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# The Chaparral Sketch

*I don't know if there were more artistic events taking place this year or if I just managed to attend more. April was an especially busy month. Either way; due to one reason or another I got behind in writing about various events. In this issue I'll tell you a little about the locations and try to bring you up to date on as many events as I can that took place over the last few months. - Editor*

**Rainbow Stew****(Gifts for all the people to feed the mind and spirit.)**

Rainbow Stew is one of the newest venues for art in the Morongo Basin and is the new home of Chaparral Artists art shows. Future shows include the ever popular "Same but Different", as well as judged art and photography shows.

Stacey Clayton, Valerie Meyer, and Michelle Nemechek are the owners of this interesting store in Old Town Yucca Valley.

They have a variety of wonderful gifts available at the best prices. There are lots of gorgeous artwork on consignment, beautiful jewelry, candles, books, incense, and more. They also have rooms available if you are interested in teaching classes or seminars for the people.

Rainbow Stew is located at 55509 Twentynine Palms Hwy.

in Yucca Valley and store hours are: Monday thru Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Check out their website at [www.rainbowstew4u.com](http://www.rainbowstew4u.com).

**Chaparral Artists Spring Photography Show (May)**

This year's Chaparral Artists sponsored Spring Photography Show at Rainbow Stew brought entries by many first time entrants as well as many returning photographers. It's wonderful to see work by so many talented people. By competing against this caliber of photographers I've seen my own work improve over time.

I think this is the first time I've seen the Best of Show winner and the People's Choice Award go to the same person with two different entries. Congratulations to Barbara Demmocks who was also the People's Choice Award winner at last year's Spring Photography Show. She definitely knows what the public likes.

Congratulations to all of this year's winners.

**Best of Show**

Barbara Demmocks – "1920's Caterpillar 10"

**People's Choice**

Barbara Demmocks – "Dawn's Blessing"

**Animal**

1st – Kim Clements

2nd – Teri Trent

3rd – Hilary Sloane

**Birds**

1st – Dennis Hofelich

2nd – Julianne Koza

3rd – Patricia Quandel

**Flowers**

1st – Barbara Demmocks

2nd – Tami Roleff

3rd – Patricia Quandel

Honorable Mention – Tammy Tremblay

## Chaparral Artists 2014 Spring Photography Show



### Insects

1st – Dennis Hofelich  
2nd – Tammy Tremblay  
3rd – Dave Clements  
Honorable Mention – Bill Sanders

### Landscape

1st – Mike Fagan  
2nd – Hilary Sloane  
3rd – Barbara Wells-Roberts  
Honorable Mention – David Herholz

### Other

1st – Bill Sanders  
2nd – Julianne Koza  
3rd – Anja Homburg  
Honorable Mention – Stephanie Kern

### Plants & Trees

1st – Raini Armstrong  
2nd – Becky Huffman  
3rd – Dave Clements  
Honorable Mention – Teri Trent

### Still Life

1st – Barbara Demmocks  
2nd – Janellen Farmer

**May 18**

Dan Bartlett

Mike Fagan

Dan Bartlett

Tami Roleff

Julianne Koza

Hilary Sloane

Dave Clements

Barba Demmocks  
Best of Show

Becky Huffman

Kim Clements

Tammy Tremblay

Margie Tandem

Stephanie Kern

Anja Homburg

Patricia Quandel

Dennis Hofelich

Janellen Farmer

Becky Huffman

Honorable Mention – Tami

Hilary Sloane

Roleff

### Sunrise/Sunset

1st – Raini Armstrong  
2nd – Mike Fagan  
3rd – David Herholz  
Honorable Mention – Margie Tandem

Thank you to judge David McChesney and the ladies of Rainbow Stew for making this show a success.

## The 29 Palms Visitor Center & Gallery

The Twentynine Palms Visitor Center & Gallery is home to the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce and features a gift shop, Internet access, visitor maps, brochures, local books,

and friendly advice to help you find your way around the desert. There is also a community art gallery managed by the PAAC which features themed shows by local artists with a new show opening every three months.

The Public Arts Advisory Committee (PAAC). Art in Public Places Program of the City of Twentynine Palms encourages artists, developers, and the business community to discuss commissions and donations for public art, displaying art in public places, and planning cultural events.

The Twentynine Palms Visitor Center & Gallery is located at 73484 29 Palms Hwy. in Twentynine Palms.

