Parched pics with refreshments

"High and Dry: Photography by Paul Martini" goes on display June 11 through Sept. 4 at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum. An opening reception will be held 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Martini will be available to greet visitors and discuss his work. The event is free to the public.

Martini is a contemporary nature photographer whose images depict both the unspoiled beauty of the desert and humanity's presence and impact on the landscape. His work incorporates contrasts of light and shadow. He presents day and night photographs, the night images featuring the use of various forms of artificial lighting. Many of the works were photographed in Joshua Tree National Park.

The museum is in the Yucca Valley Community Center complex on Dunsew Avenue north of Twentynine Palms Highway. It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is free; donations support the museum's mission. For information, call (760) 369-7212 or visit www.hidesertnaturemuseum.org.

Things that make you think

A photography exhibit by Paul Martini gives a visitor pensive pause at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum. Martini's "High and Dry" installation will be on display through Sept. 4. The museum is at Dunsew Avenue north of Twentynine Palms Highway in Yucca Valley. For information, call (760) 369-7212.