



# Chaparral Sketch

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Chaparral Artists, a non-profit organization, is one of the oldest artists groups in the Morongo Basin.

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## PREVIOUS MEETING February 11, 2019

Our February meeting was truly exciting because we were lucky enough to have Karen Mortensen as our guest speaker/demonstrator. Karen is a multi-talented artist that works with several mediums. She is transitioning into the lighter, less

toxic mediums of cotton, paper, soft pastel, and the written word, but the examples she brought with her related to her earlier works with metal mesh. Karen's sense of expression is dramatic in its presentation and her ability to mold and enhance her three dimensional works into the sculptures she makes is fascinating. Though her current and future works will be no less intriguing, I felt lucky to experience so much of her metal mesh works up close.

Other business covered during the meeting included: announcing the Salton Sea trip in February, the upcoming judged kids art show in March, and the February Artists of the Month—Jennifer Grandi at the Presbyterian Church and Sunshine Laue at the Center for Healthy Generations.

We welcomed a new member, Carolyn Nye, to Chaparral Artists who graciously volunteered to work with Jennifer Grandi during the Youth Art Show.

The door prize went to Anne

*Editor's note—if you have any questions please send them to ChaparralArtists@gmail.com and include your name and phone number so that one of our volunteers can reply.*

Elsasser and the 50/50 winner was Mary Catherine Fetterly.

The turnout for our February meeting was excellent, and as always, the conversation was inspiring and informative!

## UPCOMING MEETING March 11, 2019

Our NEXT meeting is just around the corner on March 11, 1-3pm at the Center for Healthy Generations. Remember to bring a fine art piece that you are considering showing at the judged FINE ART show in April.

Some of us know exactly how we like to finalize our work for presentation at a gallery, but many are still in search of a little help. We are offering members a chance to share one of their prospective entries for the upcoming Judged Fine Art show, where they can ask the room about presentation suggestions or maybe even art

completion suggestions. For those interested in advice regarding art completion, we want to remind everyone that each artist has a unique style based around their background, life-story, and the message they hope to share with the world. Suggestions should be broad and only offered if asked for. Example: a seemingly unfinished, very lightly painted/drawn scene might insight many a comment, like “the scene could ‘pop’ more if contrasting dark shadows were included,” however, the artist might have wanted the dreamy subtle forms of their work to shine through, and had only hoped for matting suggestions!

57121 Sunnyslope Drive in Yucca Valley, is Dave Clements. His photography captures the desert at its best with his close-ups of creatures, big and small, and his desert landscapes that often offer a fun and quirky look at our environment.

March’s Featured Artist at the Presbyterian Church, 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley, is Julianne Koza, a photographer with a flare for unique framing and an adventurous spirit that shines through with her intriguing landscape and animal scenes.

Jeni Bate, Dave and Kim Clements, and Ed Keesling are showing their art at the 29 Palms Art Gallery until the end of March.

Ed Keesling and Barbara Wells-Roberts each have an art piece at the 29 Palms Visitors Center until the end of March.

If YOU are showing art at a gallery inside or outside of the Morongo Basin, please share your accomplishments with us!

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## CHAPARRAL OUTINGS

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Chaparral Artists enjoyed a trip to the Southwest Art Festival in Indio for the month of January. The festival is known for a well organized structure of artists, providing corner spaces to most artist booths, which in turn allows for a wonderful shopping experience. Jeni Bate, a Chaparral member, was a vendor at the festival showing her works! Her art business, Skyscapes for the Soul, provides an intriguing combination of mixed media focuses, a unique collaging technique, and her own poetry. I of course am drawn to her fractured works of watercolor skies, those that have been painted, disassembled, and reassembled together with other watercolors.

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## MEMBERS ART ON DISPLAY

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We want to share your successes with everyone, so make sure to contact a newsletter committee member, or email ChaparralArtists@gmail.com, to provide us with the dates and locations that you are displaying your art!

Kim Clements is one of the artists on display at the Medical Center in Joshua Tree, a gallery venue managed by theARTISTS. She is showing beautiful photographs of animals. Raini Armstrong is also showing one of her watercolors in the Café.

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## ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

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February, at the Center for Healthy Generations, we enjoyed Sunshine Laue’s exciting watercolors featuring people, animals and objects. The Presbyterian Church featured the soft pastel work of Jennifer Grandi, a dedicated artist who depicts intriguing compositions and provides great detail with the medium.

March’s Featured Artist at the Center for Healthy Generations,

The result is quite stunning and its influence on one's imagination is delightful.

