



OTERO ARTS NEWS

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3rd Annual Student Art Exhibit



The first Student Art Exhibition in 2022 was the idea of OA member Liliane Pilot. She wanted to give teachers a venue where their students' artwork could be displayed in a gallery-like setting. She contacted principals and art teachers at the elementary, middle and high schools in the area. The rest is history.

Students, teachers and parents have enthusiastically supported Otero Arts student art shows. This year, 9 elementary schools, 2 middle schools and Alamogordo and Mescalero High Schools will be represented. The Student Art Exhibit opens with a reception on April 4th from 4 – 6pm and continues through April 27. The Otero Artspace gallery is open Thursdays through Sundays from 1-4pm.



Back by popular demand: Footprints Jazz Band will return to Otero Arts on May 24th, starting at 7 pm. This unique and popular group will bring first-class jazz to local aficionados.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at www.oteroarts.org or call 575-446-3880 to reserve your spot.

Event supported in part by New Mexico Arts, a division of the Dept. of Cultural Affairs and by the National Endowment of the Arts.

Otero Arts
VETERAN ARTS SHOWCASE
MAY 2025

Proudly presenting
MILITARY-CONNECTED ARTISTS
Servicemembers, Veterans and their Families
Writers, Visual Artists, Performers

MAY 2025 OTERO ARTSPACE- 12th and Indiana , Alamogordo NM

Otero Arts, Inc, with a grant from NMArts, will host our third Veteran Arts Showcase throughout May 2025. The Showcase is founded on the understanding that the arts bring together diverse communities and offer unique pathways to healing.

The month-long Showcase opens at 5pm on Friday May 2nd. The Showcase exhibit of visual arts will be on display in the gallery, free and open to the public, Thursday - Sunday from 1-4pm, May 3rd through May 25th.

Plan to join us at 5:30pm every Friday May 2 to May 23rd for deeply moving civilian-military engagement with writers and performers, exploring themes of military service and the human impact of war.

2025 SHOWCASE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- * **May 2:** Opening Ceremony with Presentation of Colors by the Alamogordo HS ROTC. Gallery Opens 5pm.
- * **May 9 @ 5:30pm:** Veteran Writers Workshop (pre-registration required, Civilians Welcome).
- * **May 16 @ 5:30pm:** Open Mic for readings and performers.
- * **May 23 @ 5:30pm:** Civilian Veteran Dialogue: Music, readings and candid discourse, with special guest Everett Cox, Vietnam Veteran and Warrior Writer contributor, who will share his original piece, *Crazy Vet*.
- * **May 24@ 2-5pm:** In addition to our Friday night events, on Saturday the 24th, guest presenter Cox will return to co-host a presentation about how a variety of expressive arts are assisting veterans to truly "come home" after military service. This Saturday event will include a short film from Exit 12 Dance, selected readings by participants in our own writers program and Combat paper.
- * **May 25 @ 2-4pm:** Showcase Closing Ceremony and Annual Community Drum Circle-- All ages encouraged, bring your drum or use one of ours, no experience necessary.

All Showcase events are free to the public -- donations always appreciated.

Applications by visual artists, writers and performers are due April 15, 2025. All military-connected (Active Duty, Veterans and their Families) are encouraged to apply.

Find application and updates about the Showcase events at oteroarts.org or contact the Showcase Chair Lori Arella: drlori@gmail.com or call: (845)797-3642.



APRIL 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 3: First Thursdays **Members Meet & Greet** at Artspace, 10 to noon. Join us for coffee, conversation and community. **DEMO: Christina Martinez will present a demonstration, "Working with Epoxy".**

April 3: Belly dance classes **every Thursday begins @ 5:30.** Contact Claudia Powell, claudia@tularosa.net for details.

April 8: OA Board Meeting, 1:30 pm. All members are welcome.

April 12: 10 am, Ewetopian Weavers group. Contact Cindy @ 708broughten@gmail.com.

3RD Annual Student Art Exhibit



Over 300 people helped welcome young artists from Alamogordo and Tularosa schools who displayed their work at the Reception held for the Student Art Exhibition in 2024.

Check this year's display every Thursday through Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 pm in April, beginning with the Artists' First Friday rßception, on April 4, from 5 - 7 pm.

Free Art Workshops

April 12: All Ages Workshop: Matisse Cut-Outs -paper cutting art
Children's workshop: 10 - 12 noon
Adult Workshop: 1 - 3 pm
Call 575-446-3880 to reserve a spot.



Cut-Outs: raw materials (paper and gouache) combined: paint sheets of paper with gouache, then cut shapes and arrange into

Otero Arts is in dire need of volunteer help: people who would be willing to Chair the Grant Committee. The Board is also in need of a Secretary. Won't you consider helping out? Everything we do is done by volunteers and we need you!



April 15: OA, in continuing co-sponsorship with Jornada Research Insititue (JRI), presents OA member Joan Price, MFA. She will be speaking on Money Runs Uphill: The Privatization of a Commonwealth in Southern NM, which explores the cultural history of Tularosa, known for its equitable irrigation and traditional settlement practices.



Joan will be speaking at the Artspace, beginning at 6 pm. Here Joan stands at one of the many irrigation canals in Tularosa's original ditch irrigation system which provides water for the village's street trees and gardens that make the village an oasis in the desert. Most of the original acequia system remains intact.

