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President's Palette

Greetings and Happy Holidays,

The past two years have gone by quickly and I now have an attachment to the gavel that I am about to pass on to the new president. It has been a wonderful opportunity to be on the Board and meet and engage with many of you. It was a great learning experience to be part of Chaparral, and I now really feel like I am part of the family. I am engaged in many things and have decided to take at least a year off before running again as an officer.

I want you to know that I truly enjoyed your stories about how you got started in the art world...

1 Many of you shared several facets that took your art
2 in multiple directions. You were all so helpful and
2 supportive and it gave me many ideas to embrace or
3 pursue. I appreciate all of you so much! Your time,
4 energy, and sharing deepened the creative potential
4 for so many, including me. Thank you with all of my
4 heart for your receptivity and generosity in your
4 demonstrations and participation.

4 I am looking forward to a new and prosperous
5 year, and I know many new or renewed ideas will
emerge.

5 I want to thank Glenn Grishkoff for sharing his
5 time and his passion for art and brush making tools in

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At a Glance Reminders

General Meeting, Holiday Gathering!

Center for Healthy Generations

Monday, December 12th at 1pm

Anything Goes Members Show Intake

Rainbow Stew

Thursday, December 15th, 4:30-6pm

Friday, December 16th, 12:30-2:30pm

Call for Officers

We require a President & Vice President for 2023. If the Treasurer, Membership, or Secretary roles suit you better, let's talk. All positions are open each year, and nothing sparks growth and new directions greater than a change in officers. Remember, we support one another, so taking on a role comes with helpful aid if needed. Come be a part of keeping Chaparral Artists active and artful!

last month's demonstration. He has been such an artistic asset in my life as well as a true friend.

Many heartfelt blessings I send to you this holiday season for your creative guidance and enrichment in the new year!

Nancy Kimes

Editor's Musings

It has been such a beautiful month for creativity, relaxation, and travel - even if only around your backyard. The desert climate is truly magical in this way during the waning months of the year. We are gifted with many cooler days, reminders of the regional winter promised, and the occasional warmer ones to invigorate us and beckon us outdoors. I take advantage of the turning of seasons to prune, clean, and sometimes just sit quietly with a hot beverage.

Those better days of moderate chill have been dedicated to cozy clothing, hot drinks, gardening tools, and my paint brushes and paper not far off. As always, I collect more inspirational photos and exciting project ideas than I actually venture into, but I have plenty of notebooks to store those precious plans in.

I hope each of you finds moments of creative inspiration during these short and cozy days. I hope you are seizing them all while taking a moment or two to enjoy your environment. I hope you are stealing away moments to find color or contrast and capturing them with ink, recycled objects, or a camera.

Whatever sparks joy, be them beautiful sunny days, cloudy rain-soaked days, or anything in between, capture them in some way.

I look forward to spending time together at the upcoming general meeting. We will have plenty of time to chat about our latest artistic adventures while closing out the year with our holiday party!

General Meetings

Our November meeting was held on the 14th of the month and it was amazing. We had thirteen (13) members attend the meeting and we sped through the general announcements quickly so that we might enjoy our guest speaker/demonstrator, Glenn Grishkoff. Member announcements were made to include the Landers Craft Fair held on second Saturdays from 10am-2pm at Belfield Hall. December 10th will be their next Craft Fair, perfectly timed for gift shopping! Membership dues for 2023 were requested, and Nancy Kimes received the door prize of a Chaparral cloth tote bag.

Glenn Grishkoff, our guest demonstrator and speaker is an eclectic, creative, and focused artist who works with multiple mediums. A California based artist and professor, he shared with attendees examples of his work. Providing extensive and beautiful albums of art created in both controlled and uncontrolled - natural - environments, his work is exciting and fearless. Glenn also creates his own brushes that are both beautiful,



natural, and working tools. The handmade brushes are often made from natural materials, utilizing responsibly collected feathers and fur, decorative salvaged trinkets if/when they ‘fit’ the spirit of the brush, and handles from recycled materials or branches straight off the tree. Clearly there is preparation time in all things, but the end result felt so fresh and at one with nature that I was in awe of the loveliness. Many participants stayed long past 3pm in discussion with Glenn Grishkoff.

