

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.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, 2023

IN OCTOBER: OA presents a Plein Air Painting workshop, the 12th thru 14th, with noted instructor Anita Louise West. IN NOVEMBER: Otero Arts will be presenting another phenomenal music program: Joysprings Footprints Jazz Quintet, led by the talented Pancho Romero. The jazz quartet is very active in the Las Cruces/El Paso area. Make plans now to be there on the 11th, 7 pm at the Artspace. AND Sunday , November, 26 the OA OPEN HOUSE to celebrate our organization and kick off our 2024 Membership Drivefrom 2-4 PM at the ARTSPACE, 1118 Indiana Avenue. Come by to see the OA Members art show, enjoy some snacks, and conversation. Meet new people, chat with Board members and renew or purchase a membership. Anyone buying during the months of November and December will be covered for the year 2024.

ALAMOGORDO Mainstreet

The Side Street project is underway and must be completed by December. Once finished, Alamogordo will benefit from this location's cheerful and utilitarian space as a location for a variety of community events.

Several Saturdays ago, the local Boy Scouts helped clear out the trash and

weeds from the alley and on Saturday, September, 23, a group of about 20 people began the task of preparing the walls behind businesses for the colorful murals that will decorate the spaces. Otero Arts will be painting one of several community murals, involving its members in the process, as are the other community entities,

such as the schools, the hospital, and library. The OA mural will feature a silhouetted Lady on the Mountain with a Van Gogh Starry Night sky in the background. We will be sending out a call to have members come join us to paint stars in October or early November. An announcement will go out on fb and through gmail.

Multiple community non-profits are pitching in to help do the work and raise the additional funds that will furnish the space. If you would like to help MainStreet put the finishing touches on the space by making a donation, please contact Nolan Ojeda at director@alamogordomainstreet.org.



Book your
tickets now for
the latest
concert to be
held at the
Artspace: The
Joysprings
Footprints
Jazz Ensemble
Jessica Brust,
vocalist.
Saturday, Nov.
Ilth, 7 pm









Otero Arts announces a 3-Day Plein Air Workshop October 12 – 14, 2023 at White Sands area and Historic Villages Tularosa and Bent in Southern New Mexico. Anita Louise West, Instructor.

Anita Louise West is a professional painter in watermedia, oils and pastels. After moving to Santa Fe in 1993, she painted and co-taught workshops throughout the US as well as Europe and Canada. All of this experience in the studio helped her appreciation and sharing in Plein Air painting. Co-author of Painting the Landscape in Pastel, Ms. West is experienced and expert in teaching the art of Plein Air.



After our successful presentation of "Ghost Town", AETC is in production for "Roswell, the Musical!"
Auditions are being held now for cast, singers, dancers and techs. For more info, Contact paigevinson57@gmail.com

Greetings. Welcome to our bimonthly newsletter.

We have a lot going on at Otero Arts, Inc., besides our monthly exhibitions. There is an author's event coming up on October 20th: Sally Bingham. We have a free children's Clay workshop on October 7th and a children's Folk Art workshop on November 4th. November 11th we will hold a jazz concert showcasing JoySprings Footprints Quintet. We are constantly plotting more ways to bring the arts to the community via performances, workshops, and exhibitions. We hope to expand a few activities into Tularosa and Cloudcroft next year, so keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and announcements of new events, or sign up for our emails.

This would not be possible without the support of our members and our donors. Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. Check out the calendar on pages 3 & 4! Join us! Maria Aragon, OA Pres.



Notes from the August and September Board meetings: Treasurer's Report: July & August Income: \$3357.55, Exp: \$4358.09 ending balance for August 31, 2023: \$27,171.07 In the Sept. meeting, the Board agreed to print 300 copies of the newsletter so that we can keep the newstand at Lowe's Grocery supplied for advertising OA

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Grant: AUG: The Walmart grant has been submitted for \$5000. SEPT: work on the NM Arts Grant has begun; review is Oct. 23rd and deadline is Dec 3rd. Plans are set for a Veterans Showcase in June, 2024 and Chris is following up on Roundup Grant from Otero Co. Co-op.