OTERO ARTS READING SERIES PRESENTS:

April 18 @ the Artspace, 6 -8 pm



Natachee Momaday Gray is a Santa Fe poet and filmmaker whose work focuses on the melding of art and myth, ancestry and nostalgia, food and prayer, glamour, frivolity and time. She comes from a long lineage of storytellers and honors this tradition. Her debut poetry collection, "Silver Box", has garnered praise and esteem across the board. Ms. Momaday Gray holds numerous awards including the Lena Todd award for poetry.

Don't forget: the Artspace is available for rent for your groups' meetings, events, etc. Call 202-340-7085 for more information and reservation.



MAY 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 1: First Thursdays Members Meet & Greet at Artspace, 10 to noon. Join us for coffee, conversation and community. **ARTIST DEMONSTRATION: Pennie Espiritu will demonstrate the Busted Canvas process.**

May 1: Belly dance classes every Thursday begins @ 5:30, contact Claudia Powell, claudia@tularosa.net. email for details.

VETERAN ARTS SHOWCASE

The month-long Showcase opens at 5 pm on Friday, May 2nd. The visual arts exhibit includes paintings and sculptures from more than a dozen military-connected arts. The gallery is open every Thursday through Sunday afternoons from 1 - 4 every week.



"Warm Embrace", Anne Aleshire



"Chil of the Mountain", Anne Aleshire



"Sasebo Japan", Richard Varney



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Free Art Workshops

May 10th: All Ages Workshop: Mini-Murals (free expression painting)
Class times are: Kids: 10 to noon
Adults: 1 to 3 pm

Call 575-446-3880 to reserve a spot!



May 13: OA Board Meeting (2nd Tues) 1:30 at the Artspace. All members welcome.



May 20: 6pm, David Bustos, Acting Supt, WSNP will speaking under invitation of OA and JRI at the Artspace: "Pleistocene-age Tracks-the Inter-relations between Humans and Extinct Megafauna from the shoreline of Ancient Lake Otero". Bustos is currently the Intergrated Resource Program Manager at WSNP and is responsible for the management of the park's cultural and natural resources and has investigated human and mega fauna footprints throughout the park.



May 23, 5:30 pm: *Civilian Vet Dialogue* with readings and special guest Everett Cox, Vietnam Vet and Warrior Writer contributor who will share his original piece, "Crazy Vet".

Sunday Afternoon Matinee

May 25th, 2 pm @ the Artspace

Mary Cassatt: Painting the Modern Woman (Exhibition on Screen Film Series)



Mary Cassatt (1814 – 1926) made a career painting the lives of the women around her. Radical for the time, her images showed women as intellectual, curious and engaging, a major shift in the way they appeared in art. Presenting her astonishing prints, pastels, and paintings, this film introduces us to the often overlooked American impressionist whose own career was as full of contradiction as the women she painted.

HEADS UP, MEMBERS:

June 1st is the date for the yearly OA Fundraiser, the Ice Cream Social and Silent Auction. This is a major event for OA and the Silent Auction has been a big part of the day. Those attending get the opportunity to bid on some really fantastic items. In the past, they have included outdoor seating furniture and tickets to Santa Fe Opera rehearsals. This year, we have added an Art Bazaar that will feature art books and art-related items on a Buy It Now Table. Please help us out with donations to be auctioned off. Please contact us @ 575-446-3880 or by email: oteroartsinc@gmail.com. Thanks, see you there!





MEMBERSHIP/LOCAL PARTNERS

MEMBERSHIP...THE LIFE BLOOD OF OTERO ARTS

All of the programs presented to the community only happen through the work of member volunteers. Thanks to the following new (2) and renewed (13) members for joining us in February and March for a total of 131 members to date: Renewed for Feb/Mar:

Chris Jones Susan and Scott Goewey
Josette and Tommie Herrell
Linda Barker Jeff and Donna Swanson
Phillip Jones George Atencio
Briget Price Sue Kent & Chris Ward

WELCOME our new members:
Erin Carmody Jan Huang

Come be a part of this vital project!

HEADS UP!! Coming up early JUNE@ ARTSPACE: more info in next newsletter

June 6th through 8th, four performances by Rebel Music Theater who will present a new Revue titled *Broadway- No Rules*. go to oteroartsinc.org for ticket info.



1st Annual Color Fest Fun Run

April 26 @ Griggs Field, 8 am.

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Welcome to our April/May newsletter. We are as busy as ever with exhibitions and upcoming events. May is dedicated to Veterans' art, so if you haven't yet, consider submitting your artwork to us for display.

by Maria Aragon



We need donations for our Children's October workshop: Make Your Own Costumes. We need clean clothing for repurposing, and we need trims, lace, anything that the kids can use to make their costumes interesting. We are also seeking donations for a special fundraising sale in June: art, good quality craft items, and art books. Please contact us if you have anything you would like to donate.

Rebel Theater is planning another Broadway themed show in June. So, we're BUSY! And it's a good thing. Thank you for your support. We appreciate it. Maria Aragon, President

The Cloudercroft Art Society will open its season Memorial Day weekend, May 25 & 26 from 10 - 3 each day in the Nivison Library. Continuing through summer and fall, CAS Gallery hours are Saturdays only from 10-3. For inquiries, contact lynbrugman@gmail.com

LOCAL EVENTS:



April 4: Jarabe Mexicano, 7 pm
April 24: Ronstadt Revue, 7pm. go to flickingercenter.com for tickets.



@The Flickinger: CMT presents "Tarzan, The Stage Musical", April 11, 12, 7 pm, 13th @ 2 pm & April 18 & 19, 7pm

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

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