In February, we enjoyed the many artistic opportunities that the Salton Sea has to offer.

This month, on March 23, we are having a paint-out/picnic at the Whitewater Preserve. Lunch will be at 11:30am, but you can arrive anytime before the picnic to get in a walk, a hike, or to simply enjoy the environment. The paint-out portion can be anytime before or after the picnic, depending upon the light you want to capture. Photographers, an unlimited amount of opportunities exists as spring will be upon us - do your thing! Painters, bring your traveling supplies and get some drawing or painting in! Adventurers, the trails found around the Whitewater Preserve can be easy or challenging, so have fun! This trip could easily be a half-day commitment, however, it isn't unreasonable to spend the entire day at the Whitewater Preserve. Plan accordingly with like-interested individuals when arranging carpool opportunities.

And remember, on April 6 we will visit the Living Desert. General Admission is \$20, Seniors are \$18. The lower desert will be

warm, so dress in layers but plan for 80 degree peaks. Bring your lunch. Due to possible high heat, this trip could easily be a half-day commitment, however, it isn't unreasonable to spend the entire day at the Living Desert from 9am to 5pm. Plan accordingly with like-interested individuals when arranging carpool opportunities.

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## CHAPARRAL SHOWS

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March will be our first show of the year at Rainbow Stew, featuring our **Judged Kids Show**. Youth art should be delivered on March 14 from 4:30-6pm or March 15 from 10:30-12pm at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley. The awards reception will be on Sunday, March 17 from 1-3pm at Rainbow Stew. Come out and support the young artists of the area!

The **Spring Judged Fine Art Show** will be in April, which gives you plenty of time to frame up your masterpieces!

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## EDITOR'S REQUEST FOR ARTICLES

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The Chaparral Sketch is a great way to keep up-to-date with Chaparral Artists events across

the Basin. Our focus is on Chaparral and its members, however, we would like to branch out and provide articles that entice everyone to support one another. We provide a calendar of our own events and functions, but we can expand that if needed. We offer articles covering Chaparral events and receptions, but we would like to offer one or two art-centric interest pieces. To do this, we need you!

If you attend an art-centric event during the month, please submit a blurb about the show you attended. Credit will be given to those who send in articles that get included in the newsletter.

Thank you Chaparral Members!



### Chaparral Administrative Assembly

<b>President</b>	Julianne Koza
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<b>Show Committee</b>	Raini Armstrong (Chair), Members of the Board of Directors
<b>Sunshine</b>	Julia Terpening
<b>Web/Facebook</b>	Shirley James, Raini Armstrong

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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### February – April

theARTISTS gallery featuring the photography of  
Kim Clements in the ER Lobby at the Hi Desert  
Medical Center 6601 White Feather Rd, Joshua  
Tree, CA 92252

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### February 17

#### Salton Sea Trip

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### March

Featured Artist, Julianne Koza at the  
Desert Hills Presbyterian Church, 56750 Mountain  
View Trail, Yucca Valley

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### March

Featured Artist, David Clements at the  
Center for Healthy Generations, 57121 Sunnyslope  
Dr., Yucca Valley

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### March 11

Chaparral Artists Meeting 1-3pm  
at the Center for Healthy Generations, 57121  
Sunnyslope Dr., Yucca Valley

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### March 14

Youth Art Show Intake Day1, 4:30-6pm  
at Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms  
Highway, Yucca Valley

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### March 15

Youth Art Show Intake Day2, 10:30-12pm  
at Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms  
Highway, Yucca Valley

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### March 17

Youth Art Show Reception & Awards Ceremony

1-3pm at Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms  
Highway, Yucca Valley

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### March 23

Whitewater Picnic and Paint-Out  
at the Whitewater Canyon Preserve, 9160  
Whitewater Canyon Rd., Whitewater  
Lunch is at 11:30am, arrive anytime before that!

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### April 6

Living Desert  
47900 Portola Ave, Palm Desert  
Meet at Jack in the Box in Yucca Valley. We will  
leave promptly at 8am

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### April 8

Chaparral Artists Meeting 1-3pm  
at the Center for Healthy Generations, 57121  
Sunnyslope Dr., Yucca Valley

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### April 11

Fine Art Judged Show Intake Day1, 4:30-6pm  
at Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms  
Highway, Yucca Valley

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### April 12

Fine Art Judged Show Intake Day2, 12-2pm  
at Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms  
Highway, Yucca Valley

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### April 14

Fine Art Judged Show Reception & Awards  
1-3pm at Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms  
Highway, Yucca Valley

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