



Art in Public Places

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Art Reception for Steve Flock at Visitor Center, Saturday, June 18

Photographer and former mayor Steve Flock is the featured artist for the Art in Public Places summer exhibition at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center and Chamber of Commerce, 73484 29 Palms Hwy. downtown, through August 31. The public is invited to attend an art reception for the show this Saturday, June 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center. Refreshments will be served and admission is free.

Born and raised in Southern California, Steve Flock and his family moved to Twentynine Palms in 1974. After retiring from a career in law enforcement, Flock served on the City Council from 2006 through 2010, and began creating art with his camera. He participated in exhibitions with Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council and Twentynine Palms Artists Guild, and had a one-man show at the Twentynine Palms Art Gallery in 2007.

Combining his love of the desert with an interest in photography and a fascination with computers, he creates artistic, digitally enhanced photographs, printed on canvas and custom framed, that reflect the color and mood he experiences in his desert surroundings. His subjects include abandoned homestead cabins, rusted vehicles, rural mailboxes and desert roads. While some may find these items to be eyesores, Flock says, they reflect the character and history of our desert. Many of his favorite subjects have been found at the historic Keys' Ranch in Joshua Tree National Park.

The show is on display now through August 31 and is sponsored by the Public Arts Advisory Committee of the City of Twentynine Palms.

The Visitor Center Gallery is open daily, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The center also serves as the Chamber of Commerce and is located downtown on the highway at the corner of Desert Queen Avenue. Call (760)367-6197 or go to www.visit29.org.

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