Our LAST meeting of 2022 will be our Holiday gathering on Monday the 12th of December at 1:00 PM where we will hold our much enjoyed pig-n-the-poke, a greeting card contest and an ornament contest - all for fun, and we'll get the opportunity to share updates and stories with each other. Though we do not have a contest for over the top holiday sweaters, feel free to dress up in a festive way for the meeting if you want!

Contests - these are fun and simple ways to showcase your artistic flair in the smaller forms of card and decoration. An ode to those seasonal missives and decorative considerations that you make to your home during the holidays. Some of our members are versed in creating these joyous small works of art already, while others might consider taking the step into a new adventure. Feel free to share something you haven't yet shared during our Holiday party as well. We do not have a date-creation limit on these contests, we just ask that you haven't submitted the pieces in the past.

Pig-n-the-Poke - a guessing game, a way to donate gently used, possibly forgotten art and home goodies, an opportunity to give a little something and to enjoy the paper messes created during the unbagging, unboxing, or unwrapping. This plain paper wrapped, quirky hint attached, gift presentation is something Chaparral has partaken in for years. Members bring in goodies (preferably valued below \$30). They are to be wrapped or bagged in plain colors. Attached should be a cute or curious hint attached to suggest but not tell what is inside. Those that are especially adept at writing riddles probably have the most fun... or is that me that simply enjoys reading them? Silent bidding is done by marking up the last bid placed. It's a little crazy and it certainly isn't meant to make money, though final bids will go to Chaparral. The event is timed and when time is up, the highest bidder gets the bag or box.

For edible goodies, officers will bring hot beverages like cider, coffee, and cocoa. We invite members and their guests to bring packaged sweets or food that pair nicely with such warm comfort drinks, snackable foods, if homemade, should remain covered. You are more than welcome to bring drinks and treats that you will enjoy if you manage special or especially healthy diets! Let's close out this year with art filled conversation, laughter and smiles.

Board Meetings

Our next Board meeting will be on December 12 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Center for Healthy Generations, right before the General Meeting!

Remember that all members are invited to join these meetings.

Group Outings

We do not have any group outings scheduled for the remainder of the year, but feel free to make suggestions, recommendations, and requests for outings that you feel are beautiful or artistically engaging.

Gallery Displays

Previous Exhibit

The November exhibit was on display from November 19 to December 14 and it was our always unique theme of “Same but Different”. I think this particular theme is one of my favorites because our members get to work together to create their own subject groupings. Class projects can be displayed as well! Members can also come up with their own collection of art pieces that work together in obvious and sometimes curious ways! The idea is to push the limits of what this theme might entail while still providing a place for the sharing of works created with friends in a workshop environment OR presenting a cooperative compilation of similar subjects that spark joy for multiple individuals.

We received a total of thirty-eight (38) entries from ten (10) artists, making this a beautiful display of color, medium, and spirit.

Upcoming Exhibit

In December we will hang the last “Anything Goes” members-only show of 2022. This theme, or

lack thereof, truly fits anything. It is not limited by the age of work, subject, or style, though we can truly only feature two dimensional works, preferably limited to 20x24 in size.

Intake for the “Anything Goes” show will be held at Rainbow Stew on the 15th and 16th of December—a Thursday from 4:30-6pm and a Friday from 12:30-2pm. As always, let’s have fun with this! There are no fees for this show, but your membership dues must be current.

Information about upcoming shows should be available on the Chaparral Artists website by navigating to Publications, then Exhibits, and locating the show paperwork that you are interested in. Be sure to check in regularly for updates and if you notice something missing, reach out to an officer.

Artists of the Month

We feature Chaparral members at both the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church in Yucca Valley AND the Center for Healthy Generations in Yucca Valley. We do not control when these venues open, so calling in advance to a visit is recommended.

During November and into December we enjoyed Kathy Miller’s photography with stories and beauty reflective in each piece. For the remainder of December we will keep the walls clear for the Center’s painting plans.

The featured artist at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church during November through December is Julianne Koza, a photographer with her eye on the creatures that make us smile and the sky that keeps us looking up in awe.

If you are interested in sharing your work at these locations, contact Jennifer Grandi for the Presbyterian Church and Raini Armstrong for the Center for Healthy Generations.

