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WILDFLOWERS ON THE WALL AT CITY HALL

ART RECEPTION FOR PAT FLYNN ON MARCH 9

Art in Public Places at City Hall features an exhibit of spring wildflowers and cactus blooms by Twentynine Palms artist Pat Flynn for March-April 2010. The public is invited to meet the artist and view the show at a reception in her honor on Tuesday, March 9, from 5 to 6 p.m., preceding the City Council meeting at Twentynine Palms City Hall.

Pat Flynn, known locally for her floral paintings and greeting cards, began her painting career in 1995 after her retirement from the federal government. According to the artist, she enrolled in watercolor classes at Copper Mountain College “just for something to do,” then fell in love with the media and its challenges, and has been painting ever since.

Encouraged by a sister member of Soroptimist International, she painted a series of desert wildflowers and reproduced them into greeting cards. In 1996, her first wholesale customer was the Joshua Tree National Park Association, where the cards are still selling in all the gift shops.

Flynn specializes in desert wildflowers, flowering cacti, desert animals and hummingbirds, and works primarily in watercolor, pastel, and colored pencil. She has exhibited at the Twentynine Palms Art Gallery and The Gallery in Big Bear Lake, is a past president of Action Council for 29 Palms, and chaired the first “Mural in a Day” project for the city in 2002.

The Art in Public Places exhibit is sponsored by the City’s Public Arts Advisory Committee and is on display through April 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.

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