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Chuck Caplinger's Desert Art Studio joins the Chamber

Chuck Caplinger's Desert Art Studio and Gallery joined the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce in June. The gallery features paintings of desert wildlife, landscapes, cowboys and equestrians. Some oils on canvas and prints are available for purchase. Portraits are done on commission.

The gallery was established in 1997 when Caplinger and his wife moved to 29 Palms. The gallery hosts artist receptions and other special events once or twice a year.

Caplinger is the gallery's sole employee. He is a co-founder of the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council, founder of the City of Twentynine Palms Art in Public Places program and the Public Arts Advisory Committee. He painted three local murals and designed the City's new "29!" sculpture.

The gallery is open by appointment only; call 760-361-2305. It is located at 74655 Wellock Road in a geodesic dome. For more information, visit www.desertartstudio.com.

Caplinger said he was impressed with the Chamber's activities, especially its efforts in increasing tourism to Twentynine Palms.

"I think (the Chamber) is on a good, positive path," he said.

As a member, Chuck Caplinger's Desert Art Studio and Gallery can take advantage of many services the Chamber offers, such as marketing assistance, leadership development seminars, business growth presentations, networking opportunities at Chamber mixers, and the Chamber's "Let's Go Shop/Let's Go to Lunch" campaign. The Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce offers services for all businesses in the Twentynine Palms area.

If your business is interested in hearing about the benefits of Chamber membership, please call Executive Director Jessica Wagner-Schultz at 760-367-3445 to schedule a presentation.