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## **NEWS RELEASE – JULY 6, 2010**

### **ART RECEPTION AT CITY HALL ON JULY 13 FOR ARTISTS ROCKY ARNOLD AND PATRICIA QUANDEL**

Paintings and photography by two long-time desert residents, Rocky Arnold and Patricia Quandel, will be featured in the Art in Public Places exhibit at Twentynine Palms City Hall for the months of July and August 2010. The public is invited to attend an opening reception for the artists on Tuesday, July 13, from 5 to 6 p.m., preceding the City Council meeting at City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road.

Twentynine Palms photographer Patricia Quandel has been a desert resident since 1980 and has been pursuing her passion for photography full time since 2009, after retiring from the Marine base and a 33-year career with the Department of Defense. Her award-winning nature photography has been exhibited in local galleries, including a group show at the Hi-Desert Medical Center, and her exhibit at City Hall features color photographs of familiar sites in Twentynine Palms and Joshua Tree National Park. Quandel is a member of the Twentynine Palms Artists Guild and serves on the board of directors for Morongo Valley Art Colony and the Chaparral Artists.

Rocky Arnold of Yucca Valley considers himself “a native high-desert dweller,” having “lived, worked, and played for the last 50 years here” since his family moved him to the desert from Alaska in 1960 at the age of three. Arnold expresses his art using a multitude of mediums, including sculpted projects in wood and stone and paintings in watercolor and oil. His work currently on display at Twentynine Palms City Hall illustrates his passion for Abstract Expressionism in the form of large acrylic paintings.

The Art in Public Places exhibit is sponsored by the Public Arts Advisory Committee and is on display through August 31. The show is available for viewing at Twentynine Palms City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. For directions or more information, call (760)367-6799.

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