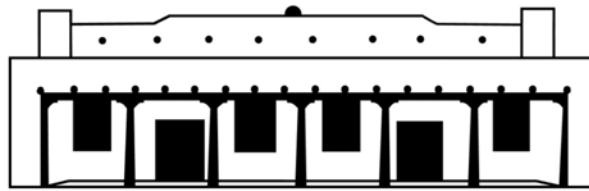


*Otero Arts, Inc. at the Artspace  
Mission Statement: The mission of  
Otero Arts, Inc., is to enrich the lives  
of the people of our community  
through art and culture and foster a  
spirit of mutual support and  
cooperation.*



## OTERO ARTS ARTSPACE

ALAMOGORDO  
CENTER OF COMMERCE  
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Center of Commerce

### August/September

One of the items reported in the annual meeting was the awarding of a grant to OAI by the NM Arts Commission in the amount of \$4667. Chris Jones and Liliame Pilot wrote the grant last year. Plans for that money have resulted in the booking of two classical concerts in the future. Just another example of the diversity and volunteer enthusiasm producing quality artistry for people in Otero County and the realization of so many OAI volunteers' dreams and plans/ideas.

The monthly artist exhibitions that have been happening at the Artspace for a good part of this year are going to be joined by a special one in September: Member Artists' exhibition! A great many of these artists who will be exhibiting have been tireless volunteers for OAI. Please make an effort to come during the show times (every Thurs through Sun, 1-4 in September) and support your fellow members!

### Annual meeting report:

Approximately 20+ OAI members met on June 28 for the first annual meeting of the organization. Chris Carson, as acting President, officiated and remarked to the group that OAI now has almost 100 members

Janet Amtmann gave the Financial Report: \$14K+ is in the bank, and it takes \$13K+ annually to keep the building open. She announced that a grant has been awarded in the amount of \$4667. The Board will be allocating those monies according to grant criteria for fiscal 2022-2023.

In the President's report, Chris also reported that OAI is supporting efforts to develop an Arts & Culture district. He also reported that several groups are now using the building weekly, such as the Alamo Experimental Theater group, and music with House Concerts each month. Art exhibitions have been and will continue to be held every month, featuring local and member artists' works for the public perusal.

Carson explained that he assumed the President's position from VP when Chris Jones, OAI founder, tenured out. He presented a gift of gratitude, a digitized photo of the building by Laurie Baker and framed by Janet, to Chris Jones for his tireless work in organizing and building OAI. He has worked on obtaining grants and leading OAI to what it is today. He also recognized and thanked the hardworking Board.

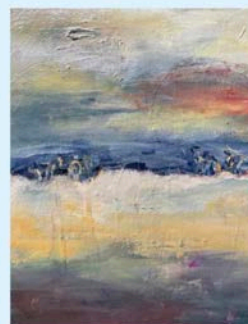
Pennie Espiritu, acting as chair of Nominating Committee, presented those nominated for the Board: Chris Carson, Chris Jones, Janet Amtmann, Judy Reeves, Rochelle Williams, and Pennie Espiritu. Claudia Powell was nominated from the floor. All were elected to the Board. The group then elected the President: Chris Carson, Vice-President: Maria Aragon; Secretary: Ann Beacht. Janet has been serving as Treasurer, but requested to be relieved of her duties so that she can concentrate on her work on the Membership and the Art Show committees. The Board will recruit a new Treasurer from the Board.

### HAPPENING RIGHT NOW AT THE ARTSPACE!



Otero Arts 1st Friday Exhibitions

**Andrea Dante and Dustin Justus**



Abstracts - Dante  
Fine Art Painting



Figurative - Justus  
Fine Art Portraiture

#### Reception

August 5, 2022  
Friday 5 - 7 PM

#### Artspace

1118 Indiana  
Alamogordo NM

Exhibit open Thurs - Sun 1- 4 PM  
until August 31, 2022

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

Support the Arts



**Practicing at the Artspace: Cheryl Hugen is teaching string orchestra (age range of 9 to adult) with plans to perform at nursing homes in the area.**

**Notes on JULY meeting of the Board:** (all meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and are open to members and others interested)

OAI insurance agent met with Board and one of the discussion points was about liquor liability for the building; for the time being, until clarified, no liquor is allowed on the premises.