Summer hours: Monday-Friday 9:a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Saturday-Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

To learn more go to [www.29palms.org](http://www.29palms.org).

### “The Desert Rocks! Life on the Fault Line” (April)

This Art in Public Places Exhibit at the 29 Palms Visitor Center & Gallery opened on April 1 and a reception was held on April 4.



Jamie Hafler entertained attendees of “The Desert Rocks!” reception.

One of the things I like about shows like this is that it makes



## "The Desert Rocks!" Life on the Faultline.

Patricia Quandel April 4, 2014

Ed Keesling



Becky Huffman



Julianne Koza



Gillyan Thorburn



Tami Roleff



Bill Dahl



Darlene Morris



Hugh Huffman



Tami Tremblay

the artists think about their interpretation of the theme. This results in a wide variety of styles, mediums, and subjects as represented in the work of the ten Chaparral Artists members (Bill Dahl, Becky Huffman, Hugh Huffman, Ed Keesling, Julianne Koza, Darlene Morris, Patricia Quandel, Tami Roleff,

**The executor has taken over Chaparral Artists member Muffin Hill's estate and artists who have not picked up their artwork from her home will need to wait until the executor allows the artists to pick up their work. Raelene Wharff is the point of contact for information and her email address is [raelene.m.wharff@gmail.com](mailto:raelene.m.wharff@gmail.com).**

Gillyan Thorburn, and Tammy Tremblay) who posed with their work at the reception.

Congratulations to Chairman Pat Flanagan and the other members of the PAAC for another great show!

## Joshua Tree National Park

First the Native Americans were here. Then in the late 1800s the cattlemen arrived followed by miners looking for gold. In the 1930s homesteaders came seeking free land and a new life.

In 1936 this portion of the Mojave and Colorado Deserts, larger than the state of Rhode Island, became a National

Monument. Some long-time residents still call it "The Monument" even though it became a National Park in 1994.

This unique park attracts tourists from all over the world including countries such as Germany, Japan, and Sweden; just to name a few.

The park inspires artists and may be the reason that so many live near it.

The Joshua Tree National Park Association helps support artists by providing numerous artistic events and classes each year. Artwork by some of our local artists is also available in the park's gift shops.

Visit [www.joshuatree.org](http://www.joshuatree.org) to learn more about Joshua Tree National Park, the Joshua Tree National Park Association, and events & classes taking place in Joshua Tree National Park.

## Joshua Tree National Park Art Festival (April)

Each year the Joshua Tree National Park Association sponsors the Annual Art Festival at the Joshua Tree National Park Oasis of Mara Visitor Center. This year marked the 22<sup>nd</sup> year that the event has taken place with approximately 30 local and regional artists invited to exhibit and sell their work.

This year many of the artists had pictures at their booths in remembrance of Mike Smiley who was a long time exhibitor at the Art Festival and who passed away suddenly last year. I spoke to Elizabeth Green who in the past had a booth next to Mike's. She told me that the artists took a vote and she was given the spot that historically been Mike's.

Besides Elizabeth there were many familiar faces such as Chuck Caplinger, Mark Heuston, David McChesney,

**Joshua Tree National Park Art Festival**  
**April 5, 2015**



Mark Heuston



Valerie Davis price rock



Chuck Caplinger



Charlie McHenry



Roberta Blomster



Nancy McHenry



Elizabeth Green

Wally Pacholka, Ralph Nordstrom, and Chaparral Artists member Roberta Blomster. I was pleased to see Chaparral Artists Secretary Nancy McHenry had joined the group of exhibitors this year.

I enjoy talking to the various artists especially those that I seldom see except at this event. This year I spoke to artist Ellen Hill who told me the following creation myth from the Sámi people.

"We are born of the heart of the white reindeer out of love and into joy!"

This was the first time that I had heard the name Sámi. However, I had heard of them as the traditionally known English name of Laplanders,

How many times have you seen price tags at an outdoor booth get blown away or lost? Artist Valerie Davis has solved this problem. She has taken small smooth rocks and written the price of each piece of art on a different rock. To make it even easier to pair them up she has painted the rocks to match her work. When I told her that I was planning to tell our readers

about what she does she was happy to share her solution.

One of the best parts of attending events like this is talking to artists who are willing to share stories and information as well as selling great art.

I'm looking forward to attending next year's Art Festival.

