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

President's Palette

Greeting Artisans,

I am waiting for the cooldown. We experienced a couple of cooler days (*late in September*), but the heat will return according to the weather forecast. I hope you are getting back in the swing of things as we approach autumn. We need to take advantage of the light of day. Soon we will turn back our clocks for the onset of winter.

I am excited about the activities/holidays coming up. With that said, I hope you will be participating in the events, sharing your gifts, talents, and knowledge. Let us know about your experiences, art classes, and

inspirational viewpoints so we might support what you are doing. We are on this journey together and asking for support or sharing some of your awesome discoveries cements the creativity for all of us. Imagine a flower. Are you the bud or the bloom? You may have bloomed 1000 times before and continue to turn over that life for a new one. This is how the mind becomes aware and accepts new concepts, new perceptions. I may sound a bit "flowery" to you, but what can I say? I am a dreamer and a poet!

As we move forward with our agendas, please share your viewpoints, share your stories. I can't say that enough. I have said many times, art is therapeutic. No surprise there. Whether we choose to hibernate or be active, our thoughts and feelings still linger. Being around art-full people may be just what is needed to lift, inspire or create new ideas and to instill the promise of creativity!

In Deepest Gratitude.

Nancy Kimes

General Meetings

We had our first meeting of the year in September, and it was nice to see those in attendance. It will be a slow transition into regularly scheduled meetings with all of the accoutrements. We had eleven that attended the meeting and Nancy Miehle was our guest speaker/demonstrator. She shared her experiences with making soft art carrier bags. These bags are

foldable and versatile and are meant to carry several of your entries to and from venues and your studio. The design is easy to understand and can be made to hold large art or smaller framed art or unframed canvas. I especially love the fact that they can fold neatly away - no need to find a new storage location in the studio for just my art transport cases!

Our next general meeting will be on October 11 at 1:00 PM. Consider the precautions that *might* still be required on mask wearing and social distancing, but at this time social distancing is not being enforced by the County and masks are only required by the unvaccinated. Obviously you should feel free to wear them if you wish! We will NOT be sharing food, so please bring only your own snacks and drinks. Our guest demonstrator for October is Jennifer Grandi who creates beautiful art using soft pastels or mixed media on natural materials.

Board Meetings

Members of Chaparral Artists are invited to attend board meetings. Previous board meeting *minutes* can be requested for view by contacting us through email and requesting specific months. Our next Board meeting will be on October 11 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Center for Healthy Generations.

Group Outings

We ventured out to Keys Ranch in September for a night shoot and boy was it lovely. The skies were clear and our small band of brave souls truly made a day of September 13. The outing came on the heels of

our Board and our General meeting, so it was quite the experience.

For the full writeup of this event that includes pictures, please visit the Chaparral website and navigate to Publications, then Articles, and then find the latest Keys Ranch at Night article.

We do not have any scheduled group outing to mention at this time but we hope that the Mitchell Caverns or a plein air and photography day in the Joshua Tree National Park or Covington Park might be possible. Share your preference with us via email! And if *you* have any trip suggestions that you would like us to consider, please share them as well.

Recent Gallery Displays

In September we had our Fall Open Judged Photography show. Four (4) artists submitted a total of seventeen (16) pieces. This opportunity was open to the public and came with associated fees that help pay for prizes to the judged winners.

Nature's Kaleidoscope

First-place

"Down to River and Wood" by Raini Armstrong

Second-place

"Rainbow and Shadow" by Raini Armstrong

Third-place

"NYE by Moonlight" by Tami Roleff

Honorable Mention

"Fruit of the Bloom, Dogwood Berries"

by Julianne Koza

Beautiful Creatures*First-place*

"Maiden of the Milky Way" by Julianne Koza

Second-place

"Honey Bee" by Patricia Quandel

Third-place

"Stryker" by Tami Roleff

Hand of Man*First-place*

"Golden Gate Abstract" by Julianne Koza

Second-place

"Night Out for Mac" by Raini Armstrong

Third-place

"San Diego Convention Center" by Julianne Koza

For the official articles on this show and previous shows, complete with pictures, please visit the website and navigate to Publications, and then to Articles to locate the write up that interests you.

Upcoming Gallery Displays

Our next show is the Judged Fine Art show in **October**. We ask each participant to limit their entries to five. All entries will be categorized into three groups - Nature, Creatures, and Manmade. Intake is scheduled for October 14 from 4:30-6 p.m. & October 15 from 12:30-2 p.m.

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

The month of **November** will be our "Same but Different" themed members-only show, so we hope that you have been collaborating with other creators to create a showing of similar but unique presentations of a subject. Remember that an artist working with multiple mediums OR preferring a variety of post processing practices can submit their own showing of 'same but different' as well! The sky is truly the limit with this particular theme.

