



Chaparral Sketch

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Chaparral Artists "Same But Different" Show

In January Chaparral Artists will have their "Same But Different" Show. This is one of Chaparral Artists most popular and fun shows.

For those of you not familiar with the object of the show it's fairly simple. One person, or several, can create different interpretations or images of the same or similar thing. In prior years some entries have included paintings by various artists who painted the same subject in an art class, photographs and paintings of the same thing by different people, and groupings of similar subjects in different mediums.

I use images by current Chaparral Artists members for the background of our show flyers but for this show I've made an exception with a photograph by a former member.

Several months ago I received a photograph from former Chaparral Artists member, and past president, Bruce Miller. It was a picture of a grazing horse and when I saw it I immediately thought of the "Same But Different" Show. (Yes, I think about subjects for this show throughout the year.) I think this is a great example of the show theme and that is why I chose it for this show's flyer. Thank you, Bruce for a great photograph!

This is NOT a judged show and it's free of charge to all Chaparral Artists members and youth artists through 12th grade. We are hoping to get submissions of artwork of various types with each artist's interpretation of the subject of their choice.

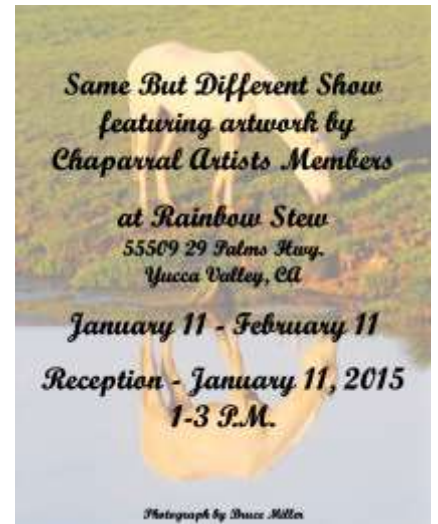
Since this isn't a judged show it doesn't matter if you have shown it previously.

Turn in your artwork at Rainbow Stew on either Thursday, January 8, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. or Friday, January 9, 10:30 a.m. – noon.

Everyone is invited to attend the Artists' Reception on Sunday, January 11 from 1:00 p.m. – 3 p.m. Exhibitors are asked to bring a snack for the reception.

Pick up for this show is Thursday, February 12, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. or Friday, February 13, 10:30 a.m. – noon.

Editor's Note – As of this date I haven't heard how many pieces each person can enter. I believe that the maximum is at least four or five.



December Meeting

Don't miss Chaparral Artists December meeting which will include the annual handmade Christmas card contest, a potluck luncheon as well as a silent auction.

Each entrant in the Christmas card contest will be limited to one entry. The winner will receive a cash award

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so let's see how many creative entries we receive.

For the silent auction there will be the ever popular Pig in a Poke. For those of you not familiar with our version; each person is asked to bring at least one and preferably more items that cost \$15.00 or less and should either be in a bag, box, or wrapped. It can either be new or slightly used. You can wrap your item nicely, funky, or put it in a brown paper bag; anything to get more bids. To make it more fun it's suggested that you provide a hint as to what's inside such as "I bring music to your ears" for a wind chime. Bidding starts at \$1.00 and increases in increments of \$.50 so don't forget to bring your cash. All proceeds will go to the club.

Let's make this a great end of the year party!

Art Show

Raini Armstrong

A lovely reception, as always, the Chaparral Judged Fall Show highlighted new, existing and non-member's talents. I couldn't help but fawn over a few pieces in particular, I find that I admire the free stokes of certain works especially. Our desert artists are so talented and diverse and it really shows in this collection of art.

Everyone is always thrilled when youth enter the Chaparral judged shows and we were fortunate to have a talented young sculptor enter a piece this year, titled for the medium it was created from - Limestone. I am in awe of the artists who work to create 3-Dimensional pieces and this year's entries were unique and beautiful!

