



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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Dianne Stroble was Chaparral Artists Hospitality Chairman

and take a look at how many ways things can be "the same but different".

Finally, on Sunday the 25th, four of our adventurous members ventured down to the Imperial Polo Grounds in Indio to attend the Southwest Arts Festival. They had a wonderful time at the festival and apparently turned the trip home into a full scale scavenger hunt. They returned home with "lots of neat junk". If anyone has any ideas for good places to take a trip let Julianne know. Anything within easy commuting distance, such as trips to the National Park, Inland Empire art galleries, Temecula wine country, etc. is worthy of consideration.

In memory of Dianne Stroble
Beverly Schmuckle

Dianne Stroble grew up in Courtland, Ohio and attended Ohio State University. She had a Bachelor's degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management and earned her teaching certificate. Dianne married Mike (Mickey) Stroble in December 1977 and became a mother to son Matthew in 1984. Dianne and family moved to Yucca Valley in 1989. She taught school for the 29 Palms School District while managing Denny's. Dianne then took the position of Assistant Manager and later the General Manager of several California Airport restaurants. Following a work related accident in Oakland CA Dianne decided to retire. To keep busy she earned her real estate license and pursued her love of art and painting. In 2011 the Stroble family relocated back to Yucca Valley. To continue her love of art she joined the Yucca Valley Community Center Open Studio Art Workshop which led her to discover

President's Palette
Hugh Huffman

This month began with very sad news that Chaparral Artists member Dianne Stroble passed away within hours of the monthly meeting. Chaparral Artists made a \$200 donation to the family's web page to help with hospital expenses.

Congratulations are in order for Pat Quandel, who was nominated and accepted for Life Membership. She will be getting her plaque at this month's meeting. Also at this month's meeting Ed Keesling will be our featured presenter. He will be demonstrating his ceramics technics for us.

This month's show, "The Same, but Different", has had a very good turnout. It is sort of amazing how many of you have pictures of other artists' pictures to put in the show. If you didn't enter anything you might still want to stop by Rainbow Stew

President – Hugh Huffman
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Chaparral Artists, Morongo Art Colony and several other painting groups in the area. She loved participating in the local art shows and taking painting classes.

Dianne always held steadfast to her faith and loved teaching little ones in Sunday School. She would take every opportunity that arose when it came to teaching little ones. She was so proud of her family and loved being grandmother to little Azriel. The YV Open Studio Art Workshop won't be the same without her contagious laugh and fun-loving spirit. We were blessed to have her in our lives.

If you haven't seen Chaparral Artists' "Same but Different" Show at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley you have until February 11th to see this unique show.

Same But Different Show a big hit

From the little Indians by the ladies of Rainbow Stew (Stacey Clayton, Valerie Eagle Heart Meyer, & Michelle Nemechek) to the many paintings and photographs by members of Chaparral Artists; this years "Same But Different Show" lived up to its history of being one of the most fun and favorite shows of the year.

If you haven't seen this show be sure to stop by Rainbow Stew before it comes down on February 12th.

Winter Skies

"Winter Skies" opened this month at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center, Gallery, and Chamber of Commerce. Of all of the themed shows that I've attended; this one exhibits one of the widest ranges of images. Four members of Chaparral Artists (Ed Keesling, Julianne Koza, Patricia Quandel, and Tami Roleff) and their entries show the diversity of the images in this show.

When I attend an event such as this one I usually photograph Chaparral Artists members' artwork for our newsletter but occasionally I see an entry that I just have to share with our readers. That's what happened when I attended the reception for this show. Local photographer Pat Murphy captured an image that drew me as well as

*Chaparral Artists exhibitors at Winter Skies Reception on January 16, 2015
29 Palms Visitor Center, Gallery, & Chamber of Commerce*



Ed Keesling



Patricia Quandel
Photo by Tami Roleff



Tami Roleff



Julianne Koza

other attendees to gaze and comment on it. The photograph here doesn't do it justice so I suggest you stop by and see it as well as the other great entries that are on display through March 26.



Pat Murphy and his photograph "Nature's Sculpture"

Ryan's, Ranch Excursion

Julianne Koza

Four Chaparral artists had a wonderful time visiting the Southwest Arts Festival, being inspired by the art and picking the brains of the artists. On the way home we were even more inspired by a detour which started with photos of wildflowers

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and sunsets, and included an exciting shopping excursion for the Reduce Reuse Recycle show (picking thru roadside dump sites). Sometimes we are so easy to entertain.