### Odds & Ends

You can see some of Chaparral Artists members **David and Kim Clements** wonderful photographs at the **Desert Hills Presbyterian Church** in Yucca Valley from now through August 7.

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### "Desert Inspiration" – MBCAC

Show dates: June 7<sup>th</sup> – Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The show reflects inspirational works from 17 local artists. An exploration in a variety of medium including photography, paintings, found objects, ceramics, metal and sculpture.

Gallery 62 is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is located at 61871 29 Palms Highway, next to Art

Queen, on the highway in the east end of downtown Joshua Tree.

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The 20<sup>th</sup> annual **Yucca Valley Summer Music Festival** is currently taking place on Saturdays from **7 to 9 p.m.** at the Yucca Valley Community Center ball field, off Dumosa Avenue north of Twentynine Palms Highway. These concerts are **free** and people are invited to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

**August 2nd: Upstream (reggae)**

**August 9th: Chico (Latin and Salsa)**

**August 16th: New Sensations (1980s to contemporary music)**

The Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park is offering the following program.

**Sept. 19 – 21 Fine Art Photography with Ralph Nordstrom**

For more information and to sign up for the class go to [www.joshuatree.org](http://www.joshuatree.org).

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**"Water in the Desert Scarcity and Abundance"** is the theme for the summer Art in Public Places exhibition at Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Gallery and Chamber of Commerce. **The art show will be exhibited through September 26, 2014.**

The gallery is 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.

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The National Park Service will be celebrating its birthday on **August 25**. The public is invited to participate by visiting any of the **national parks free** of charge on this date. If you haven't visited Joshua Tree National Park in a while now is a perfect time to do so.

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**Tortoise Rock Casino** is proud to present the Live at the **Rock Free Summer Concert Series**. Superb tribute bands and artists, as well as local bands will perform on the outdoor stage throughout the summer bringing first-rate entertainment to the Morongo Basin. Each concert begins at 8:30 p.m.

**August 1st:** Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute

**August 8th:** Revolver; Beatles Tribute Band

**August 29th:** The Doors Tribute

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**MBCAC Donation Creation Store** - Stop by and say hello to our store volunteers David and Laura. We are now open four days a week thanks to their help.

Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday  
6448 Hallee Rd. Joshua Tree, Ph. 760-366-2226

Pick up a great gifts, arts supplies, donated artwork, frames and art books, all at low, low prices, or donate more of your unneeded art supplies! We thank you all for your donations and support over the years!

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**Gallery 62 – Call to Artists –** Shows are being formed for the rest of the year, so let us know if you are interested in having a show at Gallery 62 as a Featured Artist during one of our upcoming shows. Contact us at exhibits@mbcac.org

The gallery needs your help! Contact us if you can help during scheduled clean up and maintenance parties, or are interested in sitting at the gallery, helping with show intake, or if you are interested in a showing point person opportunity.

Contact: exhibits@mbcac.org

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**Chaparral Artists next regular meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on September 8<sup>th</sup> at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley.**

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**Chaparral Artists member Vickie Culver and her husband Gary will be leaving the Morongo Basin sometime in August.**

**We will miss them and we wish them all the best.**

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The frenzied, fantastically funny comedic mystery "**The 39 Steps**" will run five consecutive weekends from **August 15 through September 13 at Theatre 29**. The curtain will rise Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday Matinees will be offered at 2:30 p.m. on August 24 and September 7.

Tickets and reservations can be made online at [www.theatre29.org](http://www.theatre29.org) or by calling the Theatre 29 Box Office at 760-361-4151.

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**If you entered the Big Bear Zoo Calendar Contest be advised that the photos will be judged in mid-August and the**

**new calendars will be mailed to entrants around the end of September. We will let you know if any of Chaparral Artists members' entries were selected for inclusion.**

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**Summer Photo Contest at the Desert Institute** – Enter to win our "Focus on Joshua Tree" Photo Contest.

We are introducing a summer photo contest for Facebook and Instagram. At the Desert Institute, we are all about providing unique educational experiences in the Mojave Desert, but we are interested in your unique experiences, too. In the months leading up to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wilderness Act, we want to see Joshua Tree National Park through your eyes. Photos are your unique expression of the experience and we want to share them. The contest **begins on July 1, 2014 and runs to September 2, 2014**, one day before the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

How to enter:

1. First, follow us on Facebook or Instagram
2. Take a photo (or find a favorite from 2014) in Joshua Tree National Park
3. Post your photo to your personal Instagram or Facebook account between July 1, 2014 and September 2, 2014, using #focusjtnpa as the hashtag.

