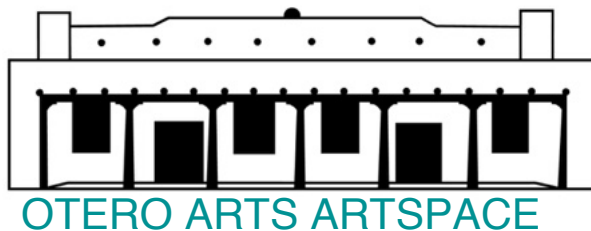


Otero Arts, Inc. at the Artspace  
Mission Statement: The mission of Otero Arts, Inc., is to enrich the lives of the people of our community through art and culture and foster a spirit of mutual support and cooperation.



April/May, 2023:

Otero Arts received an Arts and the Military 2023 Mini Grant from NM Arts for \$2000 to underwrite activities to celebrate Otero Arts Veteran Art Showcase on Armed Forces Day, the weekend of May 20th. While some of our members have served in the military, we are aware that there is a large community of active-duty military and veterans living here in Otero County who would be eligible to share their art talents in the Otero Veteran Art Showcase.

We hope many current military and former veterans will consider joining the activities planned for Showcase Weekend. Opportunities across many genre are available. For an application, go to [oterartsinc@gmail.com](mailto:oterartsinc@gmail.com) w/SHOWCASE in the subject line. Deadline for Showcase entries is April 21st. The Veterans Art Showcase committee will review the applications and send acceptance by May 1.

Another huge event coming up: Reading and Book signing by Michael McGarrity on April 21st, 6 pm at the Artspace. This is a real treat! Put it on your calendar. Thanks to Rochelle Williams and her Reading events committee!

Also, Maria Aragon, acting President has a one-woman art exhibition opening May 7, from 5 to 7 pm.

ATTENTION.....ATTENTION...ATTENTION

Otero Arts will be holding a Children's Summer Vocal Music Camp the first 2 full weeks in June and we're looking for participants!

First week of June will be for 3rd through 5th grade students and 2nd week is for 6th through 8th grade. Each Session is from 9 to noon, Monday through Friday.

Registrations opens in May.....be sure and check on Otero Arts FB page and the website: [www.oteroarts.org](http://www.oteroarts.org) to sign up for a fun week of exploring your musical interests! Hope to see you there!



OTERO ARTS INC

## VETERAN ARTS SHOWCASE

Join us for a unique civilian-military engagement to celebrate the arts in community ~ May 19-23, 2023

At the ARTSPACE ~ 12th and Indiana, Alamogordo NM

FRIDAY MAY 19th

**An Original Musical**

**GHOST TOWN: A Southwest Fable**

Written and Directed by Air Force Veteran Nathan Young, Alamogordo Experimental Theater  
Doors Open 6:45pm \* Veteran-Civilian dialogue immediately following the show

SUNDAY MAY 21st through  
TUESDAY MAY 23rd

**VISUAL ARTS**

on display in our beautiful gallery

Sunday 1-7pm  
Monday & Tuesday 3-6pm

**Admission FREE for All Events**  
**Donations Appreciated**

SUNDAY  
MAY 21st

**LIVE MUSIC &  
PERFORMANCES**

3-7pm

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**COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE**

starting at 6pm

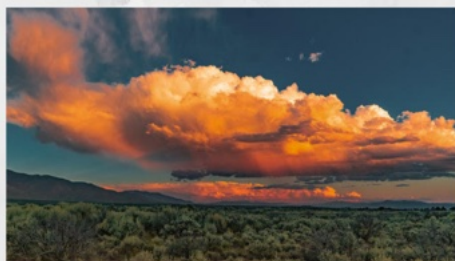
All invited, no experience necessary.  
Percussion instruments provided or bring your own.

