



Chaparral Sketch

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Chaparral Artists, a non-profit organization, is one of the oldest artists groups in the Morongo Basin and offers this free publication to all artists and art lovers.

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Gardens Revisited

In 2010 the Joshua Basin Water District approached Chaparral Artists asking us if we would be willing to paint some murals in their new Water Wise Gardens. Chaparral Artists members Bruce Miller and Shirley James rose to the task with Shirley painting the murals and Bruce adding the lettering.

In 2010 the gardens looked pretty sparse but four years later the gardens are flourishing and hundreds, if not thousands, have toured the grounds enjoying the plants and the murals which still look great four years later. Even in October, when I visited the gardens, there were numerous plants in bloom creating an oasis of color and calm.

November's art show there have been a few changes in the rules so be sure to read them carefully.

As usual photographs that have previously been entered in a judged Chaparral Artists show are not allowed.



Native and Wildlife Garden in October 2014



Native and Wildlife Garden in September 2010

The Water Wise Gardens are next to the Joshua Basin Water District office and next to the JBWD water tank that has a mural that was painted in October by members of Chaparral Artists as well as members of the Yucca Valley High School Art Club.

Don't miss our open judged art show with intake on Thursday, November 6 from 4 – 6 p.m. and Friday, November 7 from 10:30 – Noon.

The reception will be on Sunday, November 9 from 1 – 3 p.m.

Open Judged Art Show
 hosted by Chaparral Artists
 (501C3 Non-Profit)
 at Rainbow Stew
 55509 29 Palms Hwy.
 Yucca Valley, CA
November 9 - December 3, 2014
Reception November 9
 1-3 P.M.
Entry forms available
 at Rainbow Stew
Painting by Nancy Miehle

Each person in the adult and youth divisions will be allowed to enter up to five (5) pieces each that are not to exceed 20x24 inches.

There will be six categories

Open Judged Photography Show

Chaparral Artists will be hosting an open judged photography show at Rainbow Stew in December. Like

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Animals/Insects/Birds
Flowers/Plants/Trees
People
Landscape
Man-Made
Other

Intake for this show will be on **Thursday, December 4 from 4 – 6 p.m. and Friday, December 5 from 10:30 – noon. The reception and awards ceremony will be on December 7 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**



Members of Chaparral Artists who have paid their 2014 dues and kindergarten thru 12th grade students will pay \$15.00 for their first entry and \$10.00 for each additional entry. All other artists will pay \$15.00 per entry.

If you would like to become a member you can pay your 2015 dues and be eligible to enter at the members' rate.

A copy of the entry form is included with this newsletter as well as a membership application. Additional entry forms are available at Rainbow Stew. (Please make sure to read the complete show rules.)

This show will run thru January 7, 2015.

Don't forget to pay your dues for next year.

It's Done!

October 6 saw the beginning of the hands on portion of the Tank Art Project. After taking so long to get to this point I thought it was amazing how fast the work went once it was started.

You could still see the aftereffects of the rainstorm and flooding that recently hit Joshua Tree. There was a thick layer of clay around the water tank that had dried and cracked making it difficult to walk.

The first day, while Tom Wargo was using his pressure washer to clean the tank, some of the others were busy moving the clay from around the tank. Then Tom and Hugh Huffman outlined the area where the mural was to be painted.

On day two Kathleen Radnich, of the Joshua Basin Water District, arrived early to try and move as much of the clay as she could. She was spotted by JBWD employees Dan Brock and Jeremiah Nazario who used tractors to quickly remove the offending clay. (What to them was probably a small contribution was a major one for the artists.)

When the artists arrived they quickly got to work painting the base coat and later Shirley James and Krista Wargo went back to roughly draw in some of the features.

The first few days the work, which was mainly background work, was done by members of Chaparral Artists. Then the student artists began their portion of the work with help from their instructors and the members of Chaparral Artists. By Friday the work was completed except for some touch up, overcoat and, applying the labels to the tank which was later done by Shirley James and Darlene Morris.

On November 11 at the Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce Mixer, held at the Joshua Basin Water District Office each of the participants, were given a certificate of Artistic Achievement by

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the Joshua Basin Water District and thanked for their work.

There were a total of 19 people from Chaparral Artists and the Yucca Valley High School who worked on the tank project. (Since I'm not a painter my main job was taking photographs as the work progressed. That's why I'm not in any of the pictures.)

Thank you to everyone who helped on this project in one way or another. Below is a list of the people and organizations that contributed in some way to this project.

Chaparral Artists – Sonja Arnel, Becky Huffman, Hugh Huffman, Shirley James, Deane Locke, Nancy McHenry, Nancy Miehle, Darlene Morris, Patricia Quandel, and Barbara Roberts

YVHS Student Artists – Anthony Ereth, Brianna Fisher, Traver Huffman, Justice Iverson, Madison Rideout, and Destiny Vasquez.

