

OTERO ARTS ARTSPACE

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.

Aug/Sept, 2023

As OA grew in membership and programs during 2022 and into 2023, it became clear that forging partnerships with other local non-profit organizations would be beneficial in expanding our community outreach. Here are the partnerships we are developing and brief comments on how these other non-profits interface with OA:

Alamogordo Public Schools— Collaborated on a highly successful student art show at the ArtSpace last March;

Alamogordo Main Street— Partnering to pursue a state-authorized designation for Alamogordo as an art and cultural district through the NM Main Street Jump Start program;

Otero County Boys and Girls Club— Supporting art appreciation and art education for children. We have an on-going art supply drive and deliver art supplies to the club from a collection bin at Art Space.

Maingate/ Holloman Spouses— Helping to educate the Holloman population about available art and culture programming. Holloman Spouses supported our recent Ice Cream Social and Silent Auction.

Annual Meeting Report: June 13, 2023

Approximately 20 OAI members attended the Annual Meeting in June. During the meeting, minutes from the 2022 meeting were approved and a Treasurer's Report was presented. The main objective of the meeting was to elect officers and Board Members. Officers for the coming year are: Maria Aragon, President; Janet Amtmann, Vice-President, Ann Beacht, Secretary and Sue Preslar, Treasurer. New Board members elected were Shari Adkisson and Carol Hernandez.

Other Items discussed/reported were:

1. The Ice Cream Social raised \$4300+, thanks to the volunteers and donations for the Silent Auction.
2. A storage facility has been rented for storage of staging items, records, etc.
3. A member suggested that OAI consider buying a "piano" type instrument for future musical events



Shari Adkisson



Carol Hernandez



A fond and grateful farewell to Chris Carson, past President, who is onto his next life's adventure. Chris is moving to Gallop and taking a position in the schools as drama teacher. A perfect fit with all this man has to give! Best wishes and THANK YOU, Chris



Past Presidents Chris and Chris, Jones (left) and Carson! (courtesy of Ann Bagby)

HEADS UP!.. MEMBERS AND ARTISTS: FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR UPCOMING CALENDAR:

OA's October Plein Air Workshop will be held October 12 – 14th lead by Santa Fe artist Anita Louise West. She has taught many plein aire workshops in New Mexico, the US and Europe. She will teach and demonstrate in acrylic, oils and pastels. The 3 days will each have a demonstration with emphasis on concept, composition, technique patterns, etc. 10 places are available. Cost is \$150.00 for the 3 days.

November Member's Show will open on Nov. 3rd. Time to get busy creating new work to show. Applications will be going out to OA members in September with a deadline of October 10th. As usual you can submit 3 examples of your work in .jpg format.

December First Annual Holiday Artisan Sale to be held on December 1 & 2 and Dec. 8 & 9. Mary Barce is co-chairing this event. An application will be circulated to OA members first and then the general artisan network in Las Cruces, Ruidoso, and Cloudcroft. Cost is \$25 per table per weekend. Details will be forthcoming.

Kids' Workshops: August is writing and illustrating a short story. September's focus is on drawing and watercolor. October will be clay. In November, kids will create folk art from recycled materials. Maria Aragon and Liliane Pilot are heading up these kid-related workshops.



Thanks to the tireless work of Sue Kent, Chair, and committee, the first Ice Cream Social fundraiser was a huge success: \$4600 was raised by approx. 70 attendees to help pay the bills and it would not have been possible without the following generous donations of these OAI supporters:

- Albertsons ** Janet & Jurgen Amtmann
- Ann Beacht **Dancing Dog Gallery** Maria Aragon Art Nails ** Asian Gardens ** Home Depot
- Rochelle Williams** Bella Pella Salon ** Caliche's
- Chris Edwards/Roadrunner Emporium ** Globug
- Cindy Broughton ** Nathan & Paige Young
- Susan and Scott Goewey ** Good News Thrift Store
- Lowe's Lumber ** Victoria's ** Cindy Williams
- La Bodega ** Les Combes Winery ** Rocket City
- Travis Marshall Metal Art ** Helgi Osterrich
- Dennis Pakula ** Sue Preslar ** Danielle Rondelez
- Tularosa Basin Historical Soc. ** Chris Ward

Greetings.

Welcome to the August/September newsletter crammed with the latest info about past, current and upcoming events. As you can see, we're busy and getting busier thanks to your support.

Volunteers are more than welcome to help out with events and sitting the exhibitions. We are also seeking someone to run our bimonthly Film Program. If you love film and want to introduce people to classic cinema, please contact us.

Starting in July, we kicked off our series of monthly children's workshops with the Collage/Paper Art workshop on the 22nd. In August, Liliane Pilot heads the Children's Story Workshop and in September there will be a Drawing and Watercolor workshop, in which we will teach techniques. We are planning two more workshops for October and November. Watch for our flyers with the dates and contact information!

Thank you for your support.

