OTERO ARTS NEWS

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In August, OA held their annual meeting and the following were elected to the Board of Directors:



Kim Melton was elected Board President during the annual meeting. Kim has been an active volunteer and is now set to lead OA for the next 2 years. Kim and her husband, Glenn, have been active in the community since moving here. She is an artist: a fine art photographer and photo encaustic artist. Photo encaustic involves layering photographs with heated wax and pigments .



Barbara Hughes is a jewelry artist specializing in unique chain maille silver work. She and her husband moved to Alamo 10 years ago after retiring from MN where she worked in a licensed sport memorabilia company, working in promotions. She has been an OA volunteer as a exhibition guide, helping keep the Artspace open for visitors and she is now member of the membership committee.



Marlene Mankey has been an invaluable exhibition guide for OA. She has lived in Alamo since 2020, moving here to join her son. She has a very interesting and eclectic history: As a youngster, she was an accomplished artist earning a Norman Rockwell scholarship. She has worked in fashion couture and spent 10 years working in the movie industry in executive production.



Paula Daniels is from Southeastern NM and has lived with her husband (Paul) in this community for over 25 years. She began college as an art major and is passionate about "All Things Art"! She serves on the membership committee and is an active Otero Arts volunteer who participates in the Adult Art classes, Film series, Reading series and Concert events.





OTERO ARTS 2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our 6th Annual Membership Drive kicks off in November with an Open House on November 8th at the Artspace, from 1 to 3 pm.

Here is a reminder of the benefits of membership:

- **Monthly Meet and Greets with artists' presentations, cookies and coffee.**
- **Advance notice of events and early access to ticket sales.**
- **The bi-monthly newsletter sent to you to keep you abreast of upcoming events and other OA and local arts news.**
- **Minutes of each Board meeting sent to your email so you have access to how OA is conducting business.**
- **Participation in the yearly Members' Art Exhibition.**
- **Vote for Board of Directors and Officers.**

Please consider renewing. OA needs your support to carry out its programming and to continue to bring new opportunities for arts and cultural activities to our Otero County community. This non-profit organization is totally run by volunteers. There is no paid staff and we pay our rent to Otero County for the use of the building through volunteer hours.

Above we listed the tangible benefits of your membership, but perhaps an even more gratifying benefit to consider is that you would continue to be a part of an organization that in a brief six years has consistently and successfully delivered on its mission: *To enrich the lives of the people of our community through art and culture and to foster a spirit of mutual support and cooperation through the arts.*

Thank you.
Ann Beacht, Membership Chairman
Otero Arts, Inc.

Don't forget to interact with Otero Arts at our website: oteroarts.org or FB: Otero Arts Inc.

OCTOBER 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Otero Arts

Oct 1: First Thursdays MEET AND GREET, 10 to 11:30 am. Join us for coffee, conversation and community.

ARTIST DEMO: Pennie Espiritu will demonstrate making paper pumpkins.

Oct. 8: Belly dance classes **every Thursday begin @ 5:30.** Contact Claudia Powell, claudia@tularosa.net for details.

Oct. 13: 1:30 @the Artspace: Board meeting. Members are always welcome and appreciated.

Free Art Workshops

ALL AGES WORKSHOP
for October is to be held on October 10th (2nd Saturday)
Imani Paper Pumpkins
Pennie Espiritu will be the instructor



Contact mariaaragon64@gmail.com to reserve a spot or sign up via website: www.oteroarts.org

Funded by Thrive! of SoNM



There are still spaces available for this popular workshop, please contact us at oteroartsinc@gmail.com if you wish to participate.

Oct.17: 7pm, Baroque Chamber Ensemble Concert. *Music of Bach, Vivaldi, Handel and Scarlatti. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased at www.oteroarts.org. Funded by NEA and Creative West.*



Otero Arts presents Stan Ford, nature photographer and Otero Arts member, in a solo show for October. The Opening Reception will be held on Friday, October 2nd, 5 to 7 pm at the Artspace. The Exhibit is open free to the public and continues during October every Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 4 pm each day until the exhibit closes on October 24th.



