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Chaparral Artists, a non-profit organization, is one of the oldest artists groups in the Morongo Basin.

President's Palette

Greetings Dear Friends and Artists of Chaparral,

We are indeed in uncertain times. It is essential to pay attention to where this uncertainty places you. Often, we back away when feeling uncomfortable with change. Life appears challenging because it is. What we experience in life molds us into recognizing who we are and who we were meant to be. But, we need to be open to all possibilities.

I wish our former President Khryso well and hope that he has learned some important things

moving forward in his life. As artists, we sometimes need to look back at what we created to give us wiggle room for what we want to change, so that we can experience the potential we have to grow.

With that said, I am stepping in as President. I will do my best to serve you to the best of my ability. Chaparral is on sure-footing, and it is my desire to keep it strong and growing. We are in a healthy place even through this abrupt change. We will continue to meet the challenges and grow exponentially because of it!

We had our first outing at 'Keys Ranch' last month. What a memorable and historical place to experience. Thank you, Julianne, for organizing this event! Joshua Tree National Park is a magical place indeed, and we look forward to going back soon.

We have a special event planned for the Wolf Mountain Sanctuary in Lucerne Valley *this* month for those of you who love wildlife. This is your opportunity to have an up-close and personal experience before they relocate to another state. This is an outing that I set up while I was Vice President. I have taken groups there in the past. You will never forget the interaction with them, and I am assured that there will be pups as well! During the guided tour the guides will take pictures for us. You need permission to take your own photos. There is an extra cost involved, so please consider this trip to be an experience-based opportunity rather than a Plein air

or photography opportunity. ***We need a minimum of 5 committed for this event to happen, so please contact us as soon as possible. We are limited to 15.

We hope to meet your needs as developing or thriving artists and photographers in this insatiably creative community. Your ideas matter, so if you have any that you would like to share, we are listening.

Our general meetings are still on hold. Hopefully, we will be able to resume in a few months. Those of you who would like to demonstrate your art at the general meetings, please contact me at: NancyLKimes@gmail.com I will place you on the schedule as soon as things open up. I would like your full name, bio, and the medium you would like to demonstrate.

***Please inform me of your interest in participating at the Wolf Sanctuary ASAP.

Thank you for being a part of our team.

Nancy Kimes

General Meetings

Chaparral Artists are not holding general meetings at this time. We congratulate the Center for Healthy Generations for a successful month of continued services and we hope to start up with our General meetings soon.

Group Outings

We are happy to announce the next group outing to the [Wolf Mountain Sanctuary](#) in Lucerne Valley on May 22nd. This opportunity is open to Chaparral Members Only, so if friends and family are interested, consider making them a member! We must have 5

committed participants, and we are limited to 15, so contact us soon as you can to share your interest. We must already be at the Sanctuary by 10 a.m. for the tour; consider how that affects your travel plans. We suggest you plan on arriving by 9:30 a.m. to pay your entrance fee. You are welcome to arrange carpool and/or caravan options - please mention this when you contact Nancy Kimes!

Location: POB 385 Lucerne Valley, CA

Date: May 22, 10:00 – 12:00

Cost: \$25/person (cash-only paid at the Sanctuary)

We will be led on a guided tour and playtime with the wolves. As the president mentioned, the guides will take pictures for us as we interact with the adult wolves and puppies. This will be a fantastic experience for all of us! More information about the Sanctuary will be provided with registration. Visit the website for an article version of this planned excursion.

Current Gallery Display

The [Judged Spring Fine Art](#) show is on display at Rainbow Stew until May 12. Eight artists submitted a total of 18 works that are available for purchase. Our judge was Janis Comments. The show was judged using three categories. Thanks to all who participated to make this a lovely display. Congratulations to the artists who placed! For a more encompassing article and photos, please visit the website.

