



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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JANUARY MEETING

January 14, 2019

Our first meeting of the year received a great turn out. We had over twenty members attending. After a good meal, great conversation, and an inspiring demonstration by Esther Shaw, the new officers, show schedule and planned trips were announced. Julianne Koza is our new

President, Patricia Quandel is Vice President, Nancy Miehle will continue serving as Treasurer, and Lynzy Kunz is our Secretary.

Those in attendance were honored to gain a sneak peak at an artist working her 'magic'. Esther Shaw walked us through her painting process, which often starts with the piecing together of a composition based on disconnected photos, cuttings and swatches. With a few inspiring snippets set aside, she began painting in her background, eagerly removing the white of canvas to replace it with warm tones. Quickly, she set out to suggest the outlined form of a bobcat stepping toward its onlookers (us), with the rocks and flora it was traveling over, and the suggestion of a hillside in the distance. Esther shared that she often limits her color palette, so as to avoid creating too busy of a scene, she also works the irregularity of shape in her nature paintings to maintain reality in the image. After mere moments, it seemed as though Esther had

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.

blocked in only a few colors and shapes, fluidly moving from painting in the negative spaces to popping in highlights, and her composition had come to life.

It was truly inspiring to watch Esther Shaw paint such a piece, finding moments to share her thought processes while actively drawing us all into her vision of the bobcat composition.

During the meeting, we welcomed new members to Chaparral Artists! Karen Mortensen and Lalo Lucio. Lynzy Kunz is also new to the group. You might recognize some names, as both Lynzy and Karen have shown their art at our Judged shows. Lalo shared that his medium of choice fluctuates



January Demo by Esther Shaw

between oils and watercolors and his subjects tend to be people and architecture of the 20s and 30s. Karen works with mixed mediums, like metal mesh and cotton cloth, and enjoys soft pastels. She is in the process of experimenting with cotton and cloth so as to move away from the chemical processes involved with her metal sculpture work.

Our NEXT meeting will be on February 11, 1-3pm at the Center for Healthy Generations. Join us to find out what's new with Chaparral Artists. Our demonstrator will be Karen Mortensen.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

Chaparral Artists is proud to provide two Artist of the Month venues to showcase members' art.

The first, and longest running venue, is the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church located at 56750 Mountain View Trail, Yucca Valley. The church provides a beautify space to display dozens of art pieces.

The second venue is the Center for Healthy Generations located at 57121 Sunnyslope Drive in Yucca Valley. This location actively provides a gathering space for other art groups of the Morongo

Basin, fundraising events, and art and fitness training groups.

January's Featured Artist at the Center for Healthy Generations is Nancy Miehle. An artist known for portraying lovely desert scenes and adorable portraitures of creatures AND people. Nancy is experienced with many mediums, and this month, at Healthy Generations, Nancy is displaying gorgeous desert scenes in oil, a perfect reminder to enjoy the beauty all around us!

January's Featured Artist at the Presbyterian Church is Marcia Vanderbilt (Pealstrom). An artist that works with mixed media and captures moments in time with analog cameras, Marci is displaying her photography featuring images of yesteryear, and whimsical framed mixed media.

MEMBERS ART ON DISPLAY

Each of our members will be juggling their artistic endeavors and showcasing their work at the many venue opportunities that our desert communities provide. When possible, a shout-out to members' work will be added to the newsletter, so make sure to contact the Newsletter

coordinator or email Chaparral Artists to provide us with the dates and locations that YOU are displaying your art!

Members on display at the 29 Palms Gallery for the month of January include Raini Armstrong, Jenny Bate, Ed Keesling, and Nancy Miehle, in the Guild Members room. The Historic show, in the Main gallery, is displaying vintage works by many founding Guild members, and a politically inspired series of works by Reuven Wallack is featured in the West gallery.

CHAPARRAL OUTINGS

Chaparral Artists put together several great trips in 2018, and we hope to carry on the tradition of meeting together to enjoy a location or event in 2019. These day trips often provide inspiration to artists, immediate subjects for photographers, and sometimes an opportunity to simply gather and enjoy an event as a group. In 2018, we visited Cabot's Museum in Desert Hot Springs, and we embarked on an adventurous trip to Mitchell Caverns in the Mojave National Preserve. Smaller trips are always being planned during the year within the organization, such as half-day trips to local museums and art festivals, and we

hope to continue this practice with something that will appeal to everyone. If YOU would like to recommend a location or event for consideration, please contact the Vice President and share your idea.

This month, on January 27, we will attend the Southwest Art Festival in Indio. Tickets cost \$15 general admission, \$13 for seniors. Those interested will meet at Jack in the Box, Yucca Valley and leave promptly at 8:30AM for the festival.

Next month, on February 17, we will visit the Salton Sea. Those interested will meet at Jack in the Box, Yucca Valley and leave promptly at 7:00AM.

CHAPARRAL SHOWS

We have several shows coming up in 2019 to plan for, with detailed information to be provided as we near the months in question.

March will be our first show of the year at Rainbow Stew, featuring our **Judged Youth Art show**, so reach out to your kids and grandkids who might enjoy showing off their artistic talents. Intake is March 14 and 15, so those young people in your lives have plenty of time to work on

their entries!

The Judged Fine Art show will be in April, so let's all get out there and paint, sketch, sculpt, and have fun with some potential submissions.

EDITOR'S REQUEST FOR ARTICLES

The Chaparral Sketch is a great way to keep up-to-date with Chaparral Artists events across the Basin. For some, it provides a calendar of art display opportunities that we may not have been aware of, for others a reminder to support our fellow artists at their show receptions, and then there are the articles covering the events that we might not have been able to attend. I for one always look forward to the descriptions of art shows I couldn't attend, because it makes me feel as though I took away at least a taste of the event.

Patricia Quandel, our previous newsletter organizer/editor/writer, had driven the newsletter home for us, because she made it a serious goal to attend most art events. She was, and is, an inspiration, and I could not hope to fill her shoes. So I am asking for YOUR help to breath that energy back into the newsletter.

I would like to invite anyone who attends an art-centric event during the month to submit a blurb about the show you attended. I ask for a maximum of 200 words. If you wish to provide merely a summary of the reception/event, wonderful. If you decide to wax eloquent as you share your thoughts about the reception/event, that would be exciting! I will edit your submissions, as needed, and I will merge comments together if more than one writer sends in articles about the same event, and credit will be given to all parties.

Thank you, Chaparral Members!



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EVENTS CALENDAR

January

Featured Artist, Marci Vanderbilt at the
Desert Hills Presbyterian Church, 56750 Mountain
View Trail, Yucca Valley

January

Featured Artists, Nancy Miehle at
Center for Healthy Generations, 57121 Sunnyslope
Dr., Yucca Valley

January 14

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

January 27

Southwest Art Festival in Indio
Meet at the Jack in the Box in Yucca Valley and be
ready to leave for Indio at 8:30am

February

Featured Artists, Sunshine Laue at the
Center for Healthy Generations, 57121 Sunnyslope
Dr., Yucca Valley

February 11

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

February 17

Salton Sea Trip
Meet at the Jack in the Box in Yucca Valley and be
ready to leave for the Salton Sea at 7:00am

March

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

March

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

March 11

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

March 14

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

March 15

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

March 17

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