



Chaparral Sketch

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President's Palette *Hugh Huffman*

Greetings! I would like to start the new year with hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I am Hugh Huffman, your new president. I am a watercolor artist that uses pyrography to draw my pictures on wood before painting them. My wife, Becky (your new secretary) and I have been members of Chaparral Artists for about seven years. We now live in Twentynine Palms and our greatest pastime is hiking in the National Park twice a week whenever possible.

During the next year I will use this column to keep you up to date on various items of interest such as presenters at meetings, field trips, individual activities and anything else I can think of that you might be interested in. In the meantime hope to see you on the 12th of January for our new year's meeting.



Our 2015 officers – Hugh Huffman, Julianne Koza, Becky Huffman, & Nancy Miehle

Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party was a huge success which included lots of good things to eat.

This year's Pig in a Poke had lots of spirited bidding on the many items available which increased the club's coffers considerably.

With many excellent entries in the

Christmas Card Contest picking a favorite was a difficult choice. Ultimately it came down to a tie between Roberta Blomster and Nancy Miehle.



Roberta Blomster and Nancy Miehle with their winning Christmas Cards

Shirley James was presented with a plaque and lifetime membership and the officers for 2015 were elected.

Hugh Huffman was selected as the new president with Julianne Koza serving as vice president. Our new secretary is Becky Huffman and Nancy Miehle will be returning as treasurer. Congratulations to our 2015 officers!

Barbara Demmocks was the winner of the door prize which was a gift certificate for Rainbow Stew.



Door prize winner Barbara Demmocks & 2014 President Sonja Arnel.

December
Photography
Show

Photography Show December 2014

I don't know how we do it but the entries in our shows seem to be getting better all of the time with more and more artists entering.

Our December photography show had many wonderful photographs which made it especially hard for Judge Dan Bartlett. As a matter of fact in one class he had picked a winner but then he had three photographs that he would have liked to have awarded second place to. When told that he could award second place to only one of the pieces and another would be third he faced a tough choice which ultimately led to one piece being eliminated.

It was Dan's decision not to award any Honorable Mentions in any of the categories but he decided to award one to Barbara Demmocks photograph "When Hobbits Meditate" as runner up to Dennis Hofelich's Best of Show winner "Open in Full".

Due to the high number of entries in the Animals/Insects/Birds category it was split with insects and birds in the new category.



Judge Dan Bartlett & daughter, Sarah, with Best of Show winner



PEOPLE



PLANTS, TREES & FLOWERS



LANDSCAPES



BIRDS & INSECTS



OTHER



ANIMALS



Sarah Bartlett & Julianne Koza applying name tags to pictures



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Clements' "Meitzi's Eye", and Patricia Quandel's "Cavalier".
Congratulations to this year's winners.

Best of Show

Dennis Hofelich – "Open in Full"

Best of Show Runner Up

Barbara Demmocks – "When Hobbits Meditate"

People's Choice

David Clements – "Honey Bee"

Kim Clements – "Meitzi's Eye"

Patricia Quandel – "Cavalier"

Animals

1st – Barbara Demmocks

2nd – Raini Armstrong

3rd – Julianne Koza

Birds & Insects

1st – Julianne Koza

2nd – Dennis Hofelich

3rd – Dennis Hofelich

Flowers/Plants/Trees

1st – Dennis Hofelich

2nd – Barbara Demmocks

3rd – Julianne Koza

Landscape

1st – Mike Fagan

2nd – Julianne Koza

3rd – Barbara Wells

Man-Made

1st – Dion Dubois

2nd – Julianne Koza

3rd – Tami Roleff

Other

1st – Raini Armstrong

2nd – Dion Dubois

3rd – Patricia Quandel

People

1st – Barbara Demmocks

2nd – Patricia Quandel

3rd – Barbara Wells Roberts

Once the judging was completed Dan's daughter, Sarah, assisted the members of the Show Committee in hanging name tags by each of the photographs.

During the reception visitors were invited to vote on their favorite photograph. Ultimately there was a three way tie between David Clements' "Honey Bee", Kim

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 Shirley James

What can you say about Shirley James? Besides being a prolific and accomplished artist who exhibits her artwork throughout the country; over the years she has been one of Chaparral Artists most active members.

When I first met Shirley she was already a long time member and among other things she already had been club president, started the club's newsletter and was an active member on the Board of Directors.