Art - Basin and Beyond

The Art in Public Places (City of Twentynine Palms) has a call for art to fill the walls at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center & Gallery. Friday, January 13, 11-1pm! These shows display for three months (January-March) and the upcoming theme is “Desert Contradictions”. You are allowed to submit a single piece, thereby ensuring that a marvelous selection of artists across the Morongo Basin can showcase their work to visitors. I highly recommend subscribing to the PAAC newsletter as each of their shows are announced with ample time to participate and they include information about what sparked the theme of the quarter. Also included are the requirements for submission and they are stepping up their game with a request for artist biographies, and a brief statement on how your entry fits the theme.

The previous show titled “Desert Journeys” will be on display up to the 13th of January, 2023. If you haven’t been able to view the current show, take this opportunity to enjoy local art AND review the gallery space you might wish to show YOUR art in! Open Wednesday-Sunday, 10-4pm.

If you know of an opportunity to show and sell work that we should announce, please contact us. Share announcements about YOUR current or upcoming show as well. We want to celebrate one another’s accomplishments so please reach out to one

of our officers directly or email us at ChaparralArtists@gmail.com.

Chaparral Collage

Officers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to take on the roles of President and Vice President. Though other positions are certainly up for grabs as well, we truly need to move into the new year with a President since the lovely Nancy Kimes has been with us for an amazing two years, the limit stated in our bylaws. Chaparral Artists relies on the energy and inspiration of our volunteers. We seek to thrive as a friendly art organization and we hope that you will help us do just that.

The President primarily oversees the organization as a whole, attends the officer and general meetings, and enlists judges and demonstrators.

The Vice President must be able to take on the role of President, if necessary, in addition to planning and managing monthly outings.

The volunteers considering these roles should know that they are not on an island! There are many past presidents and vice presidents that can offer insight. We have a lot of paperwork and history to share for inspiration. Some of what we do from day to day and month to month is on a reliable schedule, and hopefully that will make your transition that much easier.

Please keep us going strong by lending us your time. Consider the role of President or Vice President!

Ongoing Invitation to Share!

Members and friends of Chaparral Artists, it is never too late to share your artistic accomplishments, stories, poetry, art snapshots, or art advice that you are following, in the newsletter.

Please share art-related information with us by sending your stories to ChaparralArtists@gmail.com. For anyone that cannot access the internet, call Raini Armstrong at 760-383-3005 to arrange the conveyance of your submission via phone or in person.

Events Calendar

November 19 - December 14

"Same but Different" members show on display
Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway

December 10

Landers Craft Fair, 10am-2pm
Bellfield Hall
58380 Reche Rd, Yucca Valley, CA

December 12

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

December 15 & 16

"Anything Goes" Show
Members only
Drop-off Day 1
December 15 at 4:30-6pm
Drop-off Day 2

December 16 at 12:30-2pm

Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway

January 9

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

January 12 & 13

"Amóre" Show
Members only
Drop-off Day 1
January 12 at 4:30-6pm
Drop-off Day 2
January 13 at 12:30-2pm

Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway

January 13

Desert Contradictions Intake, 11-1pm
Twentynine Palms Visitor Center & Gallery
73484 Twentynine Palms Highway, Twentynine Palms, CA

February 13

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

February 16 & 17

"Celebration" Show
Members only
Drop-off Day 1
February 16 at 4:30-6pm
Drop-off Day 2
February 17 at 12:30-2pm

Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway

March 13

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

March 16 & 17

Judged Spring Photography Show
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Drop-off Day 1
March 16 at 4:30-6pm
Drop-off Day 2
March 17 at 12:30-2pm

Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway

Administrative Assembly 2022	
President	Nancy Kimes
Vice President	Julianne Koza
Treasurer	Carl Smelko
Membership	Nancy Miehle
Secretary	Raini Armstrong
Advertising	Rainbow Stew
Historian	<i>Unfilled Position</i>
Newsletter	Raini Armstrong
Show Committee	Raini Armstrong (Chairperson), Board members
Sunshine	Julia Terpening
Website, Social	Raini Armstrong
Publicity	<i>Unfilled Position</i>
Hospitality	Nancy McHenry