printmaking.

Odds & Ends

Marjorie Franklin and Regina Kirillov will be the featured artists at the **Glass Outhouse Gallery** from May 3 - 31. There will be an **artists' reception on May 3 from 5 - 9 p.m.** Music will be provided by **The Luminators.**

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 don't forget to pick up your artwork from the "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" & "Wild Creatures of the Desert" Art Shows at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley on May 1 -3 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

It's that time of year again! **The Annual Twentynine Palms Car Show & Street Fair** is almost here! Join us as we kick off the event with the ASYMCA Soap Box Derby, a family favorite year after year. The fun takes place at Luckie Park on Saturday, **May 3rd from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.!**



Julia Terpening & Noreen Lawlor pose with Noreen's print of a raven that Julia won as a door prize. Other winners were Gordon Crawford & Sunshine Laue.

The Hi Desert Chorus directed by Bill Barrett and accompanied by local composer Clyde Grabski will perform its' annual **"Keep the Music Alive" concert on Saturday, May 17, and Sunday, May 18.** The concert will be held in the Yucca Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center. Doors will open at 2:00 p.m. and **the concert will begin at 2:30 p.m.** We will also feature our always popular sing-a-longs.

The annual concert is free to the public and donations are welcome.

Chaparral Artists members **Becky & Hugh Huffman** will be featured artists at **Whitaker's Art Supply** on May 3 - 23. There will be a reception on **May 10 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Abracadabra - Call for artists at JTAG. This is an invitation to all artists to explore and express the magic of art. All artists are invited to enter one piece of art in the show. The entry fee is \$25.00 and entry form and entry fee are to be mailed to JTAG by May 31. To download the entry form and find out more about the show go to www.joshuatreeartgallery.com.

June 8, Sunday - Abracadabra art work delivered to JTAG from 10 - 12 noon

June 14, Saturday - Abracadabra show opens at JTAG from 6 - 8 p.m.

June 28, Saturday - All artwork to be picked up from 3 - 6 p.m. at JTAG. Any work not picked up, will become the property of JTAG.

Prize awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

Joshua Tree Art Gallery (JTAG) is located at 61607 29 Palms Hwy. in Joshua Tree.



These are a few of Chaparral Artists member Shirley James' paintings displayed at the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church in April.

Congratulations to Chaparral artist **Hugh Huffman** who sold

one of his paintings at the **29 Palms Art Gallery.**

Get well wishes go out to Chaparral Artists member Muffin Hill.

2014 Art Tours applications available now.

It's that time of year again! Hwy 62 Open Studio Art Tours applications are now available online at www.hwy62art.org or pick up a hard copy at the MBCAC office, call first [760-366-2226](tel:760-366-2226).

Deadline to apply: May 25, 2014.

For more information go to www.hwy62art.org or email us at arttours@mbcac.org.

"Nunset Boulevard" at Theatre 29

"Nunset Boulevard" follows the latest exploits of The Little Sisters of Hoboken, who have been invited to perform at the Hollywood Bowl.

"Nunset Boulevard" will run Friday and Saturday evenings at **7 p.m. until - May 25th**, with two Sunday Matinees May 4th & 18th at 2:30 p.m. \$12 General admission, \$10 Seniors and Military w/ID, \$8 Students. Theatre 29 is located at 73637 Sullivan Rd, just a quarter block west of Adobe Rd at Sullivan.

Tickets can be purchased now online at www.theatre29.org, through the box office at 760-361-4151, through Theatre 29's Facebook page "Buy Tickets" window, by downloading the WALLETTINI app from I-Tunes App store or Google Play or by scanning the QR code with your mobile device on production posters appearing at businesses across the Morongo Basin.

On **May 10** Chaparral Artists member **Nancy McHenry** will

have a booth at the Mother's Day weekend **Art and Craft Show at the Fabric Outlet** in Yucca Valley. The Art and Craft Show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will benefit the Morongo Basin Humane Society.

