



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 December 9, 2019

Our December meeting was packed with holiday cheer with the yearly Christmas party. There was plenty of food to share, beautiful greeting cards entered in the card contest, and a packed pig-n-the-poke that took over three

tables! As always, the end of year gathering was festive and fun.

Check out the ChaparralArtists website, under Posts/Articles for a longer writeup and photos of the end-of-year party!

Other business covered during the meeting included announcing new officers for 2020: Julianne Koza will continue to serve as president, Patricia Quandel will continue to serve as vice-president, Nancy Miehle will remain as Treasurer, and Raini Armstrong will take on the role as Secretary. The judged Photography show winners were shared, the tentative 2020 schedule was provided, and the first outing was announced for January 25th—the Southwest Arts Festival in Indio. Upcoming featured artists were also announced at both the Center for Healthy Generations and the Presbyterian Church. Twenty-three members attended the meeting. Several door prizes were given out in the form of Christmas cactus and poinsettia plants. No 50/50 was calculated because of other meeting focuses.

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 back to you.

UPCOMING MEETING January 13, 2019

Our first meeting of 2020 will be January 13, 1-3pm at the Center for Healthy Generations.

Bring something to share for lunch. We will be treated to a guest speaker, Carol L. Kundert, CK Associates Accounting. She will be sharing with us what her business is all about. We look forward to the sharing of trip ideas, upcoming shows, and remember, we want and need to hear from you so that Chaparral Artists remains current! I hope to see you all there.



2020 Chaparral Artists Officers
Left to right:
Raini Armstrong, Nancy Miehle,
Julianne Koza, Patricia Quandel
As Secretary, Treasurer, President, and
Vice President

FEATURED ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

January's Featured Artist, at the Center for Healthy Generations is Sampatti. She is a photographer with an eye for detail. Her specialty is macro in nature and she often prints her work large, intensifying the intricate beauty of lichen up close or the color changes of granite.

Thanks go out to Nancy Miehle for displaying her work for a week at the Center until Sampatti could share her photos.

January's Featured Artist, at the Presbyterian Church, will be Dorene Fundin starting on mid-late January. Until then, Nancy Miehle is displaying oil paintings.

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.

UPCOMING CHAPARRAL SHOW

The next Chaparral Artists show will be in March, our much anticipated spring Judged Fine Art show. This show is open to the public, you do not need to be a member of Chaparral! So invite your friends and family to submit some of their two-dimensional

art. The art must be original and it cannot have been shown at one of our judged art shows before, however, we do not require that the art be newly created. Details for the show will be included in upcoming newsletters. You can also find flyers and information on the Chaparral website.

EXTENDED SAME BUT DIFFERENT SHOW

Chaparral Artists were invited to extend the December Same but Different Show at Rainbow Stew into February. In other words, the Same but Different show is being featured for two whole months!

We understand that you might have to take a piece down, if it was promised elsewhere, but if you can keep your art up then it will be on display until February 13/14.

Thank you!



Greeting Card Competition winner—
Virginia Neal

CHAPARRAL OUTINGS

Chaparral Artists are visiting the Southwest Arts Festival in Indio on January 25!

This festival has been going strong for 34 years featuring art forms of all shapes and sizes, to include traditional, contemporary and abstract fine art and high-caliber craft. Approximately 250 artists from around the world will be displaying and selling their work. The festival is open from 10am-5pm on January 23-26. General admission is \$15 per person, or \$13 for seniors. Food is sold on festival grounds.

Chaparral members and their friends and family are invited to carpool or caravan on Saturday, January 25. We will meet at Jack in the Box in Yucca Valley at 8:00am and then leave promptly at 8:30am. If you plan on spending a half-day or even the entire day at the festival, plan ahead with others wishing to do the same, or take your own transportation. Remember, call Patricia Quandel, Vice President, if you plan on traveling with us, so that we know to expect you! Patricia's phone number can be found in the printed Chaparral Artists directory.

