



OTEROARTS NEWS

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Visitors at our Open House membership drive last November

Happy 5th Birthday, Otero Arts! Please Help Us Continue to Grow and Thrive in 2024

This month, Otero Arts begins its sixth year as a non-profit arts organization. Anniversaries always invoke a degree of introspection about what the coming years will bring. Truly we have grown by leaps and bounds and we hope to continue that progress in the years ahead!

Otero Arts is in need of more people who have a passionate desire to help us continue to grow and thrive. When you purchase a membership, come to any of our numerous events, or even if you just think it's great that we can offer such a variety of arts activities, you are affirming how important Otero Arts is to our community. Volunteering with OA is a great way to support the arts locally, learn more about the organization, and meet up with like minded people.

You can volunteer right now to help us:

- Supervise monthly Kids Art Workshops
- Raise money for development and expansion of our programs and activities
- Determine future programming
- Manage the Artspace building

It has taken a lot of volunteer efforts to get us to where we are today, but to continue to expand, we will need to increase the number of people who will give some time to the organization.

We are expanding the use of Sign Up Genius in email to recruit all types of volunteer positions as needs arise, so please check your email for these opportunities. You can also go to oteroarts.org to choose from a long list of volunteer opportunities.

We appreciate all of our great volunteers. You keep us moving forward! If you are not yet a volunteer, we hope you will decide to become more involved.

— Anne Beacht
Secretary, Otero Arts Inc.



ANNE BEACHT
SECRETARY, OTERO ARTS

Ann Beacht grew up in Brunswick, MD. She is a retired educator and joined OA in 2020. She loves to paint and play the piano. 'Ann Gogh' helped to paint the OA mural in Alamogordo Main Street alley in the fall of 2023.



OTERO ARTS
2019-2024

If you'd like to volunteer, you can contact these chair persons directly:

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HAPPY 5TH BIRTHDAY, OTERO ARTS!

FEBRUARY



FEB 1
10 AM

FEBRUARY 1

First Thursdays Meet n Greet
at Artspace, 10 am -12 pm

Every first Thursday of the month,
join us for coffee, conversation and
community.

FEBRUARY 1

Belly Dancing, 5:30 pm



Rochelle Williams
On view through Feb 25

FEBRUARY 2 | 1ST FRIDAY

Photographer Rochelle Williams:
A Poet's Eye: Accidental Beauties
Opening Reception, 5-7 pm

A retrospective of Rochelle's work in
film and digital photography.

FEBRUARY 5

First Mondays Executive Committee
Agenda Meeting, 10 am



Claudia Powell
Belly Dancing

FEBRUARY 8

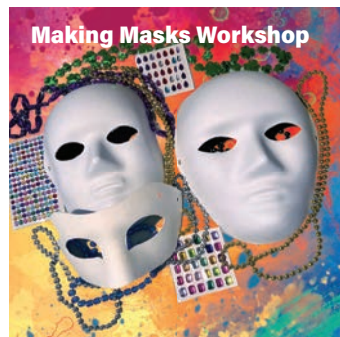
Belly Dancing, 5:30 pm

Every Thursday at the Otero Artspace
with Instructor Claudia Powell.
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FEBRUARY 10

Ewotopian Fiber Artists
Weavers, 10 am

Cindy Broughton
708broughton@gmail.com



Making Masks Workshop

FEBRUARY 10

Free Saturday Kids Art Workshops:
Making Masks | 10 am - 12 pm

For kids ages 8 and up these free
workshops provide an opportunity
to get hands on with help from Otero
Arts volunteers. By reservation only.

Maria Aragon
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FEBRUARY 13

Otero Arts Board Meeting, 1:30 pm
All members welcome.

FEBRUARY 15

Belly Dancing, 5:30 pm



FEBRUARY 17

Free Veterans Writers' Workshop
9 am - Noon

For Veterans, Active Duty and their
families, led by Rochelle Williams and
Lori Arella. Come write about your
experiences in a supportive space.
All participants will be interviewed in
advance. To apply, call 845-797-3642



FEBRUARY 28

Writing for the Calm: 8 Week
Journaling Workshop Kickoff Session
1:30-3:30 pm | \$50

With facilitators Rochelle Williams
and Kathy Roark-Diehl. An 8-week
workshop open to all writers. Explore
new techniques for self-expression
and reflection. Class limited to 10.
Limited scholarships available. Email
rwsantafe@hotmail.com to register.