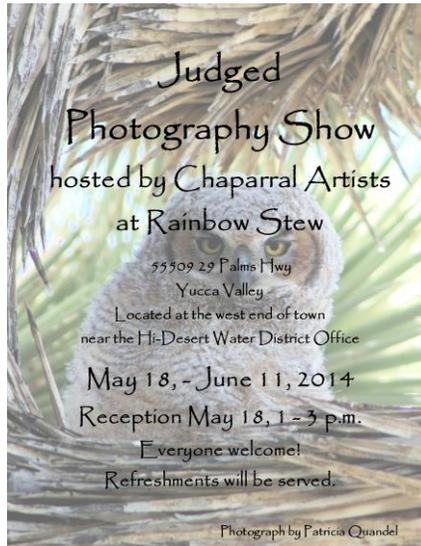
**May 15 (4 – 6 p.m.)
May 16 (10:30 a.m. – noon)
Pick up artwork from
Chaparral Artists Spring Art
Show and drop off for
Chaparral Artists Spring
Photography Show**

The **Twentynine Palms Art Gallery** held their annual **Members Show** in April with a reception and awards ceremony on April 6. Among those receiving awards were the following individuals who also belong to Chaparral Artists.

In the Painting category **Darlene Morris** earned an Honorable Mention for her work.

In the Photography category **Bill Dahl** received first place and Honorable Mentions were awarded to **Kim Clements** and **Tammy Tremblay**.

In the "Works On Paper" category, **Susan Madsen** won first place and second place



went to **Noreen Lawlor.**

The "Other" category included ceramics, sculptures, mosaic, mixed media, and digital art. **Darlene Morris** received third place in this category.

Congratulations to Chaparral artist **Dennis Hofelich** who sold two of his framed photographs at the **Art Colony of Morongo Valley's Gift Shop and Gallery.**

Next MBCAC Artist Gathering May 30th

We hope even more of you can make it to our Potluck Gathering scheduled for:

Date: May 30th Time: **5-7 p.m.**

Location: **Joshua Tree Retreat Center, Nobel Hall**

Bring your favorite dish to share

This Gathering will be focused on "The Business of Art" Especially helpful for those who are going to be participating in this year's Hwy 62 Open Studio Art Tour.

2014 Grubstake Days - Visit the Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce at

www.yuccavalley.org for more information!

Saturday, May 24
10:00 am 63rd Annual Parade
12:00 pm Horseshoes Tourney (Town of Yucca Valley)

Sunday, May 25
8:00 a.m. 10K, 5K & 2K Run - Start/Finish at the YV High School

Chaparral Artists member **Nancy McHenry** will be one of those who has a booth at the Boys & Girls Club.

Chaparral Artists next regular meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on May 12th at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley.

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 – May 25

"Nunset Boulevard" at Theatre 29 in Twentynine Palms

Now – June 27

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

May 1 – 3 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

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

May 3 (10 a.m. – 6 p.m.)

Car Show and Street Fair in Twentynine Palms
May 3 (5 – 9 p.m.)
Reception for Marjorie Franklin and Regina Kirillov at the Glass Outhouse Gallery in Twentynine Palms

May 3 - 23

Becky & Hugh Huffman at Whitaker's Art Supply in Twentynine Palms

May 3 – 31

Marjorie Franklin and Regina Kirillov at the Glass Outhouse Gallery in Twentynine Palms

May 10 (9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Art and Craft Show at the Fabric Outlet in Yucca Valley.

May 10 (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

Reception for Becky & Hugh Huffman at Whitaker's Art Supply in Twentynine Palms

May 12 (1 – 3 p.m.)

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

May 15 (4 – 6 p.m.)

May 16 (10:30 a.m. – noon)
Pick up artwork from Chaparral Artists Spring Art Show and drop off for Chaparral Artists Spring Photography Show at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley

May 17 & 18 (2:30 p.m.)

"Keep the Music Alive" concert in the Yucca Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center

May 18 (3 – 6 p.m.)

Reception and awards ceremony for Chaparral Artists Spring Photography Show at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley
THIS IS A DIFFERENT TIME THAN USUAL.

May 24 & May 25

Grubstakes Days Community Fair in Yucca Valley

May 25

Deadline to apply for the 2014 Hwy 62 Open Studio Art Tour

May 30 (5 – 7 p.m.)

MBCAC Artist Gathering at Joshua Tree Retreat Center, Nobel Hall

May 31

Deadline to mail entry forms for Abracadabra at Joshua Tree Art Gallery in Joshua Tree

June 8 (10 a.m. – Noon)

Drop off entries for Abracadabra at Joshua Tree Art Gallery in Joshua Tree

June 9 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Chaparral Artists meeting in the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley
OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN SEPTEMBER.



Sunshine Laue & Gordon Crawford with the door prizes they won at Chaparral Artists meeting in April.