**HAPPENING RIGHT NOW AT  
THE ARTSPACE!**



Otero Arts First Friday Exhibitions

**Jean Templeton**  
Photographer



Reception

April 7, 2023  
Opening 5 - 7 PM

Exhibit open Thurs - Sun 1-4 PM  
Continuing Thru April 2023

[www.oteroarts.org](http://www.oteroarts.org)

Artspace

1118 Indiana Ave.  
Alamogordo NM

Support the Arts

**Artist Application Deadline: 21 April 2023**

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Regarding May 6th Writers' Workshop/Other Event Details, Contact: **LORI ARELLA 845-797-3642**

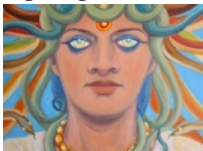
## PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Welcome to our April/May newsletter. We have just finished up the very successful exhibition of children's art from our local schools. We plan to increase programming for children this year, so watch for these newsletters and check our website for updates.

April and May are going to be interesting, too. April will showcase the photography of Jean Templeton. May will showcase the creativity of Maria Aragon (yours truly). Our reading series continues with Michael McGarrity April 21st. There will be a weekend dedicated to Veterans with performances and a pop up art show: May 19th - 23rd.

We are grateful for our members' participation. Our Annual Meeting is in June and we look forward to seeing you there to help us pick a new President and Board Members.

Maria Aragon  
V.P. (Acting President)



## Notes from the February and March Board meetings:

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report: Jan: Income: \$701, Exp: \$2413, ending Bal for January: \$15451; Feb: Income: \$1652, Exp: \$4247, Bal: \$12,856.

## Committee Reports:

**Membership:** As of the March meeting, there are almost 75 members, new and renewed. The newsletter is being distributed publicly now and a wire stand will be purchased to be placed Lowe's Grocery.

**Program:** Due to receiving a Military Grant, a Veteran's Art Showcase is set for May. The Experimental Theater Group will present an original musical during that week. Michael McGarrity, well known NM author, will be holding a reading and book signing in April. Board will sponsor 2 one-week-long vocal music camp for kids.

**Grant:** The Thrive Grant committee will visit to tour the facility, Working on Community Foundation Grant and a possible PNM grant

**Fundraising:** An Ice Cream Social and Silent Auction will be held June 11

**Budget:** Budget for 23/24 was presented and will be resubmitted in different form.

In February, Chris Carson tendered his resignation as Chair due to lack of time because of work.

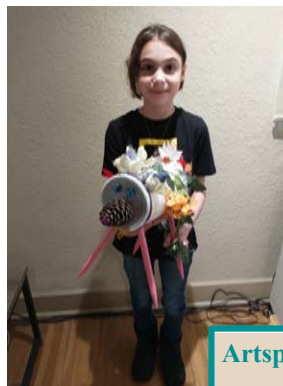
In March, the Conflict of Interest Policy was approved. Comments on the upcoming Annual Meeting in June included discussion of necessity of electing new Chair.

*Don't forget: the Artspace is open for rentals for your group's events. Call 446-3880.*



*The OAI Membership Committee, the ones responsible for the monthly Meet and Greets have decided, after much discussion and input from members, to change the monthly date for our get-togethers to the 1st Thursday of the month due to scheduling conflicts. We also intend to schedule one each quarter in order to accomodate those members not able to join together during the weekday mornings visits. Looking forward to seeing you on April 6 AND May 4!*

## Children's Art Workshop in March



## PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR JUNE! Fundraiser for OAI

**Ice Cream Social & Silent Auction**

**June 11, 3 - 5pm**

Otero Artspace  
\$2.00 per Person  
\$5.00 per Family



Sponsored by Otero Arts Inc.  
1118 Indiana Ave  
oteroarts.org

The JumpStart meetings for MainStreet's Arts & Culture District Designation are being led by state facilitator Michelle Negrette. It has been a comprehensive planning process that is helping identify stakeholders, the assets we have, and potential projects to test feasibility and the collaborations themselves. We are making progress!



**April: 11th: State Street Ballet: "The Jungle Book", 7pm, premiere series.**

**May: Children's Music Theater presents "The Lion King Jr.", 5th & 6th, 7 pm; 7th, 2pm matinee & 12th & 13th, 7 pm**

Artspace is located at 12th and Indiana, Alamogordo, NM

**mailing address:** PO Box 2252, Alamogordo, NM 88311

Call 575-446-3880,

oteroartsinc@gmail.com

www.oteroarts.org, FB: Otero Arts Inc.

