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ART IN PUBLIC PLACES AT CITY HALL RECEPTION FOR DREW REESE DESERT PHOTOGRAPHY ON MAY 11

Art in Public Places at City Hall features an exhibit of desert photography by Drew Reese for May-June 2010. The public is invited to meet the artist and view the show at a reception in his honor on Tuesday, May 11, from 5 to 6 p.m., preceding the City Council meeting at Twentynine Palms City Hall.

Drew Reese, a well known Joshua Tree photographer and co-owner of Spin and Margie's Desert Hide-A-Way with his wife, Mindy Kaufman, says of his work: "My photographs are primarily about the desert landscape. I continually challenge myself to see 'the familiar' in a unique way." The look of his photography is inspired by the landscape painters of the 18th and 19th Century, he says, and recent series have featured the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve and Joshua Tree National Park.

Reese studied photography at San Francisco State and the University of California at Berkeley and exhibited in numerous group shows in the San Francisco Bay Area before moving to Joshua Tree in 2000.

He has exhibited widely in the Morongo Basin, from the Twentynine Palms Art Gallery, 29 Palms Inn, and A Roadside Attraction in Twentynine Palms to True World Gallery and Red Arrow Gallery in Joshua Tree and the Hi-Desert Nature Museum in Yucca Valley. He has also been a participant since 2004 in the annual Morongo Basin Open Studio Art Tours.

The Art in Public Places exhibit is sponsored by the Public Arts Advisory Committee and is on display through June 30. The show is available for viewing at Twentynine Palms City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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