Two winners will be chosen: one from Instagram and one from Facebook. Winners will be selected based on the number of "likes" the photo receives – the photo with the most "likes" wins.

Each winner will receive an annual pass to Joshua Tree National Park, a value of \$30.00.

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Chaparral Artists member **Barbara Wells-Roberts** will be

presenting a slide show on her recent trip to Spain at the **Joshua Tree Library from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. on August 9.**

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### **Joshua Tree National Park Art Exposition 2014**

will celebrate its annual event on **Dec. 5-7**, at the Oasis of Mara in Twentynine Palms, California.

A Call for Art is being issued for this year's juried art exhibition, a highlight of the Art Exposition, which features artwork depicting or inspired by Joshua Tree National Park. \$6,000 in cash awards and an Artist-In-Residence award are available. Entry is open to California, national, and international artists.

#### **Deadline for entries is September 15, 2014.**

Jurors for the 2014 juried art exhibition include **Julie Lazar**, Director of International Contemporary Arts Network and founding Curator of the Museum of Contemporary Art/Los Angeles; **Mike Buchheit**, photographer and Director of Grand Canyon Field Institute; and **Katherine Hough**, Chief Curator, Palm Springs Art Museum.

Visit our new website at [www.JTNPArts.org](http://www.JTNPArts.org) to learn more about this year's event. Read the Guidelines and download the 2014 Call for Art prospectus. Entry is open to artists 18 and over; \$35 entry fee for up to 3 images. (Note: Submissions and entry fees can be processed online this year!) An opening reception and gala awards ceremony will kick off the event on Friday night, Dec. 5, and artwork in the juried art exhibition will remain on display at the historic 29 Palms Art Gallery through December 28.

Once again, we offer Booth spaces for artists to sell additional art during the opening

weekend Art Exposition on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6 & 7, featuring live music, art demonstrations, historic exhibits and talks, wine, beverages, and culinary delights.

Join us for this exceptional event honoring the beauty of the California desert and Joshua Tree National Park.

Questions? Send us an email at: [jtnpca@gmail.com](mailto:jtnpca@gmail.com)

*Rhonda Lane Coleman, Artist Advisor*

*Vickie Waite, Executive Director  
Joshua Tree National Park Council for the Arts*

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The Associated Artists of the Inland Empire are having their **50<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Juried Fine Art Show & Festival** in Rancho Cucamonga on Sept. 5 – 7. If you want to enter your registration must be postmarked on or before **August 11**.

Visit their website at [www.associatedartistsinlandempire.org](http://www.associatedartistsinlandempire.org) to learn more about the Fine Art Show & Festival and to get a copy of the entry form.

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**Call for Exhibitions at 29 Palms Art Gallery** – A Call for Exhibitions has been announced for the 2014-2015 season at 29 Palms Art Gallery. Desert artists are invited to submit an application for presenting an individual exhibition or a group exhibition at the gallery. Artists of all media are welcome to apply.

#### **Deadline for applications is Monday, August 4, 2014.**

Artists are requested to supply an artist's bio or resume, a brief description of their work, description of the proposed exhibition, and up to five images of their artwork. Complete application details and a submission form are available on the Gallery's website at: [www.29palmsartgallery.com](http://www.29palmsartgallery.com).

The gallery is located at 74055 Cottonwood Drive, off National Park Drive, in Twentynine Palms. The gallery is currently operating on summer hours, open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from 12 to 3 p.m., through August.

For questions or more information, call the gallery at (760) 367-7819 or email: [29artgallery@gmail.com](mailto:29artgallery@gmail.com).

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### **Call for Artists: Radio Free**

### **Joshua Tree**

### **Art Drop Off: August 7, 2014**

### **Art Pick Up: September 8, 2014**

### **Opening Night: August 9, 2014**

For more information visit: <http://www.rfjt.org/artists/>

## **The Glass Outhouse Gallery**

Many of you may not know that Laurel Seidl, owner of the Glass Outhouse Gallery, was an artist. Nowadays instead of creating art Laurel uses her artistic abilities to help others promote their work.