As someone who enjoys working in watercolor, I cannot help but be drawn by other watercolorists, but I must admit I especially loved the bright and free strokes of the oil-works this time around. A new member to Chaparral also intrigued me with his work; stylized and

expressive, his pen & ink, watercolor, and pencil work is captivating.

I greatly enjoyed aiding in hanging the show and equally enjoyed milling about and fully taking in the array of artistic expression.

Winning Entries

Due to a severe cold I wasn't able to attend the reception for our art show but luckily Raini Armstrong was there and was able to take several pictures for the newsletter.

This show had a total of six categories with our lone youth artist, Christopher Falossi, taking second in the three dimensional category as well as winning the People's Choice Award which included a gift certificate donated by Chaparral Artists and Rainbow Stew.

Here are this year's winners.

Best of Show

Raini Armstrong – "Desert Waves"

People's Choice

Christopher Falossi – "Limestone"

Animal

1st – Sharon George

2nd – Vickie Bridenstine

3rd – Nancy Miehle

Honorable Mention – Raini Armstrong

Landscape

1st – Raini Armstrong

2nd – James Thompson

3rd – Hugh Huffman

Honorable Mention - Debbie Egglestonn

Other

1st – Debbie Egglestonn

2nd – Sue Dailey

3rd – Dianne Stroble

Honorable Mention – Nancy Miehle

People

1st – James Thompson

2nd – Jenifer Palmer-Lucy

3rd – Nancy Miehle

Honorable Mention – Janis Commentz

Plants & Trees

1st – Sharon George

2nd – Janis Commentz

3rd – Raini Armstrong

Honorable Mention – Dianne Stroble

Three Dimensional

1st – Nancy Miehle

2nd – Christopher Falossi

3rd – Emilia Louisa Frasher

Honorable Mention – Sonja Arnel

Barbara Wells-Roberts was the judge for this show.

Congratulations to all of the winners!



Art Tour

For the very first time I was able to attend both weekends of the art tour. With twenty members of Chaparral Artists participating this year I decided to limit myself to just those artists; with an exception being a stop at the home of former Chaparral Artists member Mae Fox who is still teaching stained glass and oil painting classes at her home.

I used to think that it was unfair that some artists participated in the tour both weekends but I've definitely

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changed my mind now. With 94 locations and a large portion of them in the west end it would be impossible to visit so many western locations over one weekend.

Since I had other things going on I decided to limit myself to the 29 Palms area the first weekend. The second weekend I spent Saturday in the Yucca Valley area and Sunday in Joshua Tree and Yucca Valley. (I apologize to Toni Callaway because for some reason I couldn't find her home.) I had planned to go to Rainbow Stew but unfortunately I wasn't able to make it.

I have to say that Chaparral Artists members are some of the nicest people around as well as being extremely talented. Everyone was willing to take time and talk to me and pose for pictures. Each stop I made along the way would have been a great experience but put them all together and it was beyond great.

I want to send a special thank you to the following people.

Becky and Hugh Huffman – who were kind enough to invite me to lunch when I stopped at their home.

JoAnn Peterson – who took me on a special tour of her home which included many items I coveted and some that were similar to a few that I have.

Julianne Koza – who, along with her sister, invited me to dinner one evening.

Virginia Neal – who took me on a tour of her property and gave me some great ideas for my house.

I'm looking forward to next year's tour.

Halloween Haunt

Chaparral Artists was one of the many organizations that had a table

at the Joshua Tree Community Center Halloween Haunt where it was one of the most popular ones there. Among those who stopped by were Chaparral Artists member Virginia Neal and her daughter and granddaughter.

Chaparral Artists members Sonja Arnel, Raini Armstrong, and Nancy Miehle assisted young artists in painting on yucca wood as well as small items donated by Nancy McHenry

A big thank you goes out to Dining Divas who donated \$100.00 to Chaparral Artists for supplies.