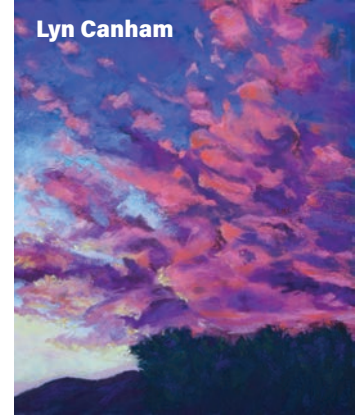
FEBRUARY 22

Belly Dancing, 5:30 pm

FEBRUARY 29

Belly Dancing, 5:30 pm

MARCH



Lyn Canham

MARCH 1 | 1ST FRIDAY

Janet Amtmann & Lyn Canham
Chasing the Light: Plein Aire Pastels
Opening Reception, 5-7 pm

Lyn & Janet take their easels and
pastels outdoors to paint in New
Mexico and beyond.

MARCH 2

Free Veterans Writers' Workshop
9 am - Noon

See listing, February 17 for details

MARCH 6

Writing for the Calm: A Journaling
Workshop, Session 2 | 1:30-3:30 pm



March Meet n Greet

MAR 1
10 AM

MARCH 7

First Thursdays Meet n Greet
at Artspace, 10 am-12 pm

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community.

FEBRUARY- MARCH 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Artspace Hours 1-4 PM, Thurs-Sun



Free Saturday Children's Art Workshops

MARCH 9

Free Saturday Kids Art Workshops: Focused Drawing | 10 am -12 pm

For ages 12 and up, this will be a still life drawing class. Students will work in graphite and color pencils. Workshops are by reservation only.

Contact Maria Aragon
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MARCH 9

Ewetopian Weavers, 10 am

Cindy Broughton
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MARCH 12

Otero Arts Board Meeting, 1:30 pm

All members welcome!

MARCH 13

Writing for the Calm: A Journaling Workshop, Session 3 | 1:30-3:30 pm

MARCH 14

Belly Dancing, 5:30 pm

MARCH 20

Writing for the Calm: A Journaling Workshop, Session 4 | 1:30-3:30 pm

MARCH 21

Belly Dancing, 5:30 pm

MARCH 27

Writing for the Calm: A Journaling Workshop, Session 5 | 1:30-3:30 pm

MARCH 28

Belly Dancing, 5:30 pm

OTERO ARTS FIRST FRIDAYS

Otero Arts First Friday Exhibitions are month-long juried presentations of artwork by artists who live and work in Southern New Mexico. If you would like to show your work, please follow the instructions and fill out the application at our website: www.oteroarts.org/alt-call



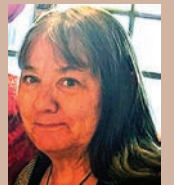
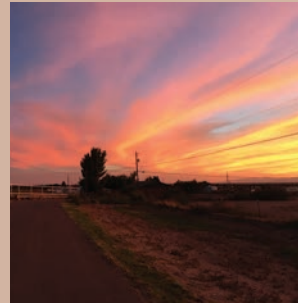
Opens Friday, February 1

Rochelle Williams

A Poet's Eye: Accidental Beauties

Opening Reception Friday, February 2, 5-7 PM

A retrospective of Rochelle's work in film and digital photography, with text and poems accompanying many of the images.



ROCHELLE WILLIAMS



Janet Amtmann

Opens Friday, March 1

Janet Amtmann and Lyn Canham

Chasing the Light: Plein Aire Pastels

Opening Reception Friday, March 1, 5-7 PM

Lyn and Janet take their easels and pastels outdoors to paint in the mountains, villages, and parks in all seasons in New Mexico and beyond. Come see our show.



Lyn Canham



JANET AMTMANN



LYN CANHAM

Otero Arts is Five Years Old. In 2019, five people had a vision. They co-created a new timeline for the arts in Alamogordo.

