



Chaparral Sketch

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Editor's Musings

The new year is here! Much to be planned, continued and celebrated as successes are found and challenges unearthed. We have challenges to tackle in Chaparral just as we do in every facet of the artistic journey - Chaparral needs volunteers to take up the role of President and Vice President. Let me assure you that you would have support in both of these positions. We have past presidents and vice presidents that can always offer advice. We have archived documents and contacts that can be provided for inspiration or scheduling examples. You would bring a fresh set of eyes and creativity to the table, and if

you wish, present a driving force, but if you prefer holding a position of support and stability for a year, that is most excellent as well!

If the Treasurer, Membership, or Secretary roles suit you better, let's talk, but we truly must fill the position of President and Vice President to keep the organization going. Remember, we support one another, let's keep Chaparral Artists going strong.

General Meetings

Our December meeting was held on the 12th of the month and it was as fun as it always is. The last general meeting of the year is dedicated to our holiday party where we make a point sharing stories and having fun. Not all could attend, so we were prepared for a smaller event, but we were pleasantly surprised at the number of people that DID join in on the last meeting of the year! We had 13 in attendance, we had a wonderful display of handmade ornaments and Christmas cards and a table of hot beverages and

At a Glance Reminders

General Meeting

Center for Healthy Generations

Monday, January 9th at 1pm

Amóre Members Show Intake

Rainbow Stew

Thursday, January 12th, 4:30-6pm

Friday, January 13th, 12:30-2:30pm

Call for Officers

We require a President & Vice President for the new year, so please step up.

treats to share. Thank you to all who brought the food and drinks, and many thanks to those that participated in the pig-n-the-poke silent auction.

Our NEXT meeting will be on January 9, 2023 starting at 1pm, held at the Center for Healthy Generations in Yucca Valley.

Board Meetings

Our next Board meeting will be on January 9 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 coming year *yet*, but please share suggestions, recommendations, and requests for outings that you feel are beautiful or artistically engaging.

Gallery Displays

Previous Exhibit

The December exhibit was on display from December 16 to January 11 and it was our open themed “Anything Goes”. With no limit on age of creation, the number of times you have shared it in a previous show, or on a particular theme that it must fit, members can share their favorite results of a particular medium, theme, time of year, or even their most cherished friends.

We received a total of thirty (30) entries from twelve (12) artists, making this another beautiful display of color, medium, and energy.

Upcoming Exhibit

In January we will hang the first members-only show of 2023 themed “Amóre”. This theme is open to primarily two-dimensional creations that can safely hang on the wall. We typically cannot properly feature three-dimensional works because we do not have the room to place pedestals, we cannot provide our own pedestals, and we are unable to protect those pieces from being moved around if/when they are displayed. There is no limitation to the age of work, the style of creation, or the medium, as long as the entries encapsulate LOVE to you. And let me share that there are plenty of ways to encapsulate love, adoration, and sweetness in a picture! The cuddling of creatures will always be a favorite of mine, as will mothers and children. Friendship, acts of caring, still life bouquets of flowers and candy, the lucky snapshot of heart-shapes in nature, or the abstracted color choices and shapes that represent love *for you*. These all present such a reason to smile. How will you present love in the next show?

Intake for the “Amóre” show will be held at Rainbow Stew on the 12th and 13th of January - 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. The show hangs during a time where people might be looking for gifts for their loved ones!

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.

The featured artist at the Center for Healthy Generations in January is Victoria Sebanz. Victoria works with many mediums, lending fantasy to reality and drawing from the inner spirit of events, people, and realities.

The featured artists at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church during January are Dave and Kim Clements. Their works feature photography, watercolor, and pastel. They coined the show “Oldies but Goodies” because they are sharing some of their favorite shots taken over the last few years, scenes holding a special place in their home and heart because they have inspired, encouraged, and continuously remind them of the beauty in the world.

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

The positions of President and Vice President have not been filled yet. 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 for the four (4) judged shows each year and demonstrators or speakers for our general meetings.

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

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. Contact chaparralartists@gmail.com with questions or to offer your interest.

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

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

Administrative Assembly 2023	
President	Unknown!
Vice President	Unknown!
Treasurer	Carl Snelko
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