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EDITOR'S NOTE

The new year hit me hard, and with it the newsletter has suffered. Many apologies for the delay as I catch up with everything. I would like to ask that you all treat this issue as an informational newsletter, rather

than a reminder of upcoming events. Due to the health concerns of COVID19 most events have been canceled, or rescheduled for autumn months.

This newsletter contains a sparse calendar. Stay cozy and safe and keep creating art or enjoying the joyful side of artistic social media postings when possible!

PREVIOUS MEETING January 13, 2020

The January meeting was very informative because our guest speaker was an accounting expert. Carol L. Kundert, of CK Associates Accounting, provided us with a lively discussion on what we should do as sole proprietors of our own art businesses. She was open to questions from our members and handouts were provided to get us on track if we haven't yet taken the steps to set up our businesses.

Other business covered during the meeting included announcing the extended Same but Different show - and that three art pieces had already been sold. The Same but different People's Choice ribbon was a tie between a photograph titled

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.

“Dreaming” by Patricia Quandel and a photography titled “Zeus” by Patricia Quandel. Congratulations! The upcoming judged shows were mentioned, as well as the current featured artists, the Members Appreciate painting event on February 21, and the trip to the Southwest Arts Festival in Indio. Twenty-Five members attended the meeting, and four new members joined Chaparral Artists during the meeting - artists as well as art supporters! The door prize went to Raini Armstrong, and the 50/50 winner was Gail Chadbourne.



Carol and Roger Kundert with Chaparral Board Members



January General Meeting attendees



Joan Scott—Acrylic Pouring Demo—
sharing a previous finished pour



Joan Scott—Acrylic Pouring Demo—
cup with paints placed on canvas



Joan Scott—Acrylic Pouring Demo—
paint pours from cup



Joan Scott—Acrylic Pouring Demo—
moving the canvas for paint flow

PREVIOUS MEETING February 10, 2020

Our February meeting was made especially interesting with a demonstration given by Joan Scott on her experience with Acrylic Pouring. She often uses the dirty pour method; the pre-mixing of colors, combining them in a cup before pouring them onto a surface. Joan was introduced to the Acrylic Pouring method at a workshop that Beverly Schmuckle taught, and it has found a special place in Joan’s heart. She takes care to combine colors that she thinks will work nicely together and she prefers the abstract qualities of the final product. She uses tools to create movement and feathering and sometimes she mixes mediums for added texture. As always, the demonstration was fun and interesting.

Other business covered during the meeting included announcing the Same but Different pick-up days, the upcoming Judged Fine Art show intake days, and the current featured artists at both the Center for Healthy Generations and the Presbyterian Church. Members were invited to make their own announcements. An overview of the trip to the Southwest Arts Festival in Indio

was shared. Twenty-one members attended the meeting. The door prize went to Nancy McHenry.



Joan Scott—Acrylic Pouring Demo—
inspecting the initial pour results



Joan Scott—Acrylic Pouring Demo—
adding acrylic paint for contrast

ART CREATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Center for Healthy Generations has canceled its classes until further notice, due to the COVID19 health concern. Friday Watercolor Instruction is likewise on hold.

The Yucca Valley Community Center workshops and gatherings have been canceled through the end of April. Thursday Painting Workshop is likewise on hold.

FEATURED ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

February's Featured Artist, at the Center for Healthy Generations was Nancy Miehle. Adorable small paintings of animals and lovely flowers were on display along with a few large desert oils.

February's Featured Artist, at the Presbyterian Church was Beverly Schmuckle. Beverly has a way with beautiful acrylic pours and dreamy oils.

March's Featured Artist, at the Center for Healthy Generations is Virginia Neal. Virginia is a mixed media artist, photographer and painter.

March's Featured Artist, at the Presbyterian Church is Carl Smelko with great travel photography.

Show your support by visiting these venues if and when you can.

CHAPARRAL OUTING WRITEUP

Several Chaparral Artists visited the Southwest Arts Festival in Indio on January 25. As always, we hoped to see more members in attendance, but those that did travel together on Saturday found something to

come home with to the Morongo Basin!

This festival has been going strong for 34 years featuring art forms of all shapes and sizes, including traditional, contemporary, and abstract fine art and high-caliber craft. Approximately 250 artists from around the world display and sell their work over the 4-day festival.