Nature's Kaleidoscope***Third Place***

“Storm at Sunset” by Jeni Bate

Second Place

“Leaves” by Nancy Miehle

First Place & Best of Show

“Glowing Boulders” by Raini Armstrong

Beautiful Creatures***Honorable Mention***

“Brother from Another Mother” by Susan Davenport

Third Place

“Rites of Spring” by Sunshine Laue

Second Place

“Young Bobcat” by Sharon George

First Place

“Is this a Bouquet or What?” by Sharon George

Hand of Man***Third Place***

“Venice at Dusk” by Sunshine Laue

Second Place

“Mission San Juan Capistrano” by Debbie Eggleston

First Place

“The Village Walk” by Raini Armstrong

Upcoming Gallery Display

Our next show will be the [“Abstract”](#) show! We are very excited to see what you have been working on that fits within this fairly broad category. Remember, the term abstract runs the gambit from hazy, not quite defined subject matter to absolute non-representational creations. Abstract applies to painters, photographers, and three-dimensional creators alike. Our only limitation is that your pieces

must be capable of hanging on a wall. We all look forward to having fun with this theme. Intake is scheduled for May 13 from 4:30-6 p.m. & May 14 from 12:30-3 p.m.

This is a members only show with no solid limit to the number of entries you bring in. However, this is a first-come-first-hung process, so if participation is high, we may ask that you pick and choose your favorites to display. There should be ample room for everyone. For more information, please visit our website under Publications > Articles.

For anyone that had art on display during the Fine Art show, please be sure to pick up your unsold pieces during intake! Thank you.

Future Gallery Displays

The month of June will feature our second [“Anything Goes”](#) members only themed show of 2021. This open theme provides a wonderful opportunity to share any of your beauties with the community and the many visitors of Rainbow Stew.

The month of July provides another exciting new theme for our members - that of Mixed Media. This theme is open to interpretation. For example, mixed media can be creations made using multiple mediums (watercolor and acrylics, and many others) and it certainly covers creations of mixed materials worked into the piece (cloth, metal, cardboard, etc.) We simply require that your Mixed Media creations are capable of hanging on the wall.

Information about upcoming shows can always be found on the Chaparral Artists website. Be sure to check in regularly for updates.

Chaparral Collage

Torso Project - Sasse Museum of Art

An excellent opportunity to donate to the Sasse Museum of Art in Upland, CA, is coming up. This is open to our artists and photographers who enjoy the challenge of working on different surfaces. The 'canvas' provided is a paper structure of a human torso - classic renaissance depictions of male and female proportions. Your challenge if you choose to participate is to apply your artistic flare to the 'canvas.'

Take it from me, a watercolorist that isn't used to painting on many surface types. This opportunity can be super fun! The last time I participated in something similar was in 2019 when artists were asked to paint on metal in dog shapes. I had to change the painting materials used, of course, but I still made a solid effort to paint what I loved. Thanks go to Jeni Bate for making us aware of this creative fundraising opportunity.

There is an entry fee of \$45 that covers the cost of a single torso you decide to work with. Additional entry fees are applied if you wish to create more than one torso. You must make arrangements to pick up the torso from the museum and deliver the finished torso back to the museum. The deadline for submissions is July 25th, 2021. The torsos will be auctioned off with funds supporting the museum and programs. If your torso is not sold, it is returned to the artist.

For more information, please visit the [Sasse Museum of Art - Torso Project](#) page. Please reach out

to ChaparralArtists@gmail.com if you are interested in the opportunity but would like to join together with other interested artists. We might be able to arrange for a member to pick up multiple torsos this way!

Keys Ranch Excursion

The day was cloudless, bright, and inviting. Dark and richly colored rusty objects and clouded glass offering pops of brilliance in the sands found at Keys Ranch. I am thrilled to share that our first Chaparral Artists outing since early 2020 provided a great break from the confinement that many have experienced. I really enjoyed the trip out to the ranch in Joshua Tree National Park, and I would like to share a tip for when you visit a location like Keys Ranch. I made sure to narrow my focus to make the best of a few precious hours. And that, my friends, is a trick to be remembered!

If and when you can visit a specific historical location such as Keys Ranch, it is essential to find something specific and go for it. I have been lucky to visit Keys Ranch a few times, and there never seems to be enough time to do it justice! It is easy to focus only on that which is memorable. Snaps collected of the ranch house, of the glass, and of the cars. But there is so much out there that can be discovered if you relax and enjoy the environment. If you set your sites on the weird, the colorful, the contrasted.