In February we invite you to join us for a trip a little closer to home. On Sunday Feb 22 we're planning an excursion to Ryan's Ranch in JTNP. We'll meet at the Park Center parking lot in Joshua Tree at 8 a.m. and car pool. After the Ranch we'll talk about where else we feel inspired to go. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen, cameras, and a sense of adventure. We will refrain from picking thru any Park dump sites.

This 1 mile easy loop trail leads to the remains of the homestead built in 1900 by brothers Jeb and Thomas Ryan, who also owned Lost Horse Mine. The ranch house burned in 1978 but the red adobe walls still stand. There is another small adobe structure, remains of the windmill and well house, and a cemetery. If you've never visited this local landmark it is well worth seeing.

For more information or to tell us you're interested in going, please call Julianne Koza at 760-365-8837.

Editor's Note – These trips are open to everyone

Odds & Ends

Youth Art Program Grants offered in Twentynine Palms - The Public Arts Advisory Committee (PAAC) of the City of Twentynine Palms is offering small grants to support Youth Art Programs in 2015. The PAAC's goal is to encourage and assist the community's participation in the arts by providing financial support for art programs for the youth of Twentynine Palms and MCAGCC.

Organizations, individuals, groups, clubs, or businesses in Twentynine Palms are invited to apply. The PAAC particularly encourages cooperative ventures among cultural groups to provide programs that give youth

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experience in a variety of the visual and performing arts, including music, dance, theatre, and writing.

The PAAC has established a fund of \$8,000 for Youth Art Programs in 2015. Individual grants are available from \$500 to \$1,500, depending on the scope of the program and availability of funds. The maximum grant is \$1,500 per entity per fiscal year, which begins on July 1 each year.

Grants will be awarded in two rounds, summer and fall 2015. Deadline for submitting grant applications for summer programs is the first Monday in February; deadline for the fall programs is the first Monday in June.

Complete guidelines for grant applications are available on the Art in Public Places page of the city's website, www.29palms.org. The application process is relatively simple, requiring a written proposal of one or two pages describing the proposed arts program, including dates, location, budget, art instructor(s), and plans for publicizing the event and attracting participants.

Applications are to be submitted to the PAAC City liaison Jon Beard via email at jbeard@29palms.org. For questions or more information, contact Beard at (760) 910-3888.

Art in Public Places and Youth and The Arts programs are administered by the Public Arts Advisory Committee of the City of Twentynine Palms.

Fine Art Classes with the Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park

February 28 - March 1 **Pine Needle Basketry**

\$110 JTNPA members/\$120 non members

March 6 - 8 **Fine Art Photography at Joshua Tree National Park**

\$150 JTNPA members/\$160 non members

March 7 **Desert Haiku Writing at Joshua Tree National Park**

\$60 JTNPA members/\$70 non members

March 7 **Joshua Tree Through the Lens**

\$75 JTNPA members/\$85 non members

March 22 **Creative SmartPhone Photography**

\$60 JTNPA members/\$70 non members

Enrollment is limited! Register online at www.joshuatree.org



Participate in the **Hi-Desert Nature Museum's "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" Exhibition**

**On Display March 5 – April 25, 2015
Opening Reception Friday, March 6,
5:00-7:00 P.M.**

As part of our **Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 18th**, the local community is invited to contribute artwork made from recycled or reused materials for display in our "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" exhibition. Paintings, sculpture, mixed media creations, photographs of recycled products, or any other art-related objects can be loaned to the museum for display in the exhibition. Individual and group projects are welcome and children are particularly encouraged to participate.

In today's era of heightened environmental awareness, artists are increasingly turning to junk stores, trash bins, and surplus outlets to satisfy their urge to create while still caring for the planet. This exhibit is designed to make people rethink our throw-away society by sharing the local community's innovative and often surprising use of reused and recycled materials.

Artwork must be dropped off in person at the museum between

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Thursday, February 26th, and Saturday, February 28th, 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

The artwork will be displayed on a first-come, first-serve basis until the temporary gallery space is full. Please be sure the artwork you share with us is of low monetary value and small enough to be hung easily or displayed in an exhibit case. Please ensure that paintings have hanging hardware attached. Limit three artworks per artist. No nudes can be displayed in the museum. No artwork will be accepted that is made of combustible or toxic materials, live animal/plant matter, perishable food products, or other harmful items to the museum's other artifacts or visitors. The museum reserves the right to refuse any artwork made of questionable materials. **After the close of the exhibition artwork will be available for pickup Thursday, April 30th, to Saturday, May 2nd, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

Please call the museum for additional information at (760) 369-7212.