**Monthly Board meetings every 2nd Tuesday**

**@ the Artspace, 1:30 - 3 pm**

## Board Members and Officers:

**Acting President:** Maria Aragon, aragon64@yahoo.com

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# OTERO ARTS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS @ the Artspace, 12th & Indiana

## April 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 26	27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1
	7p Experimental Theater Group			5:30p Belly Dance Classes		
Apr 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	7p Experimental Theater Group			10a Members Meet and Greet 5:30p Belly Dance Classes	5:30p First Friday, Artist Exhibition: Jean Templeton, photographer	1p Artist Exhibition: Jean... 11:30a Walking History Tour
Apr 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Artist Exhibition: Jean... 1p	7p Experimental Theater Group	1:30p OAI Board meeting @ Artscape		1p Artist Exhibition: Jean Templeton 5:30p Belly Dance Classes		
Apr 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Artist Exhibition: Jean... 1p	7p Experimental Theater Group			1p Artist Exhibition: Jean Templeton 5:30p Belly Dance Classes	5:30p Reading Series: Michael McGarrity	
Apr 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Artist Exhibition: Jean... 1p	7p Experimental Theater Group			1p Artist Exhibition: Jean Templeton 10a Membership committee 5:30p Belly Dance Classes		12p Tularosa Wine & Art...
Apr 30	May 1	2	3	4	5	6
Artist Exhibition: Jean... 1p Tularosa Wine & Art... 12p	7p Experimental Theater Group			10a Members Meet and Greet 5:30p Belly Dance Classes		

Art Exhibition Artists' samples:  
Jean Templeton



## Otero Arts Reading Series

Michael McGarrity

April 21, 6 pm  
at the Artspace



Michael McGarrity, known for his Kevin Kerney crime novels and his Trilogy, *Hard Country*, *Backlands*, and *The Last Ranch*, will read from his recent work.

1118 Indiana Ave. Alamogordo, NM

Tularosa Wine and Art Festival: April 29th & 30th, from noon on

800 3rd St. in Tulie on the Catholic Church grounds @ the Pavilion:

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May 2023

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<p>May 7</p> <p>Art Exhibition, Maria... 1p</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7p Experimental Theater Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>1:30p OAI Board meeting @ Artscape</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>1p Artists Exhibition, Maria Aragon 5:30p Belly Dance Classes</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>10a Vintage Carnival, New York Ave. 11:30a Walking History Tour</p>
<p>May 14</p> <p>Artists Exhibition, Ma... 1p</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7p Experimental Theater Group</p>	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>1p Artists Exhibition, Maria Aragon 10a Membership committee 5:30p Belly Dance Classes</p>	19	20
<p>May 21</p> <p>Artists Exhibition, Ma... 1p 12p Veterans Art Showcase</p>	<p>22</p> <p>3p Veterans Arts Showcase 7p Experimental Theater Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>3p</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>1p Artists Exhibition, Maria Aragon 5:30p Belly Dance Classes</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10a Program committee meeting</p>	27
<p>May 28</p> <p>Artists Exhibition, Ma... 1p</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7p Experimental Theater Group</p>	30	31	<p>Jun 1</p> <p>1p Artists Exhibition, Painters/Imagination 10a Members Meet and Greet 5:30p Belly Dance Classes</p>	2	3
<p>Jun 4</p> <p>Artists Exhibition, Pal... 1p</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7p Experimental Theater Group</p>	6	7	<p>8</p> <p>1p Artists Exhibition, Painters/Imagination 5:30p Belly Dance Classes</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>11:30a Walking History Tour</p>

## Artist's Exhibition by Maria Aragon:" Symbolism, Mythology and Fun with Color".



Ghost Town, A Southwestern Fable

Ghost Town is a musical written and directed by Nathan Young and performed by Alamogordo Experimental Theater Company as part of the Veteran's Showcase in conjunction with Otero Arts Inc. on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Otero Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave. Alamogordo. Admission is free to the public.

Ghost Town features original music and poetry telling the stories of the townspeople abandoned by family, friends, and coworkers who left to seek a better life when their ranches and farms were appropriated by large corporations and factories were shut down due to globalization.

This is the first production of the Alamogordo Experimental Theater Company which is dedicated to non-traditional theater and is hosted by Otero Arts Inc.