2019

- Otero Arts is incorporated and leases the former Woman's Club WPA era historical building at 12th & Indiana, now known as Otero Artspace
- The Fabulous Five Founders who worked together to create OA are Chris Jones, Chris Carson, Julia Cozby, Janet Amtmann and Claudia Powell—with generous donations from Joe Weidner



CHRIS JONES

2020

- After renovations, OA moves into building
- COVID Health orders put in place, the new building is closed, and meetings are moved to Zoom
- Social media established; new brochure designed



VIRTUAL ART SHOW



2021

- Virtual Art show created and presented on Facebook
- NM health mandates eased, and OA opens for business
- First Open House and Art Show draws 100 attendees
- Ewetopia weaving group begins meeting
- Writers' Reading Group is formed
- First committees are formed; membership, programming & board membership expanded



GERARDO PEREZ

2022

- First newsletter published
- Monthly Artist Exhibitions and First Fridays Opening Night Receptions launches for artists from Otero, Lincoln & Dona Ana counties
- Student Art Show gets 400 attendees at the reception
- Reading Series begins, featuring well-known writers including local author Michael McGarrity
- First classical concert featuring guitarist Gerardo Perez
- OA sponsors House Concerts, featuring national artists
- Bimonthly Movie Nights hosted
- Donors' Reception for members appreciation
- Monthly Meet n Greet begins for members



READING SERIES



MONTHLY MEET N GREETs



FREE KIDS ART WORKSHOPS

2023

- 2nd Membership Drive nets 110 members
- NM Poet Laureate Lauren Camp presents a reading
- Alamogordo Experimental Theater Group presents the original play *Ghost Town* during Veteran's Showcase
- Ice Cream Social fundraiser nets \$4500
- Grant writer hired
- Monthly Free Saturday Kids' Art Workshops begin

2024 Membership & Board

You are what puts the life into Otero Arts! Below is our 2024 member list to date, with artists making up a little over half of our soul family. Artist members' names are orange, new members pink. We have a few new member/artist unicorns with two tone names!

Shari Adkisson
Anne Aleshire
Janet & Jurgen Amtmann

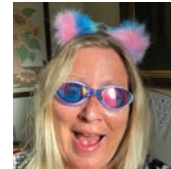
Susan Anderson & Errol Niemi
Nancy Apprill
Maria Aragon

George Atencio
Ann Bagby
Laurie Baker

Annemarie Balentine
James & Mary Barce
Ann & Will Beacht
Lara Bentley

Lucinda & Robert Berglund

Eve Bessier & Pat Markham
Kim Bethel



Leslie Blanton
VOLUNTEER, MARKETING

Colleen & Gary Bond
Lyn Canham

Sunny DeYoung & Jim Laskin

Lucinda Karter & Doug Pilgreen

Chuck Dunn
Paul Duran



Pennie Espiritu
CHAIR, FUND RAISING

Patricia Evans-Goodwin

Joy Flack & Stephen Janny



Stan Ford

George Frost
Chip (Charles) Greenberg

Nancy Gregory
Jane Halonen & Sarah Irving
Ona Hanson

Larry & Nona Henry
Carol Hernandez

Natasha Horst de Jimenez

Barbara Hughes
Chris Jones

Loynda Jones
Philip Jones

Lucinda Karter & Don Pilgreen

Martha Kellar
Sue Kent & Chris Ward

Carla Kerr
Jan King

Marilyn Lane
Karen LeComte & Arlene MacLean

Joan & Warren Malkerson

Marlene Mankey
Debra Martinelli

Cheryl & Gerald Matherly

Paul McCulloch

Kim & Glenn Melton
Sue Nichols

Ella Olsen

Helgi Osterreich
Connie Peng

Sue Preslar
Joan Price

Sandra Purrington & Alvin James

John Quest

Steve & Kim Resel

Danielle Rondelez & Nasser Alqassem

Stephanie Sena

Nadia Sikes

Kelly & Paul Sullivan

Jean Templeton

Don Thorp

Connie Tull

Rochelle Williams

Lisa Yehle



Paige & Nathan Young

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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 foster a spirit of mutual support and cooperation.



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Children's Art Workshops are funded by the Devasthali Family Foundation with assistance from the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico.