



Chaparral Sketch

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PREVIOUS MEETING June 10, 2019

Our June meeting was a lovely one with Nancy Miehle as our guest demonstrator. Nancy Miehle works with many mediums and on this day she presented a mixed medium smashup - watercolors on rice paper, using melted wax to both

provide a mechanism for resistance and as a protectant. The technique she demonstrated is a version of “Watercolor batik”.

Nancy was ready with all of her tools, which included several sheets of rice paper, her watercolors, used brushes, and pre-melted wax. She shared that rice paper has a rough and smooth side, and informed everyone that the smooth side should be painted on. The rice paper must be placed on a mobile painting surface - such as a small sheet of plastic. A scene is traced onto the rice paper with a permanent pen - in our case, an iris was provided. Nancy then spattered the rice paper with wax as well as brushed on wax to protect ANY white spots or highlights, as this application of wax will block out those locations, disallowing any watercolor to absorb into the rice paper. After the wax dried (it happens quickly) she began painting with watercolors. Vivid colors will result in a very stunning end-product, so have at it and go wild with color! The

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painted rice paper must be allowed to dry completely.

Once everything was completely dry, a thin coating of melted wax was applied over the entire sheet of rice paper. This, too, must be allowed to dry completely. Finally, paper towels were placed over the rice paper, and a warm iron was applied to the layers. The paper towels absorbed the reheated wax, pulling it from the rice paper, leaving the watercolor imagery on rice paper behind.

The finished product was a vivid watercolor painted on rice paper, with slight elements of protective wax, which seems to deepen the inks left behind during the process of wax removal. The rice paper can be float mounted on watercolor paper and framed. This watercolor batik process was fascinating to watch!

Other business covered during the meeting included announcing the Summer Shows at both the

Center for Healthy Generations and the Presbyterian Church. A sign-up sheet was passed around for artists wishing to display their art. Nancy’s Paint & Sip event was shared. The Judged Photo show takedown was announced. The September 14 & 15 JT Art Expo Festival was mentioned, as was the October 5 & 6 Gubler’s Orchid Festival. A slight change in Chaparral demonstration events was shared to include follow-up paint events if the interest is great enough.

Seventeen members attended the meeting. The door prize went to Khryso Heart LeFey, and the 50/50 winner was Julia Terpening.



Watercolor batik demo—Nancy Miehle

UPCOMING MEETING September 9, 2019

Our NEXT meeting will be on September 9, 1-3pm at the Center for Healthy Generations. Our guest demonstrator will be Gretchen Grunt, artist, educator and owner of the 29 Palms Creative Center & Gallery. She will demonstrated encaustic painting, or hot wax painting, a

very interesting process, so don’t miss out! Remember that the members only show at Rainbow Stew is just around the corner, and the theme for the show is “What I did this Summer.” We will remind meeting attendees of the upcoming show along with much, much more.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

The ‘Summer Show’ at the Center for Healthy Generations will be on display until the end of August. Artists currently displaying include Jeni Bate, Julianne Koza, Lynzy Kunz, Grey Forge LeFey, Khryso Heart LeFey, Michael Marks, Nancy Miehle, Kathy Miller, and Joan Scott. Address: 57121 Sunnyslope Drive in Yucca Valley.

The ‘Summer Show’ at the Presbyterian Church will be on display until September 6. Artists currently displaying include Raini Armstrong, David Clements, Kim Clements, Mary Katherine Fetterly, Jennifer Grandi, Julianne Koza, Khryso Heart LeFey, Grey Forge LeFey, Nancy Miehle, Kathy Miller, Laura Paez, Deborah Roberts, Tami Roleff, and Carl Smelko. Address: 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley.

September’s artists at the Center for Healthy Generations, will provide art inspired by ducks or tropical plants! September is the Center’s “Rubber Ducky” fundraising theme. We hope that Chaparral artists will help to fill the walls with duck and tropical representations for this yearly event.

