



City of Twentynine Palms
6136 Adobe Road
Twentynine Palms, CA 92277
760-367-6799 – FAX 760-367-4890
www.ci.twentynine-palms.ca.us

NEWS RELEASE – NOVEMBER 1, 2010

ART RECEPTION AT CITY HALL NOVEMBER 9 FOR DIANA SHAY DIEHL AND DAVID GREENE

Desert photography and humorous “Hy-Desert” painted works will be featured during November and December in the Art in Public Places exhibit at Twentynine Palms City Hall. The public is invited to attend a reception for the featured artists on Tuesday, November 9, from 5 to 6 p.m., preceding the City Council meeting at City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road. Refreshments will be served.

Born in Bamberg, West Germany, and raised in South Carolina, photographer Diana Shay Diehl migrated to the California desert in 1984. Inspired by her older brother, Daniel Shay, a successful abstract painter and art services director at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC, for over 30 years, she developed a love of the arts and spent her early years immersed in museums, galleries, and deep discussions of art and life.

Diehl’s photography has been a life-long venture, with formal training in black-and-white film processing under the tutelage of photographer Andrew Schumaker, a student of Ansel Adams. Straightforward photography is her preferred style, using existing light with a variety of lenses to capture what she sees and processing the images with only minor adjusting and cropping before going to print. Her exhibit at City Hall is titled “Mojave Light Images.”

A self-taught artist, David Greene made his artistic debut as a caricature artist at Ameriflora 92, an international floral show in Columbus, Ohio, in 1992. Greene joined Acme Art Company in 1993, and spent the next seven years volunteering and directing the non-profit alternative art space in Columbus’ Short North Arts District. His artwork is included in the Ohio Arts Council permanent collection.

Before moving to Twentynine Palms in 2006, Greene was also a designer of hand-painted ceramic bath-ware for Mansfield Plumbing Products. Since 2007 he has exhibited his art in local galleries and the Hwy 62 Art Tours, and in 2008 he painted six exterior murals for the Holiday Inn Express in Twentynine Palms.

“My latest series of paintings marks a return to my artistic roots,” says Greene.

“California Hy-Desert Brand started as a private joke.... Inspired by California orange crate label art of the last century, I depict the ‘fruits’ of the high desert area in which I live.”

The Art in Public Places exhibit is sponsored by the Public Arts Advisory Committee and is on display through December 30 at Twentynine Palms City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (760)367-6799.

#