In 2010 Shirley was contacted by Joshua Basin Water District who was looking for artists to paint murals in their new Water Wise Gardens. With then Chaparral Artists President Bruce Miller, who painted the names of the gardens, Shirley painted scenes representative of each of the gardens. Thanks to Shirley and Bruce there is now a plaque near the gardens entrance acknowledging Chaparral Artists.



Shirley James and Sonja Arnel

About two years ago Shirley was approached once more by the Joshua Basin Water District. This time they wanted to have a water tank painted by high school students with guidance by members of Chaparral Artists. With all of the setbacks and roadblocks along the way most people would have given up on the project but Shirley stuck with it and with several members of Chaparral Artists as well as students from Yucca

Valley High School the project was finally completed in October of this year.

I don't know where she finds the time but she has also served as Chaparral Artists club secretary and most recently has created a website and Facebook page which she manages for Chaparral Artists.

I can't think of anyone who more richly deserve the honor of being awarded a plaque and lifetime membership for her many contributions to Chaparral Artists. Thank you, Shirley!

**Don't miss our members only
 "Same but Different" Show with
 intake on Thursday, January 8
 from 4 – 6 p.m. and Friday,
 January 9 from 10:30 – Noon.
 The reception and awards ceremony
 will be on Sunday,
 January 11 from 1 – 3 p.m.**

Odds & Ends

Congratulations to Chaparral Artists members Kathleen Klopfenstein, Jenifer Palmer-Lacy, Gillyan Thorburn, and Nichole Vikdal who were among the 53 artists selected for the 2014 Joshua Tree National Park juried Art Exposition.

**DON'T FORGET TO PAY
 YOUR 2015 DUES!**

From Chaparral Artists member **Art Mortimer**

I am going to be teaching a **"Fundamentals of Plein Air Painting" class at Copper Mountain College in the upcoming Spring semester**, and I thought you might be interested.

The class will be on six Fridays from 9 a.m. until noon. The details are in the attached flyer.

If you know anyone else who might be interested, please pass the information and the attached flyer along to them.

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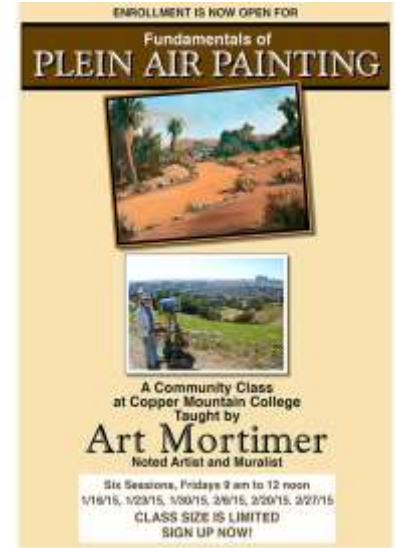
If you have any questions, send me an email or call my cell: 310-909-4990.

Thank you!

Art Mortimer

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Please visit my website at <http://www.artmortimer.com> -- an online portfolio of murals, paintings, and photography.



Soroptimist to Sponsor Theatre 29 Opening of "An Ideal Husband"

The opening night gala for Theatre 29's first production of the 2015 season, the Oscar Wilde Classic Drawing Room Comedy, "An Ideal Husband", will be sponsored by Soroptimist International of 29 Palms.

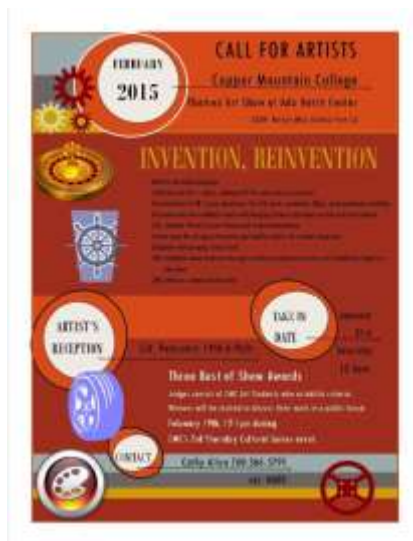
The opening night event is Friday, January 9, 2015. The cost for the opening night Gala only is \$25.00 per person, Soroptimist spokesperson Dee Foster said, "The cost includes heavy Hors d'oeuvres, beverages and desserts at the intermission. There will be a silent auction, a 50/50 drawing and this year, Soroptimists and Sky's the Limit have partnered on a joint fundraiser which benefits both organizations. We will be selling raffle tickets to win a beautiful handmade quilt featuring the theme of the stars and our nightlife. The actual drawing for this quilt will be held at a future date."

