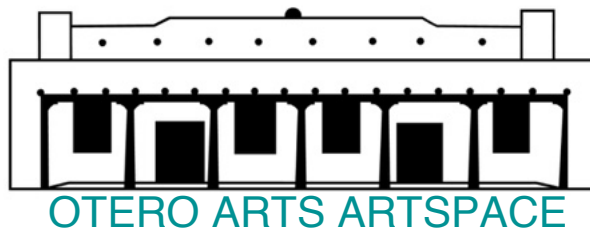


Otero Arts, Inc. at the Artspace  
**Mission Statement:** The mission of Otero Arts, Inc., is to enrich the lives of the people of our community through art and culture and foster a spirit of mutual support and cooperation.



**February/March, 2023:**

**Time to Renew your membership for 2023: 2022 Memberships expired 12/31/22**

**Benefits of Membership:**

**Receipt of bi-monthly newsletter via email or regular mail**  
**Monthly Meet and Greet at the Artspace**  
**Advance notice of events and earliest access to ticket sales if applicable**  
**Minutes from each Board Meeting sent to your email**  
**Participation in Members Only Art Exhibitions**  
**Satisfaction at helping enhance our community quality of life**



**Camerata del Sol: Chamber Music at Otero Artspace, Feb. 4, 7 pm**  
*Through the Refining Fire* is a musical setting of works from the 1920s by three African American poets. The set opens with a selection "I Must Share That Rung with You" by El Paso poet Bernice Love Wiggins. The other poems were composed by literary figures closely associated with the Harlem Renaissance: Claude McKay's "Baptism" and Countee Cullen's "The Litany of the Dark People" concludes the set with a reflection on the travails of the past and vision of victory of an oppressed people.



***It's coming!***

***What is it?***

***We will know soon, but it's an exciting new project we are going to be a part of. Keep your eyes peeled!***

**HAPPENING RIGHT NOW AT THE ARTSPACE!**

Otero Arts First Friday Exhibitions

**Shari Adkisson**

**1994-2023 Retrospective**



Reception February 3, 2023  
 Opening 5 - 7 pm  
 Exhibit open Thurs - Sun 1- 4 PM  
 Continuing Thru February 2023

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**OA is totally run by volunteers; there is no paid staff.**  
**Volunteers make EVERYTHING happen!**

**Volunteer Fun Facts**

- As an OAI volunteer you can share your diverse talents, make important connections in the local art scene, meet new friends, and support our growing arts community.
- Your time is valuable! Did you know that for each hour you volunteer OAI receives \$20.21 towards rental of the building from the County?
- Enjoy being part of a team to help to create programming and policy, join fundraising campaigns and produce special events, and work with enthusiastic people who are passionate about the arts.
- Volunteering provides opportunities to enhance your resume by gaining useful experience in the non-profit sector.
- Volunteers are needed to help maintain and develop a larger presence in social media such as Instagram, Facebook, and by keeping our current events broadcasted by local radio and newspapers.
- Join up with like-minded people on a varied assortment of committees that are important to helping the organization achieve its mission of spreading arts programs and activities through the Otero County community. Here are a few that can benefit from new voices: Art, programming, policy, budget, volunteer, membership.

**Special thanks to all the Volunteers who helped OA keep the Artspace open each week since last April:**

Jonathan Hambruch	Sue Kent	Chris Ward
Lyn Canham	Anne Aleshire	Jean Templeton
Ann Bagby	Dan Pilgreen	Kathy Ramsey
Don Thorpe	Stan Ford	Nancy Gregory
Paige Vinson	Laurel Haessly	Laurie Baker
Nancy Apprill	Linda Ray	Sonia Rigel
Chris Carson	Rochelle Williams	Maria Aragon
Chris Jones	Ann Beacht	Pennie Espiritu
Janet Amtmann	Judy Reeves	

## Chris' Corner, President Chris Carson

We made it through 2022 and are rocketing through 2023 already moving into February and looking forward to the end of winter season and the



start of spring. With the forward progression we are enjoying the benefits of the New Mexico Arts grant with the second of our acoustic concerts featuring Camerata Del Sol February 4<sup>th</sup>. We are also very pleased to announce a New Mexico Arts Military Grant to help us serve and work with our military and veterans community with shows designed to highlight their artistry and celebrate their experiences coming up May 20<sup>th</sup> on Armed Forces Day. Otero Arts is continually growing and for that we thank you all.

**FROM THE BOARD:** Meeting held Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>: Committee reports:

Volunteer (Ann Beacht): 492.75 hrs. reported for value of \$10,446 towards the Lease rental of the building.

Membership: (Janet Amtmann): reported 58 members, mostly renewals, some new. 30 people attended the Meet and Greet. It has been ten months the building has been open for events.

Grants (Chris Jones): submitted for NM Arts in December, one military grant & the Thrive grant (\$12,000) are all submitted.

Fundraising: Sue Kent announced a new fundraiser for OA: an ice cream social & silent auction for early June.

Budget: meeting set for 1/17

Chair report: 30 people on January First Friday.

Chris Jones reported OA was awarded the \$2,000 Arts and the Military Grant. We'll be hosting events in May for military-related individuals and Families with those monies.

