



Chaparral Sketch

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PREVIOUS MEETING April 8, 2019

Our April meeting ended with an engaging segment dedicated to a photography critique. Several members brought digital images to share with the group on the large monitor/television. The Photos were discussed with suggestions offered to the photographers

regarding color and cropping. Thank you members for providing your opinions and helpful remarks!

Other business covered during the meeting included announcing the upcoming outing to the Fallbrook Art Center on May 4, as well as the Fine Art intake days in April and the Photography intake days in May. Joan Scott announced her art display at the Las Palmas Restaurant in Yucca Valley. Khryso Heart LeFey is showing his art at the Joshua Tree Library with a reception on May 4th at 3pm titled “Tales of a Scavenger Artists,” and Kim Clements’ photography can be found at the Hi-Desert Medical Center ER Lobby. We had several guests in attendance, and new members joined Chaparral; Kathy Miller, a photographer and mixed media artist, Khryso Heart LeFey, a mixed media and paper collage artist, and Grey Forge LeFey, photographer, graphic designer, oils, clay and mixed media artist.

The door prize AND the 50/50 winner was Laura Paez!

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.

We had a great turnout for our April meeting, and as always friends, food, and conversation make for a fun gathering!

UPCOMING MEETING May 13, 2019

Our NEXT meeting will be on May 13, 1-3pm at the Center for Healthy Generations. Our guest speaker will be Jeni Bate, a talented artist who developed a process to combine her watercolor, poetry and mixed media subjects into unique and beautiful results.

CHAPARRAL OUTINGS

Our next and last scheduled trip this spring is in May! We will be going to the Janice Griffiths Gallery at the Fallbrook Art Center on May 4th to see Reflections of Nature: Wildlife and Landscape Show. The Reflections of Nature show is celebrating its 26th year featuring paintings, sculptures, mixed media, photography, and more by

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20 wildlife and landscape artists, all of whom will be present at the show. Admission fee is \$6.00.

We will meet at Jack in the Box in Yucca Valley and leave promptly at 7:30 a.m. Once we arrive at our destination, we can go our separate ways. Each vehicle can return whenever they like as long as they don't leave behind any of their passengers.

To better coordinate our excursions we are now requiring members to sign up in advance. You can do so by using any of the following methods.

Send an email to patriciaquandel@hotmail.com

Text or call Pat Quandel at 760-362-1976

We need your name, phone number and whom you will be driving with, or whether you need a ride.



Geese passing through at the zoo —Raini

Chaparral Artists trip to the Living Desert

Written by Patricia Quandel

April 6 was the day that Chaparral Artists scheduled for a trip to the Living Desert. For

those of you who didn't go, you missed a wonderful outing. The weather couldn't have been better.

We obtained tram passes and thus were able to skip from place to place and avoid excessive walking. The tram stops are located throughout the park, and your tram pass is good all day. This is an excellent idea for anyone who has trouble walking, is out of shape (like me), wants to get from one side of the park to another in a relatively short time, or wants to get an overview of the park before going to see your favorite animals.

We were lucky enough to see some of their newest additions. We saw a young bighorn sheep, and three of the cutest baby peccary that were only a day old. I couldn't believe how little they were. We heard there were a couple of baby giraffes, but they were hiding at the barn with their mothers, so we didn't get to see them.



Peccary at Living Desert—Pat Quandel



Big Horns at Living Desert—Raini

We spent almost the whole day at the Living Desert, then stopped at Covington Park where we met a couple of birders and photographed a few birds which included some great horned owl chicks.

There were only two of us who went on this trip, Raini Armstrong and I, and between us, we took over two thousand pictures.

MEMBERS ART ON DISPLAY

Chaparral Artists are busy this spring!

Nancy Miehle is showing her art at three locations: Bob Dunn's State Farm office, Sharon Vetez's Dermatologist office, and the Hi-Desert Medical Center Scheduling office.

Raini Armstrong, Ed Keesling, and Kathy Miller will each have booths at the California Welcome Center Art Festival on May 4-5, 9am-5pm.

Jeni Bate and Mae Fox are

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showing their art at the Hi-Desert Medical Center as part of the rotating theARTISTS galleries managed by the Hi-Desert Cultural Center. Raini Armstrong is showing one of her watercolors there as well.