YVHS Instructors – Charlene Bailey, Krista Wargo, and Tom Wargo (volunteer)

Sponsors – Builder's Supply, Chaparral Artists, Empire Destructive Wraps, Home Depot, J & J Creations, Joshua Basin Water District, Mojave Water Agency and Morongo Basin Conservation Association



At Chaparral Artists' October meeting Suzanne Burton was the door prize winner of a \$10.00 gift certificate from Natural Sisters.

Odds & Ends

Student Art Show at the Glass Outhouse Gallery

What do the Glass Outhouse Art Gallery and Copper Mountain College have in common? A dazzling, eclectic student art show!

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See this exciting display of CMC's emerging visual art talent that includes drawings, paintings, prints, digital photos, and sculptures, with all works available for purchase. This is the second year CMC students have been invited to show their works at the Glass Outhouse Gallery. Professor Cathy Allen, Art Instructor stated, "It's absolutely wonderful that Laurel Siedle, owner of the Glass Outhouse Gallery, offers CMC Art students this real world experience of showing their work to the public."

Enjoy the CMC student artists' reception during the second weekend of the art tours, Saturday, November 1, 2014 from one to five. Refreshments will be provided, along with live musical performances.

You can stop by to view the student art works from November 1st through November 30th. The Glass Outhouse Gallery is located at 77575 Highway 62 in Twentynine Palms and is open from one to five Tuesday through Sunday. For information, contact Laurel Seidl, 760-367-3807 or Cathy Allen, 760-366-3791 ext. 0600.

2014 Artists Council Exhibition
October 11 to December 7, 2014

Palm Springs Art Museum Artist Council invites you to attend the opening reception for the 2014 Artists Council Exhibition Juried Exhibition and Sale Friday, November 7, 2014 Awards Ceremony Amenberg Theater, 5:30 p.m. Artist Reception Lower Level & Ethel Sculpture Garden, 6:00 p.m.

The Artists Council is grateful for the support of Harold Mitter and Barbara Kellen.

Fall Crafts for Children Saturday, November 22, 10:00 a.m. – Noon at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley.

Kids, ages 5 to 12, are welcome to join museum staff as we make art and crafts inspired by nature and the fall season.

Twigs, buttons, fabric, seeds, leaves, burlap, paint, glue...

Join us for some creative fun!

Fee: \$5 per child

Pre-registration is required. Visit

our website at www.hideserternaturemuseum.org.

**2014 Rancho Mirage Art Affaire
November 8 and 9, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm – Rain or Shine**



This spectacular two-day event is a juried fine art and music festival featuring 100 award-winning visual artists in a variety of artistic mediums, including painting, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry and other artistic originals. The best of Smooth Jazz and other music will be presented on stage Saturday and Sunday.

The Art Affaire is presented FREE by the City of Rancho Mirage Parks and Recreation Commission. **Rancho Mirage Community Park, formerly Whitewater Park, is located at 71-560 San Jacinto Drive in Rancho Mirage.** For more information, please call City Hall at (760) 324-4511.

Chaparral Artists next regular meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on November 10th at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley. Valerie Meyer, from Rainbow Stew, is slated to be the guest speaker.

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Reach Out Morongo Basin will be holding its 8th Annual Craft Fair and Bake Sale at the 29 Palms Senior Center - 6539 Adobe Rd on Saturday and Sunday November 1 and 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

With 20 wonderful vendors of handcrafted goods ranging from textiles and wood crafts to jewelry and homemade jams available there is something for everyone. In addition there will be taste tempting delights of delicious baked goods and sweets! Come browse the crafts, have a cup of hot coffee and something sweet and start your holiday season off with a smile!

For more information contact Reach Out Morongo Basin at 760-361-1410.

Chaparral Artists members are asked to wear a name tag to our meetings. If you don't have one see Nancy Miehle at the meeting.



Chaparral Artists member Raini Armstrong was the featured artist at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church in October

The annual **Holiday Art and Craft Fair** will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the historic **29 Palms Art Gallery** at 74055 Cottonwood Drive on the corner of National Park Drive in Twentynine Palms.

Featured in the sale will be items by desert artists and artisans, including paintings, jewelry, fabric art, scarves, hats, bags, pillows, hostess gifts, baskets, carved wood, pottery, gourds, holiday ornaments and decorations, art cards, soaps, jams, jellies, baked goods, and much more.

Hot dogs, chili dogs, sodas, coffee, and muffins will be available for hungry shoppers on the patio and will

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be served by volunteers from the Twentynine Palms Artists' Guild.

The Gift Shop will also be open, and the November art show featuring paintings by Shea Cline and Tanner McGuire, and works by Artists' Guild members will be on display in the gallery.