This time, I tried to focus on rust, which led me to capture as many patterns as possible. It was fun! I was so engaged with the task I set my sights on that I ran out of time to try a Plein Air piece. Maybe next time.

Author: Raini Armstrong

The article in its entirety with photos can be found on the website.

Tentative Travel

Many of us are dipping our toes in the water of 'normal' again! Restaurants are opening to the public, outdoor and indoor gatherings are becoming possible, and travel destinations are slowly accepting visitors. We are practicing caution, of course, by respecting distancing guidelines and mask-wearing requirements. I think we are all hopeful that normalcy is possible, and with bated breath, we are taking day trips and maybe even week-long trips. I wish everyone the best with this process as we collectively find our normal once again.

I was able to venture out with friends to Yosemite National Park in April. Concessions had to be made to allow for cautious adventure. The trip was calmer than usual; more downtime was allowed between hiking and biking and site-seeing. To cut down on the possible clash of large groups of people, this was needed, and I must say it was lovely. I cannot be sure that future trips will need to follow such strict health guidelines, but for now, I am enjoying the less packed nature of storefronts and sites. A strange silver lining, I suppose, as we all attempt to seek out safe opportunities to gather.

Here is hoping our favorite locales are finding success in their ability to open their doors. I feel most of us are more than eager to get back out and enjoy people and places again while still maintaining the health of our friends and family!

Author - Raini Armstrong

Chaparral Artists on Display

Jennifer Grandi, an artist with a beautiful talent with pastels, will be a featured artist in May at the 29 Palms Art Gallery. Her pastel creations are detailed yet soft and her mixed media pieces have provided a certain whimsy to items straight out of nature. It will be a treat to experience her work at the gallery.

Please share any upcoming shows that YOU will be displaying at, Chaparral Artists, and we will announce it in the next newsletter!

Events Calendar

NOW - May 12

Judged Fine Art display
Rainbow Stew - 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway

May 13 & 14

"Abstract" members only themed show

Drop-off Day 1

[May 13 at 4:30-6pm](#)

Drop-off Day 2

[May 14 at 12:30-2pm](#)

Rainbow Stew - 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway

May 15 - June 16

"Abstract" members only themed show

Rainbow Stew - 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway

May 22

Wolf Mountain Sanctuary Tour

Meet on May 22 at 9:30am at the site

Tour is scheduled for 10am-12pm

Wolf Mountain Sanctuary - POB 385 Lucerne Valley

June 17 & 18

“Anything Goes” members only themed show

Drop-off Day 1

[June 17 at 4:30-6pm](#)

Drop-off Day 2

[June 18 at 12:30-2pm](#)

Rainbow Stew - 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway

June 19 - July 14

“Anything Goes” members only themed show

Rainbow Stew - 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway

July 15 & 16

“Mixed Media” members only themed show

Drop-off Day 1

[July 15 at 4:30-6pm](#)

Drop-off Day 2

[July 16 at 12:30-2pm](#)

Rainbow Stew - 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway

July 17 - August 11

“Mixed Media” members only themed show

Rainbow Stew - 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway

August 12 & 13

“Anything Goes”
members only themed show

Drop-off Day 1

[August 12 at 4:30-6pm](#)

Drop-off Day 2

[August 13 at 12:30-2pm](#)

Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway,
Yucca Valley

August 14 - Sept 15

“Anything Goes”
members only themed show at

Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway,
Yucca Valley

September 16 & 17

Judged Photography show

Open to the public

Drop-off Day 1

[September 16 at 4:30-6pm](#)

Drop-off Day 2

[September 17 at 12:30-2pm](#)

Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway,
Yucca Valley

September 18 - Oct 13

Judged Photography display at
Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway,
Yucca Valley

October 14 & 15

Judged Fine Art show

Open to the public

Drop-off Day 1

[October 14 at 4:30-6pm](#)

Drop-off Day 2

[October 15 at 12:30-2pm](#)

Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway,
Yucca Valley

October 16 - Nov 10

Judged Fine Art display at
Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway,
Yucca Valley

November 11 & 12

“Same but Different”
members only themed show

Drop-off Day 1

[November 11 at 4:30-6pm](#)

Drop-off Day 2

[November 12 at 12:30-2pm](#)

Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway,
Yucca Valley