ART DISPLAY OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Artists happening NOW-February 1 for the 1st Annual Spring Art & Craft Faire. The faire will be held on March 4. Applications can be picked up at the 29 Palms Art Gallery or be filled out online at the 29 Palms Art Gallery website.

Call for Artists happening NOW-March 1 for the 2nd Annual California Welcome Center Art Festival in Yucca Valley. The festival weekend will be on April 26-27. Applications can be found at the Welcome Center or online at the California Welcome Center Art Festival webpage.

The 2020 Hwy 62 Studio Art Tours registration is coming up in February. Keep an eye out for announcements!

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 their 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/

ART CREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Raini Armstrong volunteers at the Center for Healthy Generations to provide Watercolor Instruction on Fridays, 9am-11am. 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.

MEMBERS ART ON DISPLAY

Joan Scott, David Clements, and Dorene Fundin are showing their art at the Hi-Desert Medical Center in Joshua Tree as part of TheARTISTS rotating galleries managed by the Hi-Desert Cultural Center until January 28. David Clements' photography is displayed at the Nurses' Station. Dorene Fundin is displaying her watercolors in the ER Lobby. Joan Scott is displaying her mixed media art in the Main Lobby. Each artist has a lovely selection of art in the Desert Breeze Cafe as well! Art can be viewed and purchased online at <https://hidesertculturalcenter.org/shop/>

Khryso Heart LeFey is displaying his art at the California Welcome Center in Yucca Valley until March 2. He is sharing a wonderful selection of digital and paper collage.

Julianne Koza and Tami Roleff have art on display at the 29 Palms Visitor center in the winter quarter group show titled "Cold Days, Warm Hearts." The winter show will be on display until March 27.

Kathy Miller is display her art at the Joshua Tree Branch Library until March 30.

Keep on the lookout for Khryso Heart LeFey's art at the Desert Art Center in Palms Springs during their February show!

Nancy Miehle has art on display at the State Farm office of Bob Dunn, 7248 Joshua Ln, Yucca Valley.

Nancy Miehle has art on display at the Sharon J. Velez, Dermatology Office, 7281 Dumosa Ave Ste 3, Yucca Valley.

If we missed announcing YOUR art show, please contact us at chaparralartists@gmail.com. The newest/revised newsletter can always be located on the Chaparral Artists website.

WHAT'S NEW... An article on a non- Chaparral event

The 29 Palms Art Gallery, in 29 Palms California, has a beautiful historic show on display through January 2020. I attended the reception this evening, and it was lovely as always. Usually, I would share with you a short summary of the show. Then I would mention the Chaparral Artists that were displaying a piece or two, but this show didn't feature any current members' work. Instead, this show featured

works of founding members of the gallery! So, I get to share something special, a tip-of-my-hat to 29 Palms art history.

Several artists are being featured in the Historic Show this month including Ada Bigler, Ann Elsasser, Audrey Gillick, John Hilton, Anne Lear, Lee Lukes Pickering, Kirk Martin, Henry Mockel, Marjorie Murphy, Irene Scoggin Bertrand, Anton Thessel, Phillip Weber, John Whytock, Irene Zimmer, and more.

Irene Scoggins Bertrand was also a founding member of Chaparral Artists.

John Hilton has the most art being featured, and the art speaks for itself in the mood it conveys about the Mojave desert. Hilton's style has a slight three-dimensional quality to it, the scenes painted in soft hues of pink and yellow, drawing your attention to the sweet punch of dawn light over extensive vistas. His subjects of focus are the local desert beauty all around us, from distant dunes to towering mountains and palms. If you visit the gallery, take time to enjoy all the art, as some of it conveys subtlety easily missed if you don't stand in front of each piece for a time.

Other arts featured by the 29 Palms Art Gallery highlight many beauties that the desert has to offer, from blooming cactus to abandoned homesteads. Not all the work is desert-themed, of course. Several pieces break the mold and feature incredible expanses pitting snow-peaked mountains against the dark forest, waterways, and pastureland.