Treasurer's Report: \$14,578 in bank EOM, total expenses for month was \$983 and income was \$1640

Ann Beacht reported total volunteer hrs for 2nd quarter was 953 for total value of \$20,196. Ann also reported on membership committee and the Board approved a budget of \$30 for mo. meet and greet gatherings for members

Sue Kent reported on fundraising: \$768 from donations and raffle receipts from Nichols Cherry Festival booth. Also noted donation from LOCO CU for purchase of movie projector. The Board is working on getting the JR Willis paintings that originally hung in the Building returned.

## President's Corner Chris Carson



It is a truly exceptional time to be involved in Otero Arts, We have been expanding in membership and have doubled since the beginning of the year. This is incredible but what is even more exciting is the way we are expanding our programming to better support our mission. What wonderful things do we have going on? Here is a short list: Alamogordo Experimental Theater Company; Alamogordo House Concerts at Artspace, art exhibits, A Night at the Movies, and string ensemble Rehearsals. Recently we were awarded an arts grant, so more to come!

### **Volunteer Committee, Ann Beacht:**

According to a familiar song, "Summertime and the livin' is easy...." Well, not really at OA! You can see from the calendars in this newsletter that even in the summer, we have a lot going on at the Artspace. That means we need volunteers helping with a variety of activities: supervising the building, helping the Experimental Theater group with acting or musical skills, and helping some of the standing committees carry out functions (membership, programming, policy, fundraising.)

We encourage you to get involved and help take OA in the direction you'd like to see it go. To that end we invite you to drop by the Artspace on the first Wednesday of the month beginning in September at 10 am for a members' meet and greet. Come sip a beverage and snack on a donut in the lovely Artspace and chat with other members, including Board members and committee chairs. Let's get to know each other and talk about how we can all make Otero County a terrific place for the visual, performing, and literary arts.

**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:**

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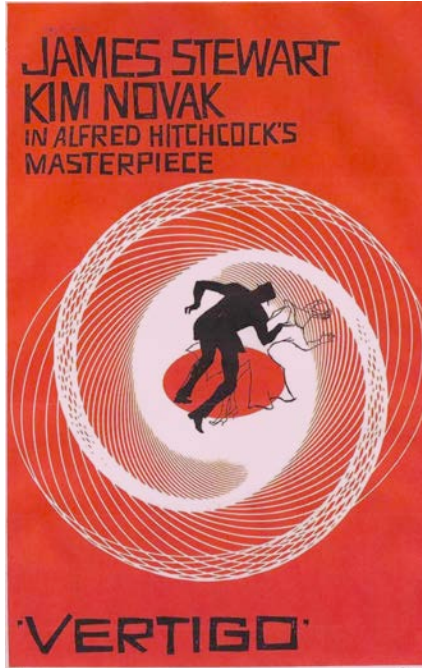
### **August:**

**5 - 7, 12 -14:** Alamogordo Music Theater(AMT) presents Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, 7pm on Fri & Sats., 2 pm on Suns

**20th:** Otero Co. Heritage Festival and Street Dance, 4 -10pm

### **September:**

**9th:** Yesterday, Beatles Tribute, 7 pm



**NEW AT THE ARTSPACE: MOVIE NIGHT! last month, OAI began a new event at the Artspace: Movie night on 3rd Tuesday night beginning @ 7 pm. August 16th movie is "Vertigo", that famous Hitchcock movie starring Jimmy Stewart and Kim Novak. Join us; it's going to be fun!!**