We truly appreciate it and could do nothing without it.

Maria Aragon,
President of Otero Arts.



Notes from the July Board meetings:

Treasurer's Report: June: Income: \$17,394.85 , Exp: \$1890.64 ending balance for June 30, 2023: \$28,568.61

YEAR END REPORT for 22/23 fiscal year: Income: \$26,735.30, Expenses: \$27,922.12

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Grant: Otero Arts has, thankfully, thus far been awarded \$15,199 by two granting sources in New Mexico. We received \$2000 from the Devasthali Family Foundation to support our Visual Arts Program. From New Mexico Arts, a division of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a \$2000 grant to support our Veteran Arts Showcase, as well as a total of \$11,199 over two years to support our Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts Programs. These programs are a blessing to a small organization such as ours.

Volunteer: Shari Adkisson is the new chair with new plans to improve scheduling. Ann Beacht was thanked for her tireless work.

Program: A Plein Air Workshop is planned for October. Looking for a new person to help start the Movie Nights back up.

Fundraising: Rochelle Williams, new Chair, announced a capital campaign in January, 2024 with a \$2500 pledge from Construction Reporter to begin the project.

Landscape: Expecting the County to proceed with rock landscape in the fall.

Community Affiliations: Ann Beacht reported that OA is forming affiliations with of local non-profits: APS, Main Street, Boys and Girls Club, Main Gate and Holloman Spouses.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The County will be approached for a month-long loan of the JR Willis paintings to be exhibited at the Artspace along with a collection of WPA art reproductions and a featured history lecture.
2. The Board elected to purchase the lighting/sound equipment from Chris Carson. The Board also appointed Ann Beacht to research purchase of a electronic piano.

CALL 575-437-2202 FOR MORE INFO

AUGUST: 4th thru 6th and 11 & 12: The Little Mermaid presented by Alamogordo Music Theater
19th: 2nd Annual Otero Co. Heritage Festival & Street Dance, 4 - 10 pm

SEPTEMBER: 28th: Exile, (Premier Series), 7 pm



ALAMOGORDO MAINSTREET



Oh no! the dreaded Orange Barrels are coming to New York Avenue! But...wait...this is a good thing! Hear us out: Main Street Makeover has big plans for New York Avenue....\$3.5M worth! Beginning in January, 2024, the street will be closed for a year or up to 18 months for the following: In 2 phases, new utilities (beginning in Jan) and then 2nd phase will be streetscape improvements, including trees, new sidewalks, benches, lightposts, etc. Funded by the NM Economic Development Dpt under the name of "Great Blocks Project", New York Avenue is looking at a tremendous economic value when finished and fulfilling the hopes and promises of local leaders in the Main Street organization.

Therefore, big changes are also coming to Boles Road! This is the alleyway directly behind the businesses on the east side of New York Ave in the 900 block. Main Street just received a grant from AARP, called "Side Street Art project", for \$12,600 to develop this space to attract people to a welcoming art walkway downtown.

This area will also provide store access to businesses during the time the city will have New York Ave closed for construction early 2024. We'll keep you updated!

Another successful Reading Series with Joshua Wheeler on 7/21. A full house! Don't miss the next one in October!



Congratulations to one of our own: Janet Amtmann. Janet's "Fall Magic" was accepted into the Plein Aire Painters of NM National Show that will open on Sept. 1 @ Legends of the West Gallery in Santa Fe. The show will be open through Sept. 15h. An impressive recognition.

Artspace is located at 12th and Indiana,
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:

President: Maria Aragon, aragon64@yahoo.com
VP: Janet Amtmann, janet.amtmann@gmail.com

Secretary: Ann Beacht, rbeacht@aol.com

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Judy Reeves, rmjlreeves@gmail.com
Chris Jones, fooie@tularosa.net

Ongoing Events @ the Artspace:

2nd Tuesday: OAI Board meeting: 1:30...all members welcome!

Thursdays: Shuvani Studio Belly Dance Lessons, 5:30 pm, contact Claudia Powell @ claudia@tularosa.net

1st Thursdays: Members Appreciation Meet and Greet, 10 am.

1st Fridays: Artists Reception for monthly Artists Exhibitions. AUGUST: GABE MAUGER AND LYNDA BRUGMAN, 5 to 7 pm. Monthly Exhibition, open to the public, begins following day and open to public every Thursday through Sunday, 1 - 4 pm

2nd Saturday: Walking Tour makes a stop at the Artspace, about 11:30, Want to join? contact: Chris Edwards @ 707-880-6238

ARTIST EXHIBITION: Gabe Mauger and Lynda Brugman

Lynda Brugman

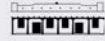
is an award-winning nature photographer and is President of the Cloudercroft Art Society, member of OAI and resides in La Luz.



Gabe Mauger is a recent graduate of NMSUA in Computer Science and is a musician and photographer living in Alamogordo.



HAPPENING RIGHT NOW AT THE ARTSPACE!



