



## **MEDIA RELEASE – NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

### **Joshua Tree National Park Art Exposition 2015 – WEEKEND EVENTS for Nov. 13, 14 & 15**

A schedule of events is now available for the Joshua Tree National Park Art Exposition this weekend in Twentynine Palms. All events are free and open to the public.

Festivities begin on Friday, Nov. 13, with an opening art reception at the historic 29 Palms Art Gallery from 5 to 8 p.m. The evening event will celebrate the Joshua Tree National Park Juried Art Exhibition 2015, and will include an awards ceremony at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend, meet the artists, and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar. The gallery is located at the corner of National Park Drive and Cottonwood Drive in Twentynine Palms.

Featured in this year's exhibition are 52 artists and photographers selected from throughout California, from our desert communities, from across the nation and from as far away as Hawaii and Vancouver BC. The exhibition theme is artwork depicting or inspired by Joshua Tree National Park, with award money totaling \$5,000. The show will remain on display at the gallery through the month of November.

On Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., an Art Market will be held on the lawn at 29 Palms Inn featuring a variety of artist booths, music, food and beverages. The Inn is located off National Park Drive on Inn Avenue, near the 29 Palms Art Gallery.

Free art classes will be offered at the 29 Palms Art Gallery on both Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. is a Watercolor Painting workshop with local artist and art instructor Darlene Morris of Yucca Valley. From 1 to 3 p.m. will be "An Approach to Plein-Air Painting" class with painter and art instructor Mark Spangenberg of Twentynine Palms.

Also on Saturday, at 12 p.m. and again at 3 p.m. will be Flint Knapping workshops with Jason Theuer, PhD, Cultural Resources Branch Chief at Joshua Tree National Park.

On Sunday, from 1 to 3 p.m. is a free mixed-media workshop, Creating Fantasy Critters, with noted artist and professional set designer Thyrsa Segal.

Other events include free art demonstrations at 12 noon on both Saturday and Sunday at 29 Palms Creative Center, 6847 Adobe Road, featuring Clay-Wheel Ceramics demonstrations by artist Gretchen Grunt, along with other artists working in the open studios all weekend.

As a special event, "A Walk with the Superintendent" will be offered at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14, on the Oasis Trail with Joshua Tree National Park Superintendent David Smith. Patio Talks will also be held at 10 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday at the park's Oasis Visitor Center.

Exhibition catalogs and event schedules are available at the gallery and at local visitor centers. For more information and a complete schedule of events, go to [www.jtnpARTS.org](http://www.jtnpARTS.org).

The annual Joshua Tree National Park Juried Art Exhibition at the Art Expo is presented by Joshua Tree National Park Council for the Arts, in partnership with 29 Palms Art Gallery, both 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.

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