



Art in Public Places

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**“Pioneering Spirit” Reception on Sept. 3  
Twentynine Palms Visitor Center & Gallery**

A series of desert-themed art exhibitions kicks off with an opening reception for “Pioneering Spirit” on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center & Gallery and Chamber of Commerce, 73484 29 Palms Hwy., downtown Twentynine Palms.

“Pioneering Spirit” is the first of the desert-themed group exhibitions that will run bi-monthly through 2013 at the visitor center, and is presented in honor of the annual Pioneer Days in Twentynine Palms and in remembrance of the men and women who homesteaded this desert valley. The show will be on display from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31 and features the work of more than 20 local artists, including oil painting, watercolor, collage, photography, assemblage, ceramics and sculpture.

Members of the Shadow Mountain Band of Joshua Tree will entertain attendees with country and bluegrass music at the opening reception on Sept. 3. Admission is free and refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Friends of the Twentynine Palms Branch Library, sponsors of the reception.

Art in Public Places exhibitions are administered by the Public Arts Advisory Committee (PAAC) of the City of Twentynine Palms. The visitor center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, located on the highway next to Bucklin Park at the corner of Desert Queen Avenue, downtown Twentynine Palms, (760)367-6197.

For more information about the art exhibitions at the visitor center, contact Larry Bowden at (760)367-7562 or email the PAAC at [publicarts@29palms.org](mailto:publicarts@29palms.org).

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