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**PHOTOGRAPHERS
RAY YEAGER AND JIM SMART
ART IN PUBLIC PLACES EXHIBIT AT CITY HALL
(RECEPTION JAN. 12)**

[UPDATED RELEASE]

Art in Public Places at City Hall features a photography exhibit by Morongo Basin artists Ray Yeager and Jim Smart for January-February 2010. A public art reception will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 5 to 6 p.m., preceding the City Council meeting at Twentynine Palms City Hall.

Yucca Valley artist and lecturer Ray Yeager offers a display of modern art in the form of digital photomontage, influenced by his study of Dadaism and Surrealism. Yeager's photographic art has been exhibited in galleries throughout the Morongo Basin and Palm Springs. He has lectured at the Twentynine Palms Art Gallery and for the past three years has organized the annual Art Seminars series for the Morongo Basin Cultural Arts Council.

Photographer Jim Smart of Joshua Tree is a master of both film and digital photography, and several of the images in his City Hall exhibit were captured in Joshua Tree National Park. Smart teaches journalistic writing and photography at California State University, San Bernardino. He has a concurrent show opening Jan. 23 and running through April at the historic Kelso Depot in the Mojave National Preserve, where he has been named an artist in residence.

The Art in Public Places exhibit is sponsored by the City's Public Arts Advisory Committee and is on display through Feb. 25 at Twentynine Palms City Hall, 6136 Adobe Road, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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