Volunteer: AUG: Shari Adkisson has set up Signup Genius for scheduling building sitters (\$9 mo)

Program: AUG: possible Jazz Concert for Fall, presentation by an original ballet. <u>SEPT:</u> additional cables are needed to support the production of "Roswell, The Musical!"

Landscape: AUG: Landscaping by the County is pending. Hopefully, adding signage on Indiana and 12th Streets.

Community Affiliations: AUG: OA delivered art supplies to the Boys and Girls club. Main Street Side Street project is funded by AARP grant and should be completed by Dec., 2023. <u>SEPT:</u> Inquiries from Connections and CARE who are interested in partnership

Membership: Committee reports 101 members.

Art: AUG: Plein Air fee will be \$150. Tenatively, M, 2024 is set for the WPA art/Willis paintings exhibition. SEPT: Anne Aleshire show is cancelled. April, 2024 is set for student art show.

OLD BUSINESS: Still waiting on County permission to show JR Willis paintings and, and therefore, hold the WPA Exhibition. Eduardo Martinez will hold Board Development workshops in the near future

NEW BUSINESS: Judy Reeves has resigned her Board position. Program Comm. will take up adult workshops in the future.

CALL 575-437-2202 FOR MORE INFO

OCTOBER: 20th: Villalobos Brs., premiere series, 7pm

NOVÉMBER: Children's Music Theater presents "TheWizard of Oz": 11/3, 11/10, 11/11

17th: Yesterday, Tribute to the Beatles, premier series, 7 pm 29th: Stephane Wrembel Quartet, premier series, 7 pm

FLICKINGER CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS



Time to Pause, Review, and Plan for the Future: Board Development

Otero Arts, Inc was born in February 2019. The founding officers and members were: Chris Jones, Chris Carson, Janet Amtmann, Julia Cozby, and Claudia Powell. Shortly after organizing, Covid descended and all meetings to get the organization up and running, build its membership, and assess its function and direction, needs and logistics occurred over Zoom. Once Covid subsided, Otero Arts truly became alive. In the past year and a half especially, we have grown in membership, programming, alliances and reputation. Our newsletters have chronicled our growth and successes.

Now with nearly 4 years of experience, the Board feels it is time to take stock of what is really working within the organization (our governing documents, assessment of leadership, setting priorities and plans for the future, etc.). Through our partnership with Alamogordo MainStreet in the NMMS Jump Start Program, we have generously been offered the services of Eduardo Martinez, an experienced nonprofit board consultant, who will be helping us to review and revise our bylaws, consider our Board's strengths, understand better how to connect to our community and better deliver on our mission to enrich the lives of the people of Otero County though Art and Culture. We will begin working with him in late October and we look forward to translating our new insights into a richer experience for all.

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 **Treasurer:** Sue Preslar, presllasue@yahoo.com Carol Hernandez, margueritehernandez36@gmail.com Shari Adkissosn, weatherscf@yahoo.com Pennie Espiritu, pennie@lespirit-design.com Rochelle Williams, rwsantafe@hotmail.com

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

Ongoing Events @ the Artspace:

Mondays: Alamogordo Experimental Theater Company (AETC), contact Paige Vinson

@ paigevinson57@gmail.com

2nd Tuesday: (10th): 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.

Artists Exhibition by Ann Bagby and Ann Beacht continues for the monthly Artists

Exhibitions. A open to public every Thursday through Sunday, 1 - 4 pm

ARTIST EXHIBITION: CONTINUING THE "ANNS" SHOW: Ann Beacht & Ann Bagby



A dedicated educator for many years, Ann 's painting is a hobby started some 15 years ago and led to her becoming a member of the Artist Guild of So. NM.

Ann Bagby has been painting for over 60 years with little time for art education, with working at libraries, exhibtion installations, graphic designing, etc. She grew up in a small town in Nebraska in a music - oriented family. She continues her muscial interests by singing in many local venues.