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Doors open at 6:00 pm and the play will start promptly at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at the Flower Garden Florist, Z107.7 radio, 29 Palms Chamber of Commerce and from any Soroptimist. If you have any questions, please call Foster at 760 219-5416.

After the opening Gala, tickets for "An Ideal Husband" are \$12.00 for Adults, \$10.00 for seniors and Military, and \$8.00 for students with ID and children under 12. To purchase tickets and make reservations call the Theatre 29 Box Office at 760-361-4151 or purchase tickets online at www.theatre29.org.

Now in its 16th year, Theatre 29 is located at 73637 Sullivan Road, in the City of Twentynine Palms. Theater 29 is an all-volunteer, non-profit 501(c)3, community theatre organization that operates year-round.



Auditions for "Urinetown, The Musical", at Theatre 29

Director Gary Daigneault and Musical Director Ed Will have announced open auditions will be held for the edgy new Broadway hit musical "Urinetown, the Musical", with Music and Lyrics by Mark Hollmann and Book and Lyrics by Greg Kotis.

"Urinetown" (yes that is really the name of the show), is a side-splitting

send-up of greed, love, revolution (and musicals!), in a time when water is worth its weight in gold.

In a Gotham-like city, a terrible water shortage, caused by a 20-year drought, (sound familiar?) has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company that profits by charging admission for one of humanity's most basic needs. Amid the people, a hero decides he's had enough, and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom!

Daigneault and Will, along with Choreographer Mandi Pushkar, will cast from 11-20 flexible performers in an ensemble cast. There are featured roles, older characters, and both male and female leads. **Auditions will be held at 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 12, 2015, at Theatre 29, 73637 Sullivan Road, Twentynine Palms.**

Those interested in helping backstage with sets, costumes, props, or set construction are also asked to go to the auditions and leave their contact information. For more information about auditions or backstage opportunities contact Daigneault at 760-366-8471

"Urinetown, the Musical", opens February 27, 2015, running five weekends through March 28, 2015. The show will run Friday and Saturday nights at 7:00 p.m. with 2:30 p.m. Sunday Matinees on March 8th and 22nd, 2015.

Tickets for "Urinetown, the Musical", are available now at www.theatre29.org, or by calling 760-361-4151. Tickets are \$12.00 Regular, \$10.00 Seniors and Military, and \$8.00 for Students with ID or children under 12.

Jennifer Karady: In Country Soldiers' Stories From Iraq and Afghanistan

Palm Springs Art Museum is pleased to feature an exhibition of artist Jennifer Karady, who has developed a series of photographs

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that relate the experiences of U.S. veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan while making evident the human cost of their service to our country. The exhibition, Jennifer Karady: In Country, Soldiers' Stories From Iraq and Afghanistan, will be on view December 13 through March 29, 2015 at Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Springs.

Karady's narrative photographs begin with personal histories gleaned through an extensive interview process with the soldiers and their families. Her images capture the conditions of warfare that fighting an insurgency has created, through dramatic portraits that reveal the psychological moments when war memories and everyday civilian life collide. The text that accompanies each photograph is derived directly from the words of the soldiers themselves.

The surreal juxtapositions literally "bring the war home" by introducing scenes from war in Iraq or Afghanistan into our every day, and otherwise ordinary lives - a sight we are accustomed to viewing as something happening in a far-away, foreign location. Karady's images take us beyond the polarized political views of the war and provide an opportunity for dialogue about the war's impact on the soldiers and the personal costs they bear, often far out of the public eye.

The Photography Collection Council of Palm Springs Art Museum commissioned a photograph to be included in this exhibition, which is the latest in a series of commissions throughout the country. The council partnered with BoxoPROJECTS, an artist's residency in Joshua Tree, to provide Karady with the resources she needed in order to accomplish the commission. Notably, the location is only an hour away from Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, which serves as the U.S. training ground for the wars in the Middle East.

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This exhibition is organized by Palm Springs Art Museum and is funded in part by the museum's Photography Collection Council, Yvonne and Steve Maloney, Carol and Jim Egan, along with CAC Silver Sponsors Dale C. Landon and Carole Haes Landon. Exhibition Season sponsors are Dorothy and Harold J. Meyerman and Arlene Schnitzer.

For more information about Palm Springs Art Museum and the exhibition, please visit www.psmuseum.org or call (760) 322-4800. The museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., and closed Monday. In recognition of their service, Palm Springs Art Museum offers free admission to active-duty military personnel and their families.



Congratulations to Chaparral Artists member JoAnn Petersen who was recently the featured artist in Belmar, New Jersey.