Chaparral Artists Halloween Haunt Table



Brighton Beach Memoirs

During the second weekend of the Art Tours I was lucky enough to attend "Brighton Beach Memoirs" presented by the St. Joseph Players at the St. Joseph of Arimathea Episcopal Church.

This is the second play that I have attended there. The first one that I saw was "On Golden Pond" for which 12 year old Trevor Carpenter recently won the Bill Groves Award for Outstanding Juvenile Actor.



Cast & crew of Brighton Beach Memoirs

In "Brighton Beach Memoirs" Trevor plays the part of Eugene and he, as well as the rest of the cast, did an outstanding job especially considering the long lines of dialog that they had to present.

Thank you to the cast and crew who posed for photos after the play.

Don't forget to pay your dues for next year.

Odds & Ends

Copper Mountain College's Fine Arts Program is hosting the 49 Bucks Art Sale Fundraiser, for CMC Art Student Scholarships, on December 6th at 4 p.m. in the Ada Hatch Center.

There will be over one hundred 5 x 7 inch canvases from which to choose. Famous and infamous artists from across the basin and beyond have donated their artistic talents that will be displayed anonymously. Interested buyers must have a keen eye and an adventurous spirit, because the artist's name remains a mystery until after purchase. All art works will be sold for 49 bucks each, plus tax.

Buyers could be surprised by acquiring the works of regional greats such as Audrey Gillick, Rik Livingston, or Anne Lear, or works by nationally celebrated artists such as Alexis Smith or Scott Grieger. Whatever you select, an original and unique work of art is guaranteed. The 49 Bucks Art event promises to be a competitive, yet fun filled evening with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar. All funds raised go directly to scholarships for students enrolled in the Art Program at CMC.

Please support the Arts, and think unique holiday gifts. The event is located at the Ada Hatch Center, 6334 Rotary Way, Joshua Tree CA, near the CMC campus. For more information, contact the CMC Foundation or Cathy Allen at 760-366-3791 ext. 0600.

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Otter Smith will be giving a basket weaving class on December 13 at 10 a.m. in Covington Park, Morongo Valley. The cost will be \$15 per person which includes the cost of materials. Bring a lunch or snacks.



Congratulations to Chaparral Artists member Julianne Koza on the sale of her entry in the Gold, Iron and Steel: A Metallic History of the Morongo Basin at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce

The second annual Joshua Tree National Park Art Exposition will be celebrated on Dec. 5, 6 & 7, 2014 in Twentynine Palms. Events will take place at a variety of venues in the Oasis of Mara area, located south of 29 Palms Highway on National Park Drive, adjacent to Joshua Tree National Park Headquarters.

Friday, December 5th: Opening reception at the 29 Palms Art Gallery, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, December 6th-7th: Art Expo festivities in the Oasis of Mara. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sunday.

The park's Oasis Visitor Center will be open, and National Park Service staff will lead interpretive walks in the Oasis of Mara. Saturday highlights include a Photography Walk with Mike Buchheit of Grand Canyon Field Institute, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and a "Walk with the Superintendent" on the Oasis Trail at 1:00 p.m., conducted by Joshua Tree National Park Superintendent David Smith.

For more information, directions,

and a complete schedule of events for Dec. 5, 6 and 7, visit the Joshua Tree National Park Council for the Arts website at www.jtnparts.org.

The Hi Desert Chorus "Sounds of the Season" concert

Date: Saturday 12/13 and Sunday 12/14

Where: Yucca Valley Community Center - Yucca Room

Time: 2:30 p.m. (doors open at 2:00)

Free concert - donations are welcomed

Performing some great holiday music to ring in the Christmas season

Chaparral Artists next regular meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on December 8th at Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley.



Congratulations to Chaparral Artists member Barbara Wells-Roberts for her Honorable Mention in the 2015 Big Bear Zoo Calendar.

Open Studio Art Workshop – Work with other artist that love creating and sharing ideas. Bring your talent, project and art supplies. All mediums are welcome.

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Yucca Valley Community Center \$2 per Session

Contact: Beverly Schmuckle for more information (760) 792-2039.