**Laurel Seidl – owner of the Glass Outhouse Gallery**

In 2008 artist Robyn Goudy turned one of Laurel's old rabbit houses into a fine art gallery. Leaving the outside of the building looking old and weathered the modern interior

comes as a pleasant surprise to first time visitors. In addition to the gallery there are quite a few things to see outside. In addition to the glass outhouse, which gave the gallery its name, there is a path that takes you past many interesting sights and vignettes ranging from a couple of skeletal banjo players to a small nondenominational chapel.

A new art show is held every month with the exception of July and August. Besides seeing work by local artists reception attendees are entertained by local musical talent. The Glass Outhouse Gallery is so popular that there is a long waiting list for those wishing to be featured artists.

The Glass Outhouse is located at 77575 Twentynine Palms Hwy. at the corner of Thunder Road in Wonder Valley just 3 1/2 miles east of Utah Trail.

## The Hi-Desert Nature Museum

Often overlooked; the Hi-Desert Nature Museum is a great place to see art by local artists both past and present.

Celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary the museum was founded in 1964 by Evelyn Conklin; her father, Percy Conklin; Camilla Hudson, a long-time resident; and Jerry Moore, Community Services Director of the Parks and Recreation District. In 1991 when the town of Yucca Valley incorporated the museum became a division of the Community Services Department.

The Hi-Desert Nature Museum has been dedicated to helping the citizens of the Morongo Basin and High Desert discover the rich cultural heritage and natural history of

this area. Generations of school children, students, and museum visitors have relied on the museum to inform, inspire, interpret, and entertain.

Among the many exhibits visitors have been treated to are the annual Yucca Valley High School Art Show, the Art Tours Collective Show, and the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Wild Creatures Shows.

The museum is located in the Yucca Valley Community Center Complex at 57116 Twentynine Palms Highway in Yucca Valley and is open Thurs. – Sat. from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. as well as for special events. Admission is free.

You can sign up for their e-newsletter, Tortoise Tales, at their website [hidesertnaturemuseum.org](http://hidesertnaturemuseum.org).

*From the Editor- Once again I was unable to bring you up to date on all of the events I promised. With any kind of luck I will be able to do so next month.*

**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  
Twenty-nine 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  
Twenty-nine Palms, CA  
**(10% off everything in the store)**

**Event Calendar**

**Chaparral Artists & club member events are highlighted.**

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**Through August 3**  
**Fri. – Sun.****(11:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.)**

“Desert Inspiration” at Gallery 62 in Joshua Tree  
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**Through August 7**

David & Kim Clements photographs at the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church in Yucca Valley

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**Through Sept. 2**

Summer Photo Contest at the Desert Institute

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**Through September 26**

“Water in the Desert Scarcity and Abundance” at the 29 Palms Chamber of Commerce & Gallery

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**August 1 (8:30 p.m.)**

Creedence Clearwater Revival Tribute at Tortoise Rock Casino

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**August 2 (7 – 9 p.m.)**

Upstream (reggae) at the Yucca Valley Community Center Ball Field

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**August 4**

Deadline to submit exhibition applications for the 29 Palms Art Gallery

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**August 7**

Drop off artwork at Radio Free Joshua Tree

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**August 8 (8:30 p.m.)**

Revolver; Beatles Tribute Band at Tortoise Rock Casino

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**August 9 (12:30 – 2 p.m.)**

Barbara Wells-Roberts presents slide show at the Joshua Tree Library

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**August 9 (7 – 9 p.m.)**

Chico (Latin and Salsa) at the Yucca Valley Community Center Ball Field

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**August 9**

Art Show opening night at Radio Free Joshua Tree

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**August 11**

Deadline to register for Fine Art Show and Festival in Rancho Cucamonga

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**August 15 –September 13**

**(Fri. & Sat. 7:00 p.m.)**  
**(Sun. Aug. 24 & Sept. 7 2:30 p.m.)**

“The 39 Steps” at Theatre 29

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**August 16 (7 – 9 p.m.)**

New Sensations (1980s to contemporary music) at the Yucca Valley Community Center Ball Field

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**August 25**

Free entry to all national parks

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**August 29 (8:30 p.m.)**

The Doors Tribute at Tortoise Rock Casino

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**September 5 -7**

Fine Art Show and Festival in Rancho Cucamonga

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**September 8 (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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**September 8**

Pick up artwork at Radio Free Joshua Tree

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**September 15**

Deadline for entries to the Joshua Tree National Park Art Exposition

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**September 19-21**

Fine Art Photography with Ralph Nordstrom in JTNP

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**December 5 – 7**

Joshua Tree National Park Art Exposition

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