



# 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 September 9, 2019

Our September meeting began with an insightful demonstration by Gretchen Grunt on encaustic painting. This medium is ancient, using bees wax and pine sap as the carrier for pigment—in this case, oil pigments. Gretchen is clearly a

fan of this interesting medium because of its versatility and workability. In fact, she raved that encaustic painting is about discovery, experimentation, carrying with it only a couple of rules—paint on a solid surface and make sure to ‘fuse’ a layer if you want to keep it in place. You are free to lay color down, create textures by dragging something through the pigmented wax, by roughing up the color, or simply by removing zones that ‘didn’t quite turn out. Until heat is used to solidify the layer, the applied color is completely changeable. The resulting art piece can become as detailed as you want it to be, and the built up layers that results from the application of color reaches a three-dimensional status. Best yet, if you are a person who enjoys the tactile experience, the resulting art can be touched!

The encaustic art form is versatile, long lasting and intriguingly forgiving for those artists wishing to have fun with experimentation. It is possible to purchase encaustic materials directly from art stores or you can

*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.*

make your own supplies from oil pigments, bees wax and pine sap!

Other business covered during the meeting included announcing the September Artists of the Month at both the Center for Healthy Generations and the Presbyterian Church. An Orchid Festival Volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around for members wishing to either display their art, help sell Chaparral items to the public, or paint with visiting children during the festival. Gubler's Orchid Festival will be October 5 & 6. The September 14 & 15 JT Art Expo Festival was mentioned along with the schedule for art demonstrators. The upcoming October 5th San Bernardino Council of Arts annual conference was also announced.

Eighteen members attended the meeting. The door prize went to Darla McAlister, and the 50/50 winner was Sharon George.

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## UPCOMING MEETING

### October 14, 2019

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Our NEXT meeting will be on October 14, 1-3pm at the Center for Healthy Generations. Bring a dish to share if you can, as we take the opportunity to eat lunch while we visit.

Our guest demonstrator will be Georgia Ryan who will explain kiln glass techniques! Georgia is a multitalented, multi-subject artist with a knack for introducing exquisite detail in every medium she works with. The Open Judged Fine Art show will be at Rainbow Stew in October, and the paperwork for this show will be available at the meeting.

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## ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

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October will feature the art of Dorene Fundin at the Center for Healthy Generations. Dorene is an active watercolorist and has an amazing collection of beautiful watercolor paintings that she has put her heart into over the years.

Nancy Miehle will display her art from October 18 through November at the Presbyterian Church. Her desert oils are bold and beautiful and mixed media expresses a vivid flair.

Show your support by visiting

these venues. If you would like to get on the list to display YOUR art, contact us at [ChaparralArtists@gmail.com](mailto:ChaparralArtists@gmail.com).



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## MEMBERS ART ON DISPLAY

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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.

Kathy was selected to display four of her photographs at the San Bernardino Museum in Redlands, October 1 – November 3. Her photographs feature the Joshua Tree National Park, and they will be a part of a special display to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Desert Protection Act.

Jeni Bate will have her work on display during the October 5th art show, the 55th annual Celebrate the Arts and Chalkfest in Monrovia, CA. This art show is hosted by the Monrovia Fine Art Association. Jeni will also be

displaying and selling her art on October 19th at the Ontario Festival of the Arts.

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## ART DISPLAY OPPORTUNITIES

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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/](http://mbcac.org/art-in-public-places/)

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## ART CREATION OPPORTUNITIES

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Raini Armstrong volunteers at the Center for Healthy Generations to provide Watercolor Instruction on Fridays, 9am-11am. **NO CLASSES DURING OCTOBER.** She provides a subject to paint, demonstrates the process in a step-by-step fashion, and offers tips and reminders about watercolor techniques. This class 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-11:30am 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.

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### **SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**

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**October 5 & 6** - Chaparral Artists will have an indoor space at the Orchid Festival on October 5 & 6 during the hours of 10am-5pm. We need volunteers willing to sell Chaparral items, manage the raffle, and share information about the group. We also manage two-three painting tables for the kids. Volunteers are invited to bring some of their own art to sell, but those that wish to sell their work must remain for the entire day. You might be working

with children of varying artistic expertise levels, as well as adults interested in the Chaparral Artists group. The orchids in bloom and the energy of visitors makes this event a wonderful experience!

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### **CHAPARRAL OUTINGS**

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There are no Chaparral Outings scheduled for the remaining months in 2019. If you are interested in suggesting locations to visit or places to paint and photograph, please contact us via our email address [ChaparralArtists@gmail.com](mailto:ChaparralArtists@gmail.com). Or you can reach out to one of the administration by telephone. We are interested in scheduling the 2020 new year now!