September’s artists at the Presbyterian Church will be David & Kim Clements, 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley.

MEMBERS ART ON DISPLAY

A special congratulations to Tami Roleff - one of her photographs was accepted into the Joshua Tree Art Exposition and it will be on display from September 1 to September 29 at the 29 Palms Art Gallery. Address: 74055 Cottonwood Dr, Twentynine Palms.

Kim & Dave Clements are displaying their art at the California Welcome Center in Yucca Valley until September 1. Address: 56711 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley.

Khryso Heart LeFey will be displaying his art as part of the collage and assemblage artists

at the Gallery 62 show, "Give Pieces a Chance" from August 31 to September 22. The newly remodeled Gallery is open Saturdays from 9 to 3 and Sundays from noon to 3 during the run of the show. The reception will be September 14 from 5:30 to 8:30. Jennifer Grandi is displaying an art piece in the member gallery during the show.

Kathy Miller is on display at the Natural Lives Day Spa until September 29. Address: 6448 Hallee Rd #8, Joshua Tree.

Jeni Bate, Mae Fox, and Raini Armstrong are displaying art at the Hi-Desert Medical Center until October 31. Address: 6601 White Feather Rd, Joshua Tree.

Raini Armstrong and Julianne Koza are displaying a piece each at the 29 Palms Visitors Center show themed "Oh, those summer nights!" until September 27.

If YOU are showing art at a gallery or business inside or outside of the Morongo Basin, please share your accomplishments with us! Contact a newsletter committee member, or email ChaparralArtists@gmail.com, to provide us with the dates and locations that you are displaying your art!

ART DISPLAY OPPORTUNITIES

September is Rubber Ducky month at the Center for Healthy Generations. Artists are invited to display art for sale that is inspired by ducks or tropical plants. This Rubber Ducky theme is centered around a long standing fundraising event that includes dinner and games. We hope that Chaparral artists will help fill the walls with thematic entries to help the Center celebrate and raise funds for their excellent establishment! Intake on August 30, at 11:30am.

The Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council provides a wonderful array of display opportunities with their Art in Public Places program. To be eligible to display your art at any of the venues across the Basin, you must be a resident of the Basin and be a member of MBCAC. For more information, please visit the MBCAC website at: mbcac.org/art-in-public-places/



Presbyterian Church—Summer Show

ART CREATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Desert is hosting a Paint Night on Friday, August 16 at 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm). This is a fundraising event that costs \$40/person to enter and it includes a nacho bar dinner and refreshments. Wine glasses will serve as the canvas for everyone that attends! A desert landscape will be the subject. Nancy Miehle will be one of many volunteer artists to provide instruction.

Raini Armstrong volunteers at the Center for Healthy Generations to provide a Watercolor Instruction class on Fridays, 9am-11am. She provides a subject to paint, demonstrates the process in a step-by-step fashion, and she offers tips and reminders about watercolor techniques as subjects allow. This class does not follow a specific 'lesson plan' but instead molds to the individuals in attendance. All watercolorist levels are welcome, but attention will be directed toward beginners. Participants provide their own materials. Cost is \$5/person at the door OR \$17/month.

Beverly Schmuckle coordinates an Open Studio Art

Workshop on Thursdays, 9am-12pm at the Yucca Valley Community Center. The workshop offers an open space for interested artists to gather and create art. Tips, tricks and suggestions for various mediums can be sought out due to the expertise in attendance at nearly every workshop. Come join this casual workshop and create your art in a comfortable environment. Participants provide their own materials. Ages 18 and over. Cost is \$2/person at the door.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

September 1 - Chaparral Artists will paint with the kids during the Family Fun Fair at the Yucca Valley Airport on Sunday, September 1, 10am-2pm. Non-Profit organizations are invited to share their information at this event, and Chaparral Artists will have a booth in the Miehle's hanger to do just that and more as we provide a painting opportunity for the kids. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nancy Miehle at 760-369-7030. You will be working with children of varying artistic expertise levels.

