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## **NEWS RELEASE – SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**

### **ART RECEPTION AT CITY HALL SEPTEMBER 14 FOR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT BY JIM SMART**

Fine art photography of our desert region by Jim Smart is featured in the Art in Public Places exhibit at Twentynine Palms City Hall for the months of September and October 2010. The public is invited to attend a reception for the artist on Tuesday, September 14, from 5 to 6 p.m., preceding the City Council meeting at City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road. Refreshments will be served.

Recently selected as an artist in residence in the Mojave National Preserve, Smart exhibited his work in a 2010 solo show at the preserve's Kelso Depot Visitor Center. Some of those images are included in the City Hall exhibit, along with familiar scenes of Joshua Tree National Park; photographs of Amboy, where, according to Smart, a lake appeared briefly this winter after heavy rains; and selected floral images from The Living Desert and Botanical Gardens.

Smart teaches journalism and journalistic photography at California State University, San Bernardino, and offers private photography lessons by appointment in the Joshua Tree, low desert, and Idyllwild areas. He lives with his wife, Meg, in Joshua Tree.

The Art in Public Places exhibit is sponsored by the Public Arts Advisory Committee and is on display through October 29. 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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