From inspiration to home decor items, there was a lot to see at the Southwest Arts Festival. I, for one, enjoy the layout of the grounds. This particular festival is easy to navigate; there is ample room between booth groupings in all directions. It is especially pleasing that each artist is provided a corner booth due to the layout, as booth groupings are in pods of four. Finally, the festival coordinators added more seating this year, which came in handy during the late afternoon when taking a break in the shade was especially appealing. I can think of a few pleasing additions, but I cannot complain about anything in particular.

I enjoyed the Southwest Arts Festival this year, but I admit that when I attend any festival, I am always comparing it to the ones I had the chance to visit during my

youth. My parents made their living creating art - jewelry painted using oils, acrylics, and crushed metals. They sold their artwork at Arts and Crafts festivals across the United States. I got first-hand knowledge of the joys and the trials of making one's living in this not-so-typical job. My life was significantly enhanced by travel opportunities and exposure to the art world. Now, I am a member of a few art groups, and the focus is often on the gallery experience. I have to say that the difference between gallery expositions and art festivals is quite drastic. It has left me with sincere respect for the travelers that schlep their art from state to state. I can, because of my exposure to the art festival world in the 80s and 90s, venture to guess at the artist's experience of this Southwest Arts festival, but I cannot say with certainty that the show is a good money maker. Who can without having been able to work at the festival? A lot goes into making high-end arts and crafts festivals a success, for both the artist and the customer. I can say that I think this event is an ongoing success for the customer, so for our sake as visitors, I hope it will be around for many more years to come!

ART DISPLAY OPPORTUNITIES

Due to the COVID19 health concern, many galleries and art events have been canceled, delayed, or rescheduled. Chaparral Artists will do its best to keep the newsletter updated as to the rescheduling endeavors.

The 29 Palms Visitor’s Center is closed, and the upcoming quarterly show, Morongo’s Beauty, has been postponed.

The California Welcome center in Yucca Valley is closed, and the 2nd Annual California Welcome Center Art Festival is postponed. The festival previously scheduled for late April will now be held sometime in the Fall.

The 29 Palms Art Gallery will be closed from March 22 through April 27. Art pickup is still scheduled for March 23rd, for those that have art in the current show. The Auction has been postponed. No donation items can be accepted, though donation forms can be dropped off on March 23rd.

The 2020 Hwy 62 Studio Art Tours registration is OPEN until April 30. No late entries will be allowed, so if you are planning on showing your art and/or your studio, make sure to visit MBCAC.org.

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/

MEMBERS ART ON DISPLAY

Janis Commentz, Jennifer Grandi, Nancy Miehle, and Raini Armstrong 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 April 28. Jennifer’s pastels are displayed at the Nurses’ Station. Nancy’s stained glass is featured in the ER Lobby display case and her oils are in the ER Lobby. Janis Commentz is displaying her

Acrylics 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/>

Due to COVID19 some alterations in the upcoming summer quarter will be necessary. More information will be provided at a later date.

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

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.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Now—April 28

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

Now—March 30

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

March 29

7th Annual Water Education Day at the Joshua Tree Water District—Water Works Gardens. Raini Armstrong will be one of several artists demonstrating plain air painting from 9am-1pm, 61750 Chollita Rd, Joshua Tree

April 3

“Morongo Beauty” themed show In-take on April 3, 11am-1pm at the 29 Palms Visitor Center, 3484 29 Palms Highway, Twentynine Palms

April 4

“Morongo Beauty” themed show reception Reception held between 12pm-1:30pm at the 29 Palms Visitor Center, 3484 29 Palms Highway, Twentynine Palms

April 4—July 3

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

April 9

Chaparral Trip to Pioneer Town for lunch and plein air or photography

April 13

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

April 16 & 17

Judged Fine Art show Pickup Pick-up Day 1, April 16 at 4:30-6pm Pick-up Day 2, April 17 at 12:30-2pm at Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley

April 16 & 17

Judged Photography show intake Drop-off Day 1, April 16 at 4:30-6pm Drop-off Day 2, April 17 at 12:30-2pm at Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway, Yucca Valley

May 11

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

June 8

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(Chaparral member names are underlined)