Congratulations to all of the artists who had sales during the Art Tours.

Chaparral Artists members are asked to wear a name tag of any type to our meetings. Those without a tag will be fined. If you don't have one see Nancy Miehle at the meeting.

Artists Discounts Offered
The following businesses offer discounts to artists or incentives for those who present their artist membership card prior to checkout.
Cowboy Attic
Located in the Historic Plaza Twentynine Palms, CA
(If you are a Chaparral Artists member and create an account at Cowboy Attic then 10% of what you spend will be donated to Chaparral Artists at the end of six months.)
Ground Control Hobbies
55696 29 Palms Hwy. Yucca Valley, CA
(10% off on all art supplies)
Oasis Office Supply
56925 Yucca Trail, Suite D Yucca Valley CA
(10% off on all art supplies)
Whitaker's Art Supply
5684 Historic Plaza Twentynine Palms, CA
(10% off everything in the store)

Event Calendar

Chaparral Artists & club member events are highlighted.

Now – December 7

Artists Council Exhibition 2014 at the Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Springs

Now – December

Gold, Iron and Steel: A Metallic History of the Morongo Basin at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce in Twentynine Palms

December 4 (4 – 6 p.m.)
December 5 (10:30 – Noon)
Drop off for Chaparral Artists Photography Show and pick up for the Art Show at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley

OUR FIRST HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT FAIR AT RAINBOW STEW - ONE DAY ONLY!
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH 2014
10AM-6PM

Come browse and shop for friends, family or yourself. Have a cup of tea or hot apple cider while you have a specially crafted bookmark or pair of earrings made.....select fun & wonderful ceramics.....hand-crocheted/knitted hats & scarves.....essential oils, jewelry, gourds and art of all kinds. Special holiday cookies and baked goods will also be available.

December 5 (5 – 8 p.m.)

December 6 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

December 7 (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Joshua Tree National Park Art Exposition

December 6 (4 p.m.)

49 Bucks Art Sale at the Ada Hatch Center

December 7 (1 – 3 p.m.)
Chaparral Artists Photography Show Reception at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley



JoAnn Petersen



Deane Locke



Janellen Farmer



Charlie & Nancy McHenry



Virginia Neal



Jenifer Palmer-Lacy

Chaparral Artists Members on the 2014 Art Tour



Kathi Klopfenstein



Paul Klopfenstein



Becky & Hugh Huffman



Bill Dahl & Cynthia Anderson



Julianne Koza



Susan Madsen & Nichole Vikdal



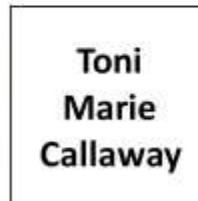
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Emilia Louisa Frasher



Ed Keesling



Toni Marie Callaway



Nancy Miehle

December 8 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Chaparral Artists meeting in the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley

December 13 (10 a.m.)

Otter Smith Basket Weaving Class in Covington Park in Morongo Valley

December 13 (10 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

Arts & Crafts Fair at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley

December 13 & 14 (2:30 p.m.)

Doors open at 2:00 p.m.

The Hi Desert Chorus "Sounds of the Season" concert at the Yucca Valley Community Center - Yucca Room

January 8 (4 – 6 p.m.)

January 9 (10:30 – Noon)

Drop off for Chaparral Artists "Same But Different" Show and pick up for the Photography Show at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley

January 11 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Chaparral Artists "Same But Different" Show Reception at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley

January 12 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Chaparral Artists meeting in the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church at 56750 Mountain View Trail in Yucca Valley

February 12 (4 – 6 p.m.)
February 13 (10:30 – Noon)
Pick up for Chaparral Artists "Same But Different" Show at Rainbow Stew in Yucca Valley

Art Show November 2014
Photographs by Raini Armstrong



Raini Armstrong
Best of Show



Christopher Falossi
People's Choice
Winner