October 5 & 6 - Chaparral Artists will have a booth at the

Orchid Festival on October 5 & 6. We need volunteers willing to sell Chaparral items, manage the raffle, and share information about the group. We manage two-three painting tables for the kids. Volunteers are invited to bring some of their own art to sell for the duration they are able to stay at the festival. You might be working with children of varying artistic expertise levels, as well as adults interested in the Chaparral Artists group.

CHAPARRAL OUTINGS

Our next Chaparral Outing is local! Gubler's Orchids will be our destination, geared toward the painters and photographers of the group. On September 14, 10am-12pm, a paint-out and photography opportunity has been scheduled. Attendees must bring their own art materials.

This outing is special because it will give attendees an opportunity to gather inspiration for art pieces that can be entered into the upcoming Gubler's Orchids Judged art show during the Orchid Festival. This art show will include photography as well as fine art and will be set up near the orchid judging tables.

UPCOMING CHAPARRAL SHOWS

Chaparral Artists kick off the season with a members only shows titled "What I did this Summer." Intake will be on September 12 & 13 - refer to the calendar for details. You must be a member of Chaparral Artists to show your two-dimensional summer works.

The Judged Fine Arts show will be in October, and is open to everyone.

The Judged Photography Show will be in November, and is open to everyone.

The Same but Different members only show is in December.

CHAPARRAL PAINT & SIP

Chaparral's first ever Paint & Sip event was hosted by Nancy Miehle. The event was fun, and the technique used to paint our subject was intriguing, because it was different, and dare I say, unexpected! Many of us knew before arriving that we would be painting with acrylics, and some of us even knew that our subject would be a butterfly. Simple, right? The trick, however, was the actual goal; to paint in a

watercolor manner and end up with a loose and semitransparent winged creature while using the acrylic medium.

This might not phase the acrylic artists in the group, but for me, acrylics are treated as oils - cleaner, of course, but the basic rules apply as to starting with darks and building toward lights. I understand acrylics as the building of layers of paint, the blending of color, and the needed speed of application so that the paints do not dry before your scene has been completed. During the Paint & Sip workshop, we actually treated the acrylic pigments as if they were watercolors!

We were to keep the paints in a very liquid state, thinned with significant amounts of water. The initial application of water to canvas also helped to spread colors. With a simple sketch of the butterfly, we got to work mixing or just placing colors on the canvas to create the colorful butterfly. Little details could be built up, but ultimately the goal was to keep the acrylic paints as transparent and wild as the medium of watercolor paints can be experienced.

I am indeed a watercolorist

through and through, however, this Paint & Sip with Chaparral Artists gave me a new outlook on what I can do with acrylic paint!

Written by Raini Armstrong

COMING SOON!

Chaparral Artists has gone through many changes over the years. Like many organizations, Chaparral has experience growth and change as new members join and honored members leave. Right now, we are making a push to embrace social media and digital information sharing, so as to make our group more accessible to everyone. Some of our scrapbooks from the early years are already being digitized, so that the newspaper articles and photos from the eighties and nineties can be shared on our website - ChaparralArtists.com. We of course are in need of a dedicated Historian to better fill in the years of excitement that Chaparral has experienced. With time, and some dedicated volunteers, we can tackle anything!

Look for changes to our website over the following months as we add articles, post historical information, and share current stories and biographies of

our Chaparral Artists members.

And if you have collected Chaparral history over the years, and would like to share, please contact an administrator or email: ChaparralArtists@gmail.com

We would love to expand our historical presence as we adventure together, develop new stories, and create together as the Chaparral Artists of the Morongo Basin.