Khryso Heart LeFey is showing his art at the Joshua Tree Library, one of many Art in Public Places venues managed by the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council. A reception and presentation is on May 4, 3pm at the Joshua Tree Library.

Joan Scott is showing her art at the Las Palmas Restaurant in Yucca Valley until the end of May. The Las Palmas Restaurant is another of many Art in Public Places venues managed by the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council.

Judged Fine Art Show

The judged Fine Arts show saw beautiful entries! We received over 20 works of art that fit into five categories, and most excitingly, we had several abstract art entries. Awards were shared during the April 14 reception:

Animals

- 1st—Jennifer Grandi—Cactus Wren Hiding
- 2nd—Raini Armstrong—Inseparable
- 3rd—Kim Clements—Regal Peacock

HM—Grey Forge LeFey—Familiar

Landscapes

- 1st—Raini Armstrong—New Moon Vision
- 2nd—Raini Armstrong—Distant Visitors
- 3rd—Jennifer Grandi—Desert Bloom

Flowers/Plants/Trees

- 1st—Raini Armstrong—Sun Touched Pansy
- 2nd—Nancy Miehle—A New Beginning
- 3rd—Jennifer Grandi—The Yucca in YV
- HM—Nancy Miehle—My Favorite Orchid

Other

- 1st—Karen Mortensen—Dreaming
- 2nd—Joan Scott—Found on a Reef
- 3rd—Khryso Heart LeFey—Dry Leaves

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- 1st—Joan Scott—Sunset at Stonehenge
- 2nd—Laura Paez—The Neighborhood
- 3rd—Laura Paez—Raindrops of Rainbows

BEST OF SHOW

Joan Scott’s “Sunset at Stonehenge”

PEOPLE’S CHOICE

Mary Fetterly’s “Sunlight in the Forest”



Joan Scott receives the Best of Show award for “Sunset at Stonehenge”

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

May’s Featured Artist at the Center for Healthy Generations, 57121 Sunnyslope Drive in Yucca Valley is Raini Armstrong. A photographer and watercolorist, she enjoys

representing the nature around her especially if it includes the night sky!

May’s Featured Artist at the Presbyterian Church, 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley, is Laura Paez. A talented watercolorist who has a flair with color, surreal tendencies and who is moving toward abstraction.

UPCOMING SHOWS

May will see our last Spring show with its **Judged Photography** show. Entries must be delivered on May 16 from 4:30 -6pm or May 17 from 12-2pm at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley. The awards reception will be on Sunday, May 19 from 1-3pm at Rainbow Stew.

Chaparral Administrative Assembly

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EVENTS CALENDAR

May

Featured Artist, Laura Paez at the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church, 56750 Mountain View Trail, Yucca Valley

May

Featured Artists, Raini Armstrong at Center for Healthy Generations, 57121 Sunnyslope Dr., Yucca Valley

now – May 27

Las Palmas Mexican Cuisine featuring the artworks of Joan Scott, 55792 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley

now – July 28

Joshua Tree Library featuring the artworks of Khryso Heart LeFey, 6465 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree

May – July 29

theARTISTS gallery featuring the unique mixed media works of Jeni Bate and the stained glass of Mae Fox at the Hi Desert Medical Center 6601

White Feather Rd, Joshua Tree

May 4

Reflections of Nature, 103 S. Main Ave., Fallbrook Meet at Jack in the Box in Yucca Valley. We leave promptly at 7:30am

May 4

Joshua Tree Library reception & talk on May 4, with Khryso Heart LeFey, 6465 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree

May 4 & 5

California Welcome Center first annual art festival, 9am-5pm, free admission—Chaparral members with booths include Raini Armstrong, Ed Keesling,

and Kathy Miller at 56711 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley

May 13

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

May 16

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

May 13

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

May 19

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

May 21

theARTISTS gallery tour & reception on **May 21** from **5:30-6:30pm in the Main Lobby** at the Hi Desert Medical Center 6601 White Feather Rd, Joshua Tree

June 10

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

June 13 & 14

Photography Judged Show pickup days