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 fooie@tularosa.net.. He can answer any questions you have about the program.

Otero Arts Reading Series Sallie Bingham

October 20 6 -8PM
Free and Open to the Public
at the Artspace



Sallie Bingham is a writer, teacher, feminist activist, and philanthropist. She has had a distinguished writing career, publishing her first book in 1961, and her most recent one in 2022. She's written seven novels, three collections of poetry, and numerous plays. Her nonfiction work includes a biography of Doris Duke and two memoirs: Passion and Prejudice (1989), and Little Brother: A Memoir (2022).

1118 Indiana Ave. Alamogordo, NM Oteroarts.org

Ever wanted to Plein Air paint? Now is your chance. Otero Arts presents workshops October 12 through 14th. Instructor Anita Lousie West will lead classes in areas around the Tularosa Basin. Class Fee is \$150; go to orteroarts.org to reserve a place in the class



7th: Children's Clay Class
12 - 14th: Plein Air workshops
20th: Reading Series: Sallie Bingham
31st: Trick or Treat., New York Ave.,

3 to 5



Flyin J Ranch has entertained in Ruidoso for more than 40 years on Mon - Sat, opening at 5:30 pm, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day Weekend with activities (panning for gold, pony riding, blacksmithing), chuckwagon supper and Western Stage show. They are a traditional western entertainment powerhouse. On Oct. 8th, they will be presenting Syd Masters, recording author of the Official State Cowboy Song of New Mexico and recognized by the Academy of Western Artists as Male Vocalist of the Year AND the Bar D Wrangers in the tradition of the Sons of the Pioneers.

Book your visit @ www.flyingjranch.com



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



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Ongoing Events @ the Artspace:

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

2nd Tuesday: (14th): OAI Board meeting: 1:30...all members welcome!

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

1st Fridays: on Nov. 3: Artists Reception for Members/ Art Exhibition. Otero Arts Members' Show Monthly Exhibition, open to the public, begins following day and open to public every Thursday through

Sunday of November, 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. Also, the Ewetopian Fiber Artists weavers' Group, meets at Artspace, contact:

708broughton@gmailcom

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

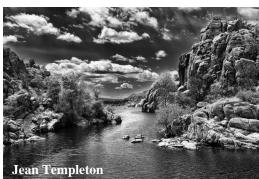
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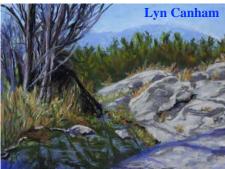
4th: Children's Folk Art Workshop

11th: Joysprings Footprints Jazz concert

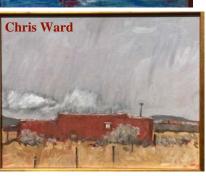
ARTISTS' EXHIBITION. November is Members' Artists Exhibition: The Members' Exhibit will open on Friday November 3rd with a reception from 5 - 7 PM. Nearly 40 artists are members of Otero Arts though not all of them will be participating in this show. A benefit of membership is the chance to participate. Come, Enjoy!



















Sponsored by Otero Arts Inc.

November 4
Fun Day -- Making Folk Art Critters

For Ages 8+. (10 - 1pm)

KIDS WILL LEARN HOW TO UP-CYCLE OLD JUNK TO MAKE WHATEVER THEIR IMAGINATION CAN DREAM UP! SUPPLIES PROVIDED BUT FEEL FREE TO BRING THINGS FROM HOME. (PLASTIC KNOBS, TOWEL ROLLS, BROKEN TOYS!)

TO RESERVE A PLACE IN THE WORKSHOP
CALL LILIANE PILOT
575-551-4485

Next Workshop: December 3

Making Holiday Ornaments
Funded by the Devasthali Family Foundation with assistance
from the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

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Otero Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave. Alamogordo
oteroarts.org



Please remember to enter your volunteer hours end of each month. go to oteroarts.org and enter your hours: >''more'' > ''Volunteer''> ''submit volunteer hours'' It's how we pay our rent!