Artisans and crafters who would like to participate in the Holiday Art and Craft Fair can contact Helen Matoush at (760) 367-5351. For directions or more information, contact the Gallery at (760) 367-7819 or visit the website at www.29palmsartgallery.com.

Check the caldesert20 website for the full list of events.

<http://www.caldesert20.org/>



Chaparral Artists member exhibits at the Gold, Iron, and Steel Show

California Desert Protection Act **20th Anniversary Art Exhibition Opening Reception Friday, Nov. 14, 4 to 8 p.m.** – Joshua Tree

Opening reception for the CDPA 20th Anniversary Art Exhibition will feature artwork from Death Valley and Joshua Tree NP Artist-in-Residence programs and a special art exhibit from Mojave National Preserve, along with live music, beverages and refreshments and special guests. Exhibit will remain on display through December. Location: **Joshua Tree National Park Visitor Center in Joshua Tree.** Hosted by Joshua Tree Chamber of Commerce, Joshua Tree National Park staff, and Joshua Tree National Park Association.

Part of the CDPA 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Gold, Iron and Steel: A Metallic History of the Morongo Basin

The thing I dislike about October is that there are always so many events taking place, many at the same time, it's impossible to attend or participate in them all. This makes it hard on both the artists and art lovers.

With the Hwy 62 art tour taking place in October many artists were busy preparing their art work for the tour and weren't able to put anything in the Gold, Iron and Steel: A Metallic History of the Morongo Basin" show at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce. Even though there were fewer pieces of art than usual; the entries in the show provided an interesting mix creating a show worth seeing.

Among those with entries in the show are Chaparral Artists members Ed Keesling, Julianne Koza, Patricia Quandt, and Tami Roleff.

This show runs through December.

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)



Karine Swensen, at Chaparral Artists' October meeting, demonstrating how she paints an image of a jackrabbit.

Event Calendar

Chaparral Artists & club member events are highlighted.

Now – November 29

Hwy 62 Open Studio Art Tour
Collective Show at the Hi-Desert
Nature Museum in Yucca Valley

Now – December 7

Artists Council Exhibition 2014 at the
Palm Springs Art Museum
in Palm Springs

Now – December

Gold, Iron and Steel: A Metallic
History of the Morongo Basin at the
Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and
Chamber of Commerce
in Twentynine Palms

November 1 (1 – 5 p.m.)

CMC Student Art Show Reception at
the Glass Outhouse Gallery in
Twentynine Palms

November 1 & 2 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Reach Out Morongo Basin
Craft Fair & Bake Sale
at the 29 Palms Senior Center

November 1 & 2 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Open Studio Art Tour

November 1-2

Desert Institute Night Sky
Photography with Dennis Mammana

November 1 – 30

CMC Student Art Show at the Glass
Outhouse Gallery in Twentynine
Palms

November 2

Desert Institute Light & Color: Oil
Painting in Joshua Tree National Park
with Diane McClary

November 6 (4 – 6 p.m.)

November 7 (10:30 – Noon)
Drop off for Chaparral Artists Art
Show at Rainbow Stew
in Yucca Valley

November 7 (5 – 8 p.m.)

Opening Reception
for Shea Cline & Tanner McGuire
at the 29 Palms Art Gallery

November 7

(5:30 p.m. Annenberg Theatre)
(6:00 p.m. Elrod Sculpture Garden)
Awards ceremony & opening
reception for the Artists Council
Exhibition 2014 at the Palm Springs
Art Museum in Palm Springs

November 7 – 30

Shea Cline & Tanner McGuire
at the 29 Palms Art Gallery

November 8

Desert Institute The Best Camera Is
The One That's With You: SmartPhone
Photography with Jim Smart

November 8 & 9 (9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

2014 Rancho Mirage Art Affaire in
Rancho Mirage

November 8 (Noon – 4 p.m.)

November 9 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Weed Show at the Old Schoolhouse
Museum in Twentynine Palms

November 9 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Chaparral Artists Art Show Reception
at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley

November 9 – December 3

Chaparral Artists Art Show at Rainbow
Stew in Yucca Valley

November 10 (1 – 3 p.m.)

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

November 14 (4 – 8 p.m.)

Art Exhibition Opening Reception at
the Joshua Tree National Park
Visitor Center in Joshua Tree

November 16

Desert Institute Watercolor Painting
in Joshua Tree National Park with
Anahita King

November 22 (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

Holiday Art & Craft Fair
At the 29 Palms Art Gallery

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Joshua Tree National Park Art
Exposition

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56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca
Valley

Chaparral Artists members & Yucca Valley High School Art Students Tank Art - October 2014



Chaparral Artists members & Yucca Valley High School Art Students work on Joshua Basin Water District Tank Project October 2014



The completed project - Photo by Darlene Morris