The month of **December** will be our last "Anything Goes" themed members-only show of the year.

Information about upcoming shows can always be found 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.

Chaparral Collage***Nighttime Photography Fun***

We had a great time at Keys Ranch in September. For the date of September 13, 2021 we have coordinated with the Desert Institute to visit Keys Ranch in Joshua Tree National Park. This opportunity will provide the first quarter moon in the sky as it begins its descent west, eventually setting by midnight. The natural illumination from the moon will offer pleasant light painting opportunities. The Milkyway will not be as noticeable until the moon dips low in the sky. Still, you can always attempt to capture the fountain of stars later in the evening.

Hopefully, this brief splash of information intrigues you! For a broader sharing of information

about nighttime photography, visit the website a special series of articles presenting Night Photography as the subject.

Gubler's Orchid Festival

The Gubler's Orchid Festival was held on the first weekend of October, and it was exciting and busy! Chaparral Artists shared a space indoors in the back of the establishment, where orchid classes were held. We painted with visiting kids and adults, and the raffle was a success. The Orchid Festival is a must-see event because of the obvious - beautiful orchids in a strange environment compared to the surrounding desert. I didn't find enough time to get outside and enjoy the entertainment or the food, but I indeed snapped a few photos.

Those volunteers who signed up to help with Chaparral sales and painting with kids and visitors could share their art. Julianne Koza, Nancy Miehle, Pat Quandel, Raini Armstrong, and Nancy Kimes shared works. Still, not all took advantage of sharing a table to sell their beautiful creations. Thanks go out to the volunteers who set up on Friday and who stayed the weekend. To the visitors who spent a few hours with us. And thanks to the artists that donated a piece of art for the raffle.

Sharing Beauty

Every month we see our members participating in galleries and other display venues. I hope to make this a recurring spread - the listing of our members showing work. If I missed you, please send me a message through email or phone.

29 Palms Visitor Center & Gallery

The new quarterly show "Clouds Rolling In" is brand new and will certainly impress, I am certain. Please reach out if you are displaying a piece this quarter.

29 Palms Art Gallery

In the Guild Members Group Show we have Raini Armstrong.

Gallery 62 & JTAG (*Joshua Tree*)

October is Art Tours month and the galleries managed by MBCAC are hosting a Collaborative show featuring art by artists on the tours. This means that our members Raini Armstrong, Tami Roleff, Jeniffer Grandi, Julianne Koza, and Deane Locke, and should have a representational beauty on display as well. Give us a shout out I missed your name on this list and I will fix it.

AIPP

The Art in Public Places program, managed by MBCAC is a treasure. Venues include the Joshua Tree Library, the California Welcome Center in Yucca Valley, the 29 Palms Inn & Restaurant, Pilates & Arts in Joshua Tree, and Natural Lives Day Spa in Joshua Tree. I hope to mention specific venues from time to time because our Chaparral Artists have gotten on the schedule!

California Welcome Center

The California Welcome Center has so much to share, and right now Tami Roleff has her photography on display through the Art in Public Places program of MBCAC.

Yorba Linda Art Gallery

Jeni Bate and Raini Armstrong were juried into the Yorba Linda Art Gallery (thanks go to Jeni for

sharing information about this gallery opportunity!)

The Gallery is located in the Yorba Linda Packing House and the show will be on display through January 6, 2022.

Ongoing Invitation to Share!

Members and friends of Chaparral Artists, we would be thrilled to share your artistic accomplishments and stories in the newsletter and on our website. Please share art-related information with us by sending your poetry, short stories, biographies, and thought-pieces 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.

Chaparral members, please share any and all upcoming shows that YOU are displaying at, and we will announce them and the associated reception in the next newsletter!

Events Calendar

NOW - October 13

Judged Photograph show

Rainbow Stew - 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway

October 11

Chaparral Artists General Meeting, 1-3pm

Center for Healthy Generations

57121 Sunnyslope Dr., Yucca Valley

October 14 & 15

“Judged Fine Art”

Open Judged show

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

November 8

Chaparral Artists General Meeting, 1-3pm

Center for Healthy Generations

57121 Sunnyslope Dr., Yucca Valley

October 16 - November 10

Judged Fine Art show

Rainbow Stew - 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway

November 11 & 12

“Same But Different”

Members-only 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

November 13 - December 15

“Same But Different”

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December 13

HOLIDAY MEETING!

Chaparral Artists General Meeting, 1-3pm

Center for Healthy Generations

57121 Sunnyslope Dr., Yucca Valley

December 16 & 17

“Anything Goes #4”

Members-only show

Drop-off Day 1

December 16 at 4:30-6pm

Drop-off Day 2

December 17 at 12:30-2pm

Rainbow Stew, 55509 Twentynine Palms Highway