Hi-Desert Nature Museum
57116 29 Palms Highway
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

www.hidesertnaturemuseum

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

Palm Springs Art Museum is the largest cultural institution in the Coachella Valley and includes three locations in Palm Springs and Palm Desert. The flagship building is located in downtown Palm Springs and features compelling art exhibitions, a vast permanent collection, and the 433-seat Annenberg Theater, all in a 150,000 square foot, architecturally-significant building. Palm Springs Art Museum Architecture and Design Center, Edwards Harris Pavilion features exhibitions and programming that explore the rich topics of architecture

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and design. Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert is an 8,400 square foot, Silver LEED-certified building named The Galen that presents rotating exhibitions and special collections. It is surrounded by the four-acre Faye Sarkowsky Sculpture Garden featuring important sculpture works. Admission to the Palm Desert location is now free to the public, generously underwritten by Helene V. Galen. For more information, call [760-322-4800](tel:760-322-4800), visit www.psmuseum.org, and follow the museum on Facebook, Twitter and InstaGram.

Do you have newspaper clippings of Chaparral Artists members or events? Would you like to donate them to Chaparral Artists? If so, you're in luck. Shirley James is collecting them for a chronological history of the club. You can give her your clippings at any of our meetings.



The High Desert Mythological Roundtable® Group is seeking art inspired by the myth of the Grail and the Grail quest for "Mysteries of the Grail," an art show that will run from March 14-April 7, 2015 at the Beatnik Lounge (formerly the Listening Lounge), 61597 Twentynine Palms Hwy., Joshua Tree. The opening reception will take place during the 2nd Saturday Art Walk, March 14 from 5-8 p.m. Artists working in two-dimensional media (painting, photography, etc.), mixed media, or sculpture are welcome to submit up to two works that speak to the Grail

theme. **All entries must be delivered to the Beatnik Lounge on Thursday, March 12 between 9 a.m.-12 noon.** Works must be ready for hanging with picture wire (notched hangers and other hanging methods besides wire



are unacceptable). Please include a label with the artist's name, title, type of media, and price. A pedestal must accompany sculptures. Entry fees are due by

cash or check when the work is delivered: \$15 for one artwork; \$25 for two artworks. The Beatnik Lounge will charge a 10 percent commission on sales. Submit a brief bio/artist statement along with your artwork, maximum 100 words. For more information, visit the "Mysteries of the Grail" event page on Facebook.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of artist Dianne Stroble on January 12, 2015.

La Quinta Arts Festival March 5 – 8, 2015 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

La Quinta Arts Foundation is thrilled to announce that its signature event La Quinta Arts Festival has been ranked the #1 Fine Art Festival in the Nation for the third consecutive year by Art Fair SourceBook, the definitive guide for art and craft fairs in the United States.

The 33rd Annual La Quinta Arts Festival returns to the visually stunning setting of La Quinta's Civic Center Campus (78495 Calle Tampico La Quinta CA) in the greater Palm Springs area – Southern California's preferred desert resort location. Produced by La Quinta Arts Foundation, in partnership with its Premier Sponsor the City of La Quinta, La Quinta Arts Festival raises funds for the Foundation's non-profit mission of *Promoting & Cultivating the Arts*.

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This award-winning event attracts art patrons and tourists from across the nation as one of the Coachella Valley's premier attractions. Live Entertainment, Delicious Food, Wine and Beer complement your experience.

La Quinta Arts Festival is nationally recognized by artists and art patrons alike as one of the renowned art festivals in the nation.

Do you enjoy being part of an art event and artistic community? We enlist the help of many volunteers to accomplish our cultural mission. There are numerous volunteer opportunities for local residents.

To learn more about the La Quinta Arts Festival go to <http://www.lqaf.com/cultural-events/la-quinta-arts-festival/>

Gallery & Gift Shop
at
Covington Park

NOW OPEN
Wed. & Sat.
10 am – 4 pm

Featuring Local Artists

January Artist of the Month
Barbara Demorez

Celebrating the
1st Year Anniversary
of the Gift Shop
and the
51st Anniversary of the Art Colony

Silent Auction
Items donated by Art Colony Artists
Members will be displaying for sale
examples of their art.