Otero Arts First Friday Exhibitions

Lynda Brugman & Gabe Mauger Photographers



Reception
August 4, 2023
Opening 5 - 7 PM

Artspace
1118 Indiana Ave.
Alamogordo NM

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

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FREE KID'S ART WORKSHOPS

Sponsored by Otero Arts Inc.

AUGUST 12: WRITING WORKSHOP FOR AGES 8+ (10 TO 2PM)

BRING A SNACK EVERYONE HAS A STORY!

10 - 2PM KIDS WILL BE GUIDED THROUGH WRITING A SHORT STORY AND CREATING THEIR OWN BOOK. COME WITH AN IDEA OR FIND ONE AT THE WORKSHOP!

TO RESERVE A PLACE IN THE WRITING WORKSHOP CALL: 575-551-4485

Next Workshop:

September 23: Drawing and Watercolor

Otero Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave. Alamogordo oteroarts.org

Join us for a Meet and Greet

Thursday August 3, 10 am at the Artspace Coffee cookies and conversation

Members Appreciation
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Alamogordo Main Street: Downtown Nites Block Party, First



Fridays, 5 to 9 pm (Aug. 4 & Sept. 1)

Join the vibrant Downtown Nites community on New York Ave. every first Friday of the month for an enchanting evening filled with art, entertainment and lively atmosphere.

ARTISTS: we offer a limited no. of spots for artists to participate on first-come, first-served basis, deadline for participation is Tuesday before the event.

CLOUDCROFT ART WORKSHOPS

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| | qiang (pronounced "Chong Wong") huang oil "Figurative Painting in Landscapes" July 31-Aug 3 | |
| | suzy 'pal' powell aug 7-10 mixed-media collage "Creation In Collage" | |

August 4th, 5th and 6th
Cloudercroft Zenith Park
contact coolcloudercroft.com for details

Are You a Film Buff?

OA's Movie Nights Program is in need of a new director. You would select movies, order them through the licensing agency, conduct a brief talk before each movie and oversee the set up and breakdown for the space. If interested, contact Chris Jones at foie@tularosa.net.. He can answer any questions you have about the program.

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

SEPTEMBER, 2023

Ongoing Events @ the Artspace:

Mondays: Experimental Theater group, contact Paige Vinson @paigevinson57@gmail.com

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ARTISTS' EXHIBITION. September Artists are ANN BEACHT AND ANN BAGBY, original members of OAI

Painting is ANN BEACHT's hobby. The retired educator did not begin to paint until she was nearly 60. A chance encounter with Las Cruces artist Julie Oliver led to weekly painting sessions for about 15 years where Ann painted along with a group of painters that would ultimately become the Artist Guild of Southern NM.

Ann enjoys painting in her studio and en plein aire. She paints mostly still life and landscapes.



Artists Exhibitions begin on First Friday and then show at the Artspace every Thursday through Sunday, 1-4 pm of each month. Please come support our local artists!

ANN BAGBY:

Ann is a figurative, narrative painter and colorist working primarily with oils, pastels and salvaged materials. Grew up in a small town in Nebraska in a music-oriented family.

Majored in vocal music at college and studied art. Held jobs in graphic design/advertising, continuing to paint. Moved to Alamogordo in 1998, and spends her time painting, helping organize non-profit art org. and singing.



Join us for a Meet and Greet

Thursday September, 7
10 am
at the Artspace
Coffee
cookies
and conversation

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FREE KIDS ART WORKSHOPS

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SEPTEMBER 23: DRAWING & WATERCOLOR
FOR AGES 8+ (10 TO 1PM)
BRING A SNACK

KIDS WILL BE GUIDED IN DRAWING LIGHT & SHADOW, SKETCH BASIC OBJECTS AND USE WATERCOLOR. THEY WILL GO HOME WITH PENCILS AND PAINTS TO WORK ON THEIR OWN.

TO RESERVE A PLACE IN THE WORKSHOP
EMAIL: MARIAARAGON64@GMAIL.COM

Next Workshop:

October 7, Creating with Clay

Otero Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave. Alamogordo
oteroarts.org



TWO AppleFestivals on weekend of Sept. 16th & 17th in High Rolls (56 Cottage Row) and Nichols Ranch (236 Cottonwood Cyn), both start at 9 until 5

Sept. 1, 5-9 pm, New York Ave.

DOWNTOWN NITES

OTERO COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

OTERO COUNTY FAIR!!
Sept. 21st through 24th

Huge local County Event:
Fair exhibits, Rodeo AND Fairway Rides!

Exhibits include Fine Arts and Photography. Entries due by Sat., 9/16, 9 - noon AND Monday, 9/18, 3 to 6 pm at the Fairgrounds.

go to oterocountyfair.com for rules and Entry Forms.

LET'S GO TO THE FAIR!

Lumberjack Days in Cloudcroft, 9/16, beginning 8 am., Zenith Park



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