This past May, Ford was the artist-in-residence at the Valles Caldera Natl. Park. This was the third time he has been selected by the Natl. Park Service to teach photography at one of their parks. "Most of the workshops have been centered upon night photography...and this year, the class was fortunate to see the Northern Light," said Ford.
Ford will be at the Artspace on Fri., the 9th to meet with members and photographers. ***Please come and Meet the Artist from 1 to 4 pm on Wednesday, the 9th.***

Otero Arts Reading Series has set Oct. 16th for the next Reading Series event. Jennifer Givhan is a Mexican-American and Indigenous poet/novelist from the Desert Southwest. She has received fellowships from the NEA and PEN/Rosenthal Emerging Voices,and she has also won the SWBook Award. She is the authorof 7 poetry collections and 5 novels. Her newest novel is *The Sleeping Sisters.* She writes and lives with her family in New Mexico. Join us on the 16th to meet this New Mexico author at the Artspace at 6pm!



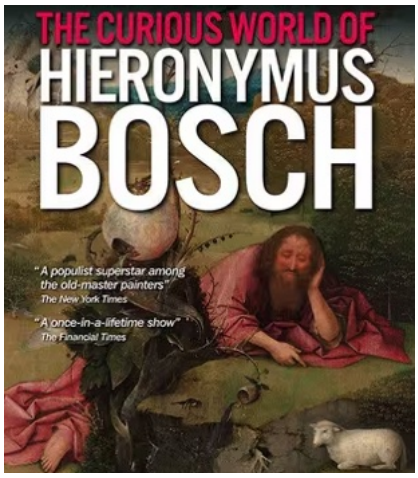
JORNADA RESEARCH INSTITUTE
History Archaeology Natural Science

Otero Arts, in partnership with JRI, presents monthly lectures by JRI associates on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The JRI lecture is set for Oct. 20th, beginning at 6 pm, and the subject is to be *Historic Cairo and Ancient Nile Explorations, by Dave Greenwald.*



The evening's presentation travels along to learn of the sites and monuments that will be visited by his tour group later in Oct/Nov. Explore with Dave the great pyramids and go inside the Pyramid of Khufu, visit the great Sphinx and learn about the greater Giza Necropolis.

MOVIES @ the ARTSPACE



Otero Arts Film Series continues with *The Curious World of Hieronymus Bosch*, a documentary of the life and masterpieces of Bosch brought together from around the world to his hometown in the Netherlands. This stunning film explores this mysterious, curious, medieval painter who contines to inspire today's creative geniuses. Join us at the Artspace on Oct. 28th, 5:30 pm. Admission is free but donations are appreciated. Funded by NMA and Creative West.

Perception of reality — "What we see is often a reflection of our inner selves, not the world around us."

-Hieronymus Bosch

NOVEMBER 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Otero Arts

Nov. 5: : First Thursdays MEET AND GREET 10 to 11:30 am. Join us for coffee, conversation and community.
ARTIST DEMO: Maria Aragon will demonstrate Cards and Beads for Holiday do-it-yourself.
If you are an artist or creative maker of things and would like to be a featured presenter for our monthly Meet and Greets, please contact Ann Beacht at rbeacht@aol.com.
The M and G's are the first Thursday of every month from 10-11:30 and presentations usually begin around 10:30 and last about 20 minutes. We would ask you to bring a few examples of the work you would be speaking about.

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

Nov.10 OA Board Meeting (2nd Tues), 1:30 at the Artspace. All members welcome.

Free Art Workshops

All Ages Workshop for November is to be held on Nov. 14. The classes will be Cards and Beads and will be taught by Maria Aragon.



Class times: Kids (6- 15): 10 to noon
Adults (16+): 1 - 3 pm

Contact mariaaragon64@gmail.com to reserve a spot or sign up via website: www.oteroarts.org

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Call 575-446-3880 to reserve a spot!

BONUS Free Workshop: Gelli printing, to be taught by Shari Adkisson, 5 to 7 pm.



Contact info above.

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Join us for this interesting art medium

November is set aside to feature work of Otero Arts Members' artwork. The Exhibit will open on Nov 6th, with an Opening Reception from 5 to 7 pm and continue through November 29th. This popular event, one of the many benefits of membership in Otero Arts, features artwork in many diverse genres. The Exhibit is open free to the public and continues through November every Thursday through Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 pm each day until the exhibit closes on November 29th.