Two oils present captivating scenes that include contrast, grandeur, and subtle detail that are sure to make you smile. These large framed art pieces were created in the 19th century and have been beautifully restored. Anton Thessel's "Harz Mountains," provides the viewer with an almost lonely scene, deep in the mountains where the boulders vie for attention from the life-like spruce. I was reminded that I am merely a small creature in a vast world. As I enjoyed the nuances of the scene, sounds of the forest sneaking into my thoughts, I noticed the tiny creatures, some even cloaked in the shadow of large trees.

The piece titled "Alpine Falls and Grist Mill" by Phillip Weber revs the imagination in a way that I remember classic Disney films did for me. Lights and darks dance together in the details of

lichen-covered boulders. The tiny blossoms found peppering the forest floor provide contrast with the surrounding shaded world. And the grandeur of the relatively dark forest from the distant glowing mountains, with a pocket-sized town between, are all food for the imagination. The mill is arguably the anchor for a storybook mind because you cannot help picturing going home to the embrace of the surrounding white noise after your daily travels.

I much enjoyed being able to see these two pieces of art among the varying styles of Guild members over the years. I hope everyone finds an opportunity to appreciate the works on display at the 29 Palms Art Gallery before the end of January!



2019 Xmas Party
Barbara Wells-
Roberts



2019 Xmas Party
June Fingler



2019 Xmas Party
Darla McAlister & Dorene Fundin



2019 Xmas Party
Raini Armstrong, Nancy Miehle,
Julianne Koza & Patricia Quandel



2019 Xmas Party
Lois Morrow



2019 Xmas Party
Mary Catherine
Fetterly



2019 Xmas Party
Greeting Card Contest Entries



2019 Xmas Party
Pig-n-the-Poke silent auction



2019 Xmas Party
Jennifer Grandi



2019 Xmas Party
Sharon George



2019 Xmas Party
Virginia Neal



2019 Xmas Party
Sampatti



2019 Xmas Party
Sunshine Laue & Red Toph

Chaparral Administrative Assembly

President	Julianne Koza
Vice President	Patricia Quandel
Secretary	Raini Armstrong
Treasurer	Nancy Miehle
Advertising	Rainbow Stew
Historian	Unfilled position
Newsletter	Raini Armstrong
Hospitality	Unfilled position
Show Committee	Raini Armstrong (Chair), Members of the Board
Sunshine	Julia Terpening
Web	Raini Armstrong & Shirley James

EVENTS CALENDAR

Now—January 28

Art by David Clements, Dorene Fundin, Joan Scott, and Nichole Vikdal on display at the Hi-Desert Medical Center, 6601 White Feather Rd, Joshua Tree

Now—February 7

Sampatti featured artist at the Center for Healthy Generations, 57121 Sunnyslope Dr., Yucca Valley

Now—February 12

Same but Different members only show on display at Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley

Late January—February 28

Dorene Fundin featured artist at the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church, 56750 Mountain View Trail, Yucca Valley

Now—March 2

Khryso Heart LeFey art on display at the California Welcome Center, 3484 29 Palms Highway, Twentynine Palms

Now—March 27

“Cold Days, Warm Hearts” themed show Art by Tami Roleff, Julianne Koza, and more on display at the 29 Palms Visitor Center, 3484 29 Palms Highway, Twentynine Palms

Now—March 30

Kathy Miller art on display at the Joshua Tree Branch Library, 6465 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree

January 13

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

January 25

Trip to the Southwest Arts Festival in Indio Meet at Jack in the Box in Yucca Valley at 8am to organize carpool and caravan opportunities, Leave Jack in the Box promptly at 8:30am

February 1—April 28

Jennifer Grandi, Nancy Miehle, Janis Commentz, and Raini Armstrong art on display at the Hi-Desert Medical Center, 6601 White Feather Rd, Joshua Tree

February 10

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

February 13 & 14

Same but Different Extended show PICKUP Day 1, February 13 at 4:30-6pm PICKUP Day 2, February 14 at 12:30-2pm at Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley

February 18

theARTISTS art reception, 5:30pm-6:30pm at the Hi-Desert Medical Center—Main Lobby, 6601 White Feather Rd, Joshua Tree

March 9

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