**Did you know your group can rent the Artspace for an event? Just call 575-446-3880 to schedule an event**

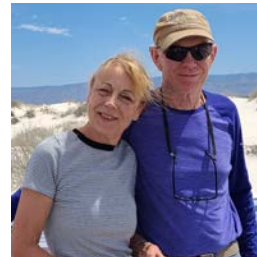
**Want to meet/visit with OAI Members? Join us first Wednesday of each month, beginning in September, 10 a.m Coffee and Treats!**



**WINNER! WINNER!**  
Emily Mick is the winner of the prize basket given out at the Nichols Cherry Festival OAI booth, winning a Goewey pottery item donated by Sue Kent and weaver Cindy Broughton's table scarf and coasters. Many thanks to those also donating to our raffle basket: Alan Hamilton, Victoria's, Asian Garden, Roadrunner Emporium, Heart of the Desert, McGinn's and the Bodega, rounding out the value of the basket @ \$514

## **WHO ARE OUR MEMBERS?**

### **PAIGE VINSON YOUNG**



Paige Vinson and her husband, Nathan Young, are newcomers to Otero County, coming here from New York where Paige was a certified art teacher and MSW school counselor. She met Nathan after being

his granddaughter's art teacher; they have been together for 10 years. They have 3 adult sons and their families back in New York. They moved to Alamogordo because of Nathan's early years growing up on HAFB, buying their home online (which seems to be more and more common.) They joined OAI after Nathan had been working on a project with Chris Jones and are now so involved that they are holding free theater workshops @ the Artspace every Monday evening with the immediate goal of presenting a musical in the fall. Being an art teacher fulfilled Paige's life in two ways: exploring her own artistic life (ceramics, painting, drawing, collages and photography) as well as self-satisfaction of making a difference in her young students' lives, not only introducing them to their own artistic interests but as a positive adult influence (as are the majority of teachers!).

They are happy to be retired and now able to explore and try new interests



**PAIGE VINSON**

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

## August 2022

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31	1 7 PM Alamogordo Experimental Theater Co. workshops	2	3	4 5:30 PM Belly Dance Classes, Contact Claudia Powell @ 575-442-3029	5 5 PM 1st Friday reception, Dante/Justus	6 1 PM Art Exhibit, Dante/Justus
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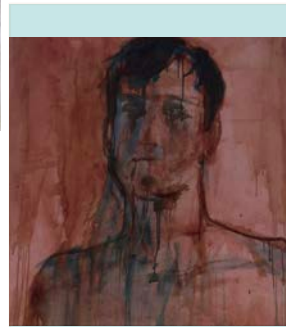
**Andrea Dante:** Ms. Dante's large paintings explore a personal history through the creative process, primarily of drawings and paintings that often centers on horses. Her work is constructed by repeated layers of gesso, charcoal, acrylic, and India ink.

[andreadanteart.com](http://andreadanteart.com)



**Dustin Justus** has found his greatest inspiration is the human form through drawing with charcoal. He uses bold gestures to describe the human form.

**COME BY AND SEE US... EVERY THURSDAY thru SUNDAY, 1 TO 4. WE LOVE TO SHOW OFF OUR ARTSPACE!**



You can find Dustin on FB: **D. Justus**



**House Concert, 8/20, 6 - 9:** McLeod Nine, dynamic duo from Texas, plays swiny, string, funky, folksy acoustic music with roots deep in their Americana past & straight from blues, swing traditions.

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### MEMBER ARTISTS EXHIBITION

Here are just a few Member Artists' work that will be displayed at the Artspace during September, beginning with the 1st Friday reception to open the show. Exhibit is open every Thurs - Sunday during the month.



*Pennie Espiritu, crochet, knit, diamond dots, multimedia*



*Jean Templeton, photo*



**House Concert, 9/17: Captain Klas:** originally from Stockholm, Klas Anman first moved to New Mexico in 2005 and has since toured Europe and Asia with his wife, Audry and their family band, whose

work can best be described as eclectic and genuine with styles of goth, jazz, folk and pagan country.



*Janet Amtmann, plein air pastels*



*Kathy Ramsey, photo*



*Paige Vinson, pen & ink*



*Judy Reeves, watercolor*