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### **GUBLER'S ORCHIDS PAINT-OUT**

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Two members showed up to the paint-out at Gubler's Orchids. Though the turnout was extremely light, the day was none the less spectacular. Since the paint-out was a planned event, we were allowed to utilize the front room to setup tripods to take detailed, macro photographs of dew-dappled orchids. Many of us artists have stolen an opportunity to take pictures of the orchids during the Orchid Festival, but

since tripods and backdrops are not allowed during the festival, some of the more professional shots cannot be tackled. This was quite a nice opportunity to experiment with numerous beautiful subjects. There were chairs and the orchid tables available to painters as well, which is nearly impossible to take advantage of during the busy Orchid Festival, unless you are already selling work in the front room. Ultimately, the opportunity was delightful and I for one had a grand time. I would definitely hope for another paint-out session in the future at Gubler's Orchids in Landers, and if we are lucky, more members will be able to attend!

Written by Raini Armstrong

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### **UPCOMING CHAPARRAL SHOWS**

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The Open Judged Fine Arts show will be in October at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley. Intake will be on October 17, 4:30-6pm OR October 18, 12:30-2pm. This judged show 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.

Informational flyers for these shows are available on the Chaparral Artists website as well as during the Chaparral meetings held at the Center for Healthy Generations on the second Monday of each month.

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**HWY 62 STUDIO ART TOURS – CHAPARRAL PARTICIPATION**

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October is an exceptionally lively month, with art-centric events going on across the nation. The weather is changing, a seasonal spice can be found in the air, and art creation and art presentation tugs at our hearts. One of the biggest Morongo Basin-wide art events in October is the Hwy 62 Art Tours, and it is going on for three weekends this year. Let’s get out there and visit friends, meet new artists, and purchase those one of a kind gifts that make a splash with friends and family.

Several of our Chaparral Artists are participating in the Hwy 62 Art Tours this year. We all know that spotting a friendly face in a crowd of visitors is delightful, so here are a few members’ studios to put on your travel list (alphabetically

organized by last name):

Raini Armstrong can be found at **Studio 103** in Joshua Tree, all three weekends, selling her photography and watercolors.

Mae Fox can be found at **Studio 35** in Yucca Valley, during the first weekend, selling her oils and stained glass.

Sharon George can be found at **Studio 2** in Morongo Valley (The Art Colony), the first Saturday and the third Saturday, selling her watercolors and scratch art.

Julianne Koza can be found at **Studio 42** in Yucca Valley, all three weekends, selling her uniquely mounted photography.

Khryso LeFey can be found at **Studio 2** in Morongo Valley (The Art Colony), all three weekends, selling his beautifully detailed collage works and mixed media.

Deane Locke can be found at **Studio 43** in Yucca Valley, all three weekends, selling her gorgeous watercolors and mixed media art pieces.

Lalo Lucio can be found at **Studio 113** in Twenty Nine Palms, all three weekends, selling his inspiring art in multiple mediums.

Kathy Miller can be found at **Studio 99** in Joshua Tree, all three weekends, selling her photography and mixed media art.

Joan Scott can be found at **Studio 2** in Morongo Valley (The Art Colony), the second weekend, selling her poured acrylics and pastels.

For detailed information on visiting these studios, please refer to the online catalog at [hwy62arttours.org](http://hwy62arttours.org) OR collect a physical catalog at any of the information centers (Gallery 62, Rainbow Stew, Mazamar Pottery, 29 Palms Art Gallery, to name a few.)

**Chaparral Administrative Assembly**

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Now—October 16

“What I Did This Summer” members show on display at Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley

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Now—October 31

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

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October 5 & 6

Orchid Festival

Chaparral indoor booth & kids paint tables at Gubler’s Orchids, 2200 Belfield Blvd, Landers

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October 5 & 6

Art Tours weekend #1, Morongo Basin

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October 12 & 13

Art Tours weekend #2, Morongo Basin

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October 14

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

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October 17 & 18

Fall Fine Arts Judged show

Intake Day 1, October 17 at 4:30-6pm

Intake Day 2, October 18 at 12:30-2pm

at Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley

(No reception due to other events)

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October 19 & 20

Art Tours weekend #3, Morongo Basin

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November 11

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

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November 14 & 15

Fall Photography Judged show

Intake Day 1, November 14 at 4:30-6pm

Intake Day 2, November 15 at 12:30-2pm at Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms

Highway, Yucca Valley

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December 9

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

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December 12 & 13

Same but Different members only show

Intake Day 1, December 12 at 4:30-6pm

Intake Day 2, December 13 at 12:30-2pm at Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms

Highway, Yucca Valley



Photo by Raini Armstrong Gubler’s Orchids Paint-out