Artspace is located at 12th and Indiana, Alamogordo, NM

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Monthly Board meetings every 2nd Tuesday  
@ the Artspace, 1:30 - 3 pm

### Board Members and Officers:

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**PLEASE NOTICE THAT THE MEET AND GREET HAS MOVED THIS MONTH TO SUNDAY. See you there!**

**MOVIE NIGHT!! Friday, Feb 17th, 7 pm**



**POPCORN AND GOODIES,  
Donations encouraged!**

**ATTENTION.....ATTENTION**

The Alamogordo Experimental Theater Group is in rehearsal for the original musical "Ghost Town" by OAI member Nathan Young. AETC meets on Monday evenings at the Artspace from 7 - 8:30 pm and is looking for singers, actors, techs, dancers, stagehands and musicians to complete our cast for the May 20th show at the Artspace. Auditions for singers, dancers, stagehands and musicians, ages 14 and up will be held Feb. 6th and 8th at OAI. For more information, contact Paige Young @ 914-388-4576

## ALAMOGORDO MAINSTREET

Alamogordo has been selected by the New Mexico MainStreet's JumpStart Program to work towards a State Authorized Arts and Culture District Designation. (ACD).

These districts exist in a number of cities across the state including Albuquerque, Artesia, Las Cruces, Gallup, Las Vegas, Los Alamos, Mora, Raton and Silver City. Plans are underway in Carlsbad, Corrales and Farmington. We will join Belen as the second JumpStart participant.

ACDs promote art and history in the state and are made up of local MainStreet organizations, local government and local arts councils. The goal of JumpStart will be to help Alamogordo develop their cultural and art resources in dynamic collaboration with businesses to support a creative economy. The JumpStart program takes 1 - 2 years to complete.

Meetings have started and there will be many opportunities for artists, advocates, arts and cultural organizations, and businesses moving forward. Stay tuned as we will keep everyone informed of the progress. To learn more <https://www.nmarts.org/arts-and-culture-districts.html>



NM Arts announces Artist INC Express Workshops will be available free to New Mexico artists in the coming months. These address business needs and challenges that all artists face. Topics include goal setting, building a brand, writing about your work...the building blocks of a sustainable practice and successful business. To learn more (times, dates, registration) visit the program website: <https://artistinc.art/programs/>

**Children's Workshop set for 3/18, 2 sessions 9 to noon (ages 8 -12) & 1 to 4 (ages 13 - 18). Each offers guidance for crafting folk art made from upcycled materials & acrylic painting tutorial, all materials provided. Space limited! contact Liliane Pilot lily@lilianepilot.com**



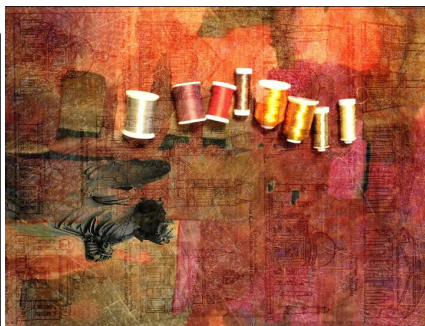
# OTERO ARTS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS @ the Artspace, 12th & Indiana

## February 2023

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### Art Exhibition Artists' samples: Shari Adkisson

Spending most of her life since childhood being the "artsy kid" through marriage and now retired (HA!), Shari's work has gone the gambit but her first love is fibre. She learned quilting when married, creating with friends and usually gave away her work to family and friends, but discovered "Art Quilting", which are the same techniques but smaller and did not require a dedicated room to quilt. She has shown at Intl. Quilt Festivals/Shows, including a 9/11 quilt. Recently, she has taken up collage and art journaling, a true multi-media artist.



### House Concert: Jackson Emmer, 6 pm, 2/18:

Emmer is an award-winning singer, songwriter and producer from Carbondale, CO. His writing is often compared to that of John Prine and Guy Clark. Touring the US since 2009, he has collaborated with Grammy-winners and co-written 40+ songs with folk music legend, Tom Paxton. His gentle, lush, raspy vocals stand out in the crowded field of Americana. He has performed at the Telluride Bluegrass Festival, Club Passium, Cactus Cafe, Rockwood Music Hall to name a few. Contact Claudia Powell @ 575-442-3029 for location & more info.



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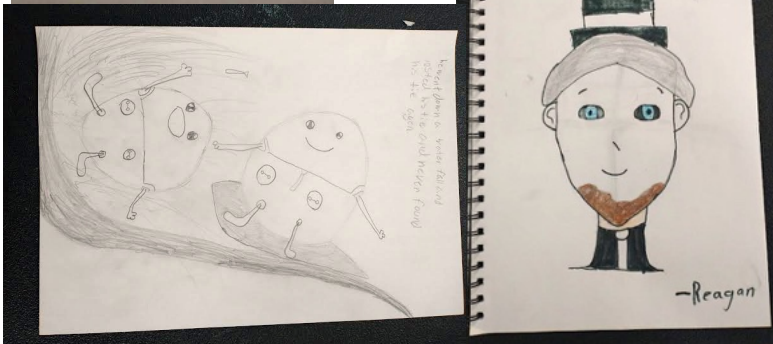
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### STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

*Featuring Otero County students, K - 12 and NMSU art students, the exhibition opens March 3rd with a reception from 4 - 6. The goal is to encourage and represent creative endeavors of all ages in Otero County.*



*Help support and encourage Arts in the Public Schools in Otero County!*



House Concert, Ryan Biter, March 18, 6 pm. Contact Claudia Powell @ 575-442-3029 for location & more info.

Inspired by the 7000' elev of Flagstaff, AZ, Ryan immerses listeners with warm and deeply affecting music of American roots music, combining soul, blues and rootsy Americana. From those roots, he expands to deliver a strong Indie-rock sound.

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**Children's Authors**  
LINDA WILSON  
JENNIFER BOHNHOFF  
Otero Artspace  
In the beautifully restored  
Historic Woman's Club Building  
12th & Indiana  
Alamogordo, NM

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH**  
9 AM PUPPET SHOW AND ACTIVITY  
10 AM DISCUSSION: INFORMATION AND TIPS ABOUT WRITING AND ILLUSTRATING CHILDREN'S BOOKS  
11 AM THE CIVIL WAR IN NEW MEXICO

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