"Winter Skies" will be the theme for the winter Art in Public Places exhibition at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce, 73484 Twentynine Palms

Hwy, Twentynine Palms. The show will be on display January, February, and March 2015.

Desert artists are invited to submit an original piece of art for possible inclusion in the group exhibition, and are asked to deliver their artwork to the visitor center on Friday, January 9th, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Artists unable to make this time on In/Out Day are asked to make special delivery arrangements with a Chamber representative by calling 760-367-3445 any weekday prior to January 9th.

Artwork should reflect the theme of winter skies in the desert. Media can include painting, watercolor, mixed media, photography, and three-dimensional work such as assemblage and sculpture. All work must be ready to mount or hang with professional wire, must be offered for sale, and should be suitable for viewing by the general public.

An opening art reception is planned for Friday, January 16th from 5:30pm to 7:00 p.m. with refreshments and music. Art in Public Places exhibitions are presented by the Public Arts Advisory Committee of the City of Twentynine Palms. For questions, contact Jon Beard at 760-367-7562 or email jbeard@29palms.org.

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

Chaparral Artists members are asked to wear a name tag of any type to our meetings. Those without a tag will be fined. If you don't have one see Nancy Miehle at the meeting.



Congratulations to Tami Roleff who was the Featured Artist at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church in 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)

Event Calendar

Chaparral Artists & club member events are highlighted.

Now – January 9

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

January 8 (4 – 6 p.m.)
January 9 (10:30 – Noon)
Drop off for Chaparral Artists “Same But Different” Show and pick up for the Photography Show at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley

January 9 – March 27
“Winter Skies” Show at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce in Twentynine Palms

January 9 (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.)
Drop off for “Winter Skies” Show and pick up for “Gold, Iron & Steel” at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce in Twentynine Palms

January 9 (7 p.m.)
“An Ideal Husband” opening night gala at Theatre 29 in Twentynine Palms

January 11 (1 – 3 p.m.)
Chaparral Artists “Same But Different” Reception at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley

January 12 (1 – 3 p.m.)
Chaparral Artists meeting in the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley

January 12 (6 p.m.)
Auditions for “Urinetown, The Musical” at Theatre 29 in Twentynine Palms

DECEMBER 2014 PHOTOGRAPHY RECEPTION



Barbara Demmocks & Best of Show Runner Up



Barbara Wells Roberts



Kim Clements & People's Choice Winner



Rainbow Stew owner Valerie Meyer with Best of Show Winner Dennis Hofelich



Raini Armstrong



Dion Dubois



Tami Roleff



David Clements & People's Choice Winner



Patricia Quandel & People's Choice Winner



Nancy Kimis



Becky Huffman

Photo by Raini Armstrong

January 16, 23, and 30
February 6, 20, and 27
(Fridays 9 a.m. to noon)
"Fundamentals of Plein Air Painting" class at Copper Mountain College with Art Mortimer

January 16 (5:30 – 7 p.m.)
Opening Reception for “Winter Skies” Show at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce in Twentynine Palms

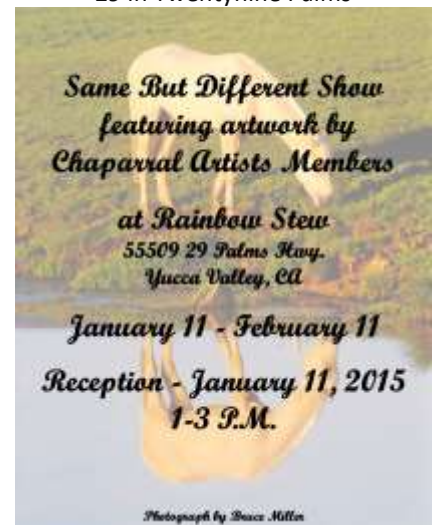
January 31 (Noon – 4 p.m.)
Intake for “Invention, Reinvention” at the Ada Hatch Center at Copper Mountain College

February 12 (4 – 6 p.m.)
February 13 (10:30 – Noon)
Pick up for Chaparral Artists “Same But Different” Show at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley

February 14 (6 – 9 p.m.)
Reception for “Invention, Reinvention” at the Ada Hatch Center at Copper Mountain College

February 27 (7:00 p.m.)
“Urinetown, the Musical” opens at Theatre 29 in Twentynine Palms

February 27 – March 28
“Urinetown, the Musical” at Theatre 29 in Twentynine Palms



Photograph by Bruce Miller