Lynzy Kunz with butterfly painting at the Paint & Sip event

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Now—September 1

Dave & Kim Clements on display at the California Welcome Center, 56711 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley

Now—September 6

Chaparral Summer Show on display at the Presbyterian Church, 56750 Mountain View Trail, Yucca Valley

Now—August 30

Chaparral Summer Show on display at the Center for Healthy Generations, 57121 Sunnyslope Dr, Yucca Valley

Now—September 27

Raini Armstrong and Julianne Koza on display at the 29 Palms Welcome Center, 73484 Twentynine Palms Highway

Now—September 29

Kathy Miller on display at Natural Lives Day Spa, 6448 Hallee Rd #8, Joshua Tree

Now—October 31

Jeni Bate, Mae Fox, and Raini Armstrong on display at the Hi-Desert Medical Center, 6601 White Feather Rd, Joshua Tree

September 1—29

Tami Roleff on display at the 29 Palms Gallery during the JT Art Expo, 74055 Cottonwood Dr, Twentynine Palms

August 30

Chaparral Summer Show takedown AND Rubber Ducky intake at 11:30am at the Center for Healthy Generations, 57121 Sunnyslope Dr., Yucca Valley

August 31—September 22

Khryso Heart LeFey & Jennifer Grandi on display at Gallery 62, 61607 Twentynine Palms Highway Ste. H, Joshua Tree

September 1

Chaparral Artists paint with the kids 10-2pm during the Family Fun Fair in the Miehle Hanger, Yucca Valley Airport

September 6

Chaparral Summer Show takedown at 12pm at the Presbyterian Church, 56750 Mountain View Trail, Yucca Valley

September 9

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

September 12 & 13

“What I did this Summer” members only show Intake Day 1, September 12 at 4:30-6pm Intake Day 2, September 13 at 12-2pm at Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley

September 14

Gubler’s Orchids Paint-Out, 10am-12pm. Bring your own art materials or camera! 2200 Belfield Blvd, Landers

September 14

Gallery 62 reception, 5:30-8:30pm. 61607 Twentynine Palms Highway Suite H, Joshua Tree

EVENTS CALENDAR

September 15

“What I did this Summer” show reception, 1-3pm at Rainbow Stew 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley

September 14 & 15

Joshua Tree National Park Art Exposition Art Market, 10am-4pm. More information at https://jtnparts.org/jtnp-art-exposition 73950 Inn Avenue, Twentynine Palms

September 14

Annual JTNP Art Exposition reception, 5-8pm, admission \$5 at the door, 74055 Cottonwood Dr, Twentynine Palms

September 20

Rubber Ducky Event dinner at the Center for Healthy Generations, 5-9pm, limited tickets available for \$35—call 760-365-9661, 57121 Sunnyslope Dr, Yucca Valley

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October 5 & 6

Orchid Festival booth & kids paint at Gubler’s Orchids, 2200 Belfield Blvd, Landers

October 5 & 6

Art Tours weekend #1, Morongo Basin

October 12 & 13

Art Tours weekend #2, Morongo Basin

October 14

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

October 17 & 18

Fall Fine Arts Judged show Intake Day 1, October 17 at 4:30-6pm Intake Day 2, October 18 at 12-2pm at Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley

(No reception due to other events)

October 19 & 20

Art Tours weekend #3, Morongo Basin



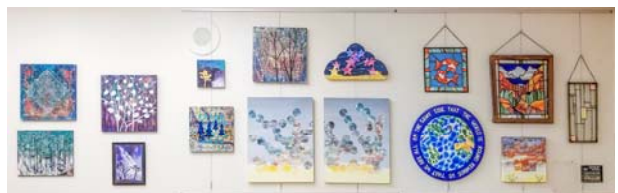
Chaparral Paint & Sip hosted by Nancy Miehle—June 13



Summer Show at the Presbyterian Church July & August—south wall



Summer Show at the Center for Healthy Generations July & August—main wall



Art in Healing show at the Hi-Desert Medical Center—Cafe wall—Jeni Bate, Mae Fox, Raini Armstrong