February 7th noon to 4pm
Covington Park
Multipurpose Room

Music provided by James Hagerty
(noon - 3pm)

Come in and browse for all of your gift needs, including:
Fine Arts, Photography, Jewelry, Ceramics, Greeting and Post Cards

Art Colony of Morongo Valley – The Art Gallery/Gift Shop actually made it through our first full year!!!

To commemorate the accomplishment, **we will be holding an Anniversary Party on Saturday, February 7, 2015 from noon to 4 pm.** Coffee and cake will be served. Entertainment will be provided from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. by James Hagerty. There will be a silent auction. Snake Jagger is donating a print, Susan Holloway will donate a necklace, and others will also donate to the auction.

**The Always Fun "Same But Different" Show
January 2015**



Jenifer Palmer Lacy

Patricia Quandel & Nancy Miehle

Joann Petersen & Janelen Farmer

Hugh & Becky Huffman

David McChesney & Nancy Miehle

Tami Roleff

Nancy Miehle, Kim Clements, & David Clements

Julianne Koza

Raini Armstrong, Patricia Quandel, Raini Armstrong, & Julianne Koza

Stacey Clayton, Valerie Eagle Heart Meyer, & Michelle Nemechek

Diane Stamm & Nancy Miehle

Dennis Hofelich

Where: the "Celestial" room at the Joshua Tree Retreat Center, 59700 29 Palms Highway, Joshua Tree, CA 92252 (next to the office & book store)

Phone: 760-365-8371

Come meet the current Board members, enjoy some great food, socialize with friends and make new ones! Find out what we have planned during a question and answer session! Feel free to bring a dish to share.

Also, check out the announcement of the sale at the Art Store the day after. We hope to see you! Cheers to the Arts! MBCAC Art Tours TEAM 2014



Various members will be displaying for sale examples of their art.

We will need volunteers to help set-up and decorate the room for the party.



Raini Armstrong and Kim Clements are the new members of the

Chaparral Artists Hospitality Committee.

Chaparral Artists next regular meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on February 9 at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley.

Greetings and Happy 2015!
We would like to invite you to our first 2015 MBCAC Artists' Gathering and Potluck:

When: Friday, February 6, 5-7 PM

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.*

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

Now – February 7

Rock/Paper/Scissors at JTAG
in Joshua Tree

Now - February 11

Chaparral Artists
"Same But Different" Show at
Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley

Now – March 27

"Winter Skies" Show at the
Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and
Chamber of Commerce
in Twentynine Palms

February 7 (Noon – 4 p.m.)

Art Colony of Morongo Valley
Anniversary Party in Morongo Valley

9 February (1 – 3 p.m.)

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

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 22 (8:00 a.m.)

Ryan's Ranch Excursion meets at JTNP
Center parking lot in Joshua Tree

February 26 & 28

(10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Entries due for "Reduce, Reuse,
Recycle" at the Hi-Desert Nature
Museum

In Yucca Valley

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

February 28 – March 1

Pine Needle Basketry with the Desert
Institute at Joshua Tree National

March 5 – 8 (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

La Quinta Arts Festival in La Quinta

March 5 – April 25

"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" at the Hi-
Desert Nature Museum
In Yucca Valley

March 6 (5:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" reception at
the Hi-Desert Nature Museum
In Yucca Valley

March 6 – 8

Fine Art Photography in Joshua Tree
National Park with the Desert
Institute

March 7

Desert Haiku Writing in Joshua Tree
National Park with the Desert
Institute

March 9 (1 – 3 p.m.)

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

March 12 9:00 (a.m. – noon)

Entries due for "Mysteries of the
Grail" at the Beatnik Lounge in Joshua
Tree

March 14 (5 – 8 p.m.)

Reception for "Mysteries of the Grail"
at the Beatnik Lounge in Joshua Tree

March 14 – April 7

"Mysteries of the Grail" at the
Beatnik Lounge in Joshua Tree

March 22

Joshua Tree Through the Lens
with the Desert Institute
at Joshua Tree National Park

April 30 – May 2

(10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Pick up artwork from the "Reduce,
Reuse, Recycle" show at the Hi-Desert
Nature Museum In Yucca Valley

More "Same But Different" Show Entries



**Sue Dailey,
Diane Stamm,
& Nancy Miehle**



Tami Rokeff



**Julianne Koza, Patricia
Quandt, & Raini
Armstrong**



Tami Rokeff



**Hugh & Becky
Huffman**



Barbara Wells - Roberts



**Patricia Quandt
& Nancy Miehle**