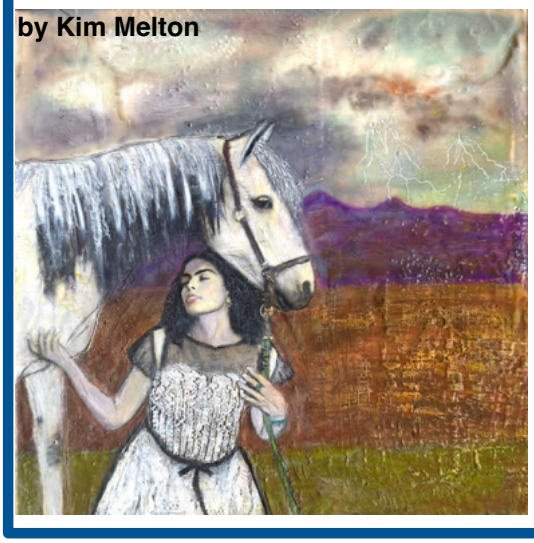


by Eve Bessier



by Della Holloway

by Kim Melton





by Diane Prather



Otero Artspace, our historic, beautifully restored building is available to rent for private and public events. Go to oteroarts.org or call 575-446-3880 for rates and to apply.

"Whether you succeed or not is irrelevant, there is no such thing. Making your unknown known is the important thing" - Georgia O'Keefe

Jean Templeton is the featured artist for this quarter at the Veteran Service Office (VSO). Her photography features landscapes and a group shot at the Gallup rodeo last year.
It has been 2 years since the start of the Veteran Arts Showcase program at the VSO. The staff and those visiting the offices look forward to see the work of OA artist members. VSO offices are located at 411 Tenth in Alamogordo.



MEMBERSHIP/LOCAL PARTNERS

MEMBERSHIP...THE LIFEBLOOD OF OTERO ARTS

All of the programs presented to the community only happen through the work of member volunteers. Thanks to the following members for joining us in August and September; we now have 175 members to date:

WELCOME our new members:

Lorraine Oliver family
Kerry Coleman family
Michael O'Hara
Brandt Allen
Debra Daniels
Norm Schussele
Jean Neumann

Thank you to our renewing members:

Rochelle Williams
Armand Velez
Stacy Ann Dutton

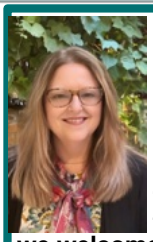
Come, be a part of a very satisfying project!

CLOUDCROFT New Mexico



Painting is easy when you don't know how, but very difficult when you do. -Edgar Degas

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Otero Arts Members, I am absolutely thrilled to step into the role of your new Board President.

This is an incredibly exciting time for our organization as we welcome a wonderful group of new members and new dedicated board members. Their fresh energy, ideas, and diverse perspectives will undoubtedly help shape the future of our community.

Looking ahead and coming from a 40-year career in healthcare, I am most inspired by the launch of our Art and Health Initiative. This program will explore the profound connection between creative expression and personal well-being, bringing impactful, healing arts programming directly to Alamogordo and Otero County.

Otero Arts thrives because of your passion and support. Together with our expanded team, I look forward to fostering an inclusive space where creativity truly flourishes. Thank you for your continued dedication, and I am excited to connect with all of you at our upcoming events!

Sincerely, Kim Melton, President

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CORKS & SHELLS WINE & PISTACHIO FESTIVAL

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ALAMEDA PARK, ALAMOGORDO, NM

Thrive's "Corks & Shells Wine Festival" is a celebration of local flavor, community spirit and the abundant agricultural richness of So. NM. Every ticket sold helps Thrive continue its community outreach. Thrive is one of OA's grant providers, helping us enable our goals.

LOCAL EVENTS:

FLICKINGER CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS

Oct 9: Banff Mountain Film Festival; Explore the edge of believable with some of the best films from the 2026 Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival. Stand on the highest peaks, ski the steepest slopes and be a part of the adventures in this year's World Tour.



Oct. 16, 17 & 18, 23 & 24: "Frozen" presented by the Children's Music Theater evening and matinees.

Nov. 4: John Oates, 7 pm



Nov 18: Canadian Brass, 7 pm. John Oates and Canadian Brass are both Premiere Series presentations.

go to flickingercenter.com for more info and tickets.

ALAMOGORDO MAINSTREET

Oct. 2: "Heroes on Mainstreet", 4 to 8 pm. 900 Block of New York Ave., Alamogordo. Celebrate and connect with the men and women who serve and protect our communities. Special street-closed Downtown Nites event honoring first responder agencies, military and public safety. Interactive exhibits & displays.

Cloudcroft Art Society
Co-op Gallery

CAS Holiday Show opens Oct 3rd from11 to 3 pm and continues through November on Saturdays from 11 to 3 pm.

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