



OTERO ARTS NEWS

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Otero Arts Threatened by Federal Cuts to Arts Organizations and Non-profits

New Mexico Arts, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, has been a major funder of Otero Arts for the last 3 years, providing funding for our many programs including monthly art exhibits, kids' workshops, reading and writing workshops, concerts, and Veterans Programs, with enthusiastic attendance and support as pictured. NM Arts has received 43% of its funding from National Endowment for the Arts and the rest from New Mexico state funding. Through the current year our NM Arts grant will be funded in the full amount. Future funding is unsure.

NM Arts has been the lifeblood for hundreds of arts organizations from small communities to the metro cities. Arts organizations will be scrambling to find funding to fill the gap. So, too, will Otero Arts. Luckily, we have been funded for 2 years by Thrive in SONM which supports our art workshops for All Ages. The OC Electric Co-op has funded our Writers' Reading series for the past 2 years. This year, Creative West has funded our concerts, but they receive the majority of their funds from NEA. Additionally, OA has received funding from the Devasthali Family Foundation for visual arts and workshops over the last 3 years.

All this is to say, Otero Arts will be seeking other sources of funding for the years ahead. Since the beginning of Otero Arts in 2019, \$74,000 in donations have helped to build the viable and growing organization that offers events, education, concerts, etc., for our neighbors and friends. Only \$21,000 in donations came from non-members. You can donate to OA via our website: oteroartsinc.org. Or you can contribute whatever time you can give by volunteering to assist in those events.



All Ages Workshops



Concerts



Art exhibitions



Musical Theater



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Ann Bagby

2025 ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND SILENT AUCTION Fundraiser @ Artspace: 12th & Indiana 3 - 5 pm, Sunday, June 1



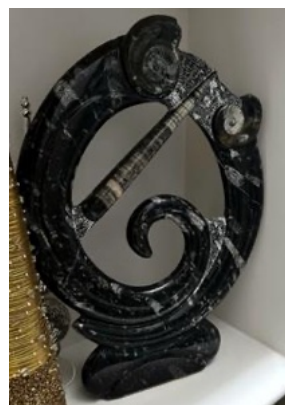
Tickets are \$2 per person, \$5 for family and for all the ice cream you can eat AND home baked cookies (as long as they last!) There will be many items for the

Silent Auction including several local artists' works, jewelry, and gift certificates. There is also an art book bazaar and a special raffle item (see below)

Some of the items in the Auction:

Tickets to the Santa Fe Opera and weekend casita in Santa Fe, valued at \$350
Gift certificates from Terra Blanca Wellness Center, Pizza 9, Mad Coffee, Rizo's, Loreda's, etc.

AND A SPECIAL RAFFLE:



This is a unique sculpture from a Orthoceras and Goniatite and Ammonite fossil stone. Fair market price for this item is \$2000. Orthoceras and Goniatite are cephalopods (shelled) that lived from 66 to 200 million years ago and are extinct. Ammonites are cephalopods related to modern squids and octopuses. Most of the quarried rock is from Morocco and polished so fossils are visible. This item will be up for raffle during the Ice Cream Social; tickets will be sold at \$5 apiece, 3 for \$12.

A very special Appreciation and Thanks to Albertson's and Caliche's for providing the ice cream and toppings, respectively.



JUNE 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Meet and Greet

Taking a Break
for
June and July!
See you August 7
10:00
For Coffee,
Cookies
& Conversation

Members Appreciation
Sponsored by
Otero Arts Membership
Committee

June 10: OA Board Meeting, 1:30 pm.
All members are welcome.

June 12th: Belly dance classes every
Thursday begins @ 5:30. Contact Claudia
Powell, claudia@tularosa.net for details.

Free Art Workshops

June 14: All Ages Workshops:
Kids: 10-12 noon & Adults (16+): 1-3
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Call 575-446-3880 to reserve a spot
in class

DEBORAH WENZEL

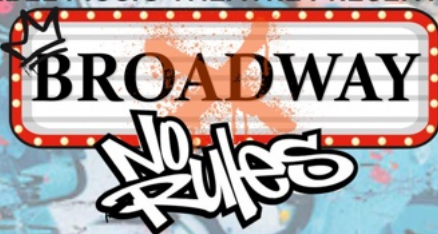
Otero Arts is pleased to offer a month-long exhibition of a most unusual artist beginning with the First Friday Reception being held in June on THURSDAY, the 5th, due to scheduling issues. Come meet the artist beginning from 5 to 7 pm.

Deborah Wenzel is a visually impaired artist whose color, design, whimsy and spirituality in her work is remarkable. Wenzel had a graphic design studio in Ruidoso where she has lived for 30 years, 16 of them as school art teacher. Retirement came early due to her vision loss to retinitis pigmentosa.

The Exhibition will be open every Thursday through Sunday afternoons, from 1 to 4 until June 28.



REBEL MUSIC THEATRE PRESENTS



JUNE 6TH @ 7PM

JUNE 7TH @ 2PM AND 7PM

JUNE 8TH @ 2PM

\$10 PER TICKET



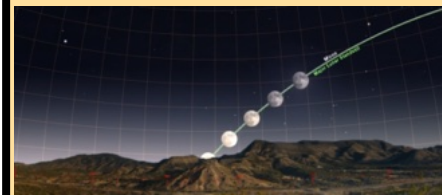
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ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS.



OA Lecture Series in partnership with
Jornada Research Institute continues
on June 17th beginning at 6:30 pm.
Guest Lecturer will be David
Greenwald, President of JRI.
Greenwald will be speaking on
"Tracking the Sun and Moon from
Creekside Village Great Kiva".
Although this presentation is largely
archaeological and focuses on the
Mesilla Phase of the Jornada
Mogollon, it delves into astronomical
associations as monitored by the
prehistoric people of the economic
strategy represented by permanent
settlements that employ extensive
irrigation systems with a focus on
maize agriculture.



Don't forget to keep up with us by checking the
website: oteroartsinc.org or FB: Otero Arts



JULY 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 8: OA Board Meeting (2nd Tues) 1:30 at the Artspace.
All members welcome.

July 10: Belly dance classes every Thursday begins @ 5:30, contact Claudia Powell: claudia@tularosa.net. (email for details.)

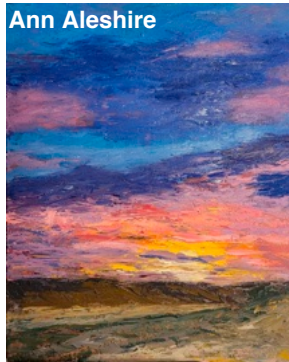


Otero Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave. & 12th St.
Our historic, beautifully restored building is available to rent for private and public events. Go to oteroarts.org or call 575-446-3880 for rates and to apply.

OA July Exhibition: Southern NM Landscape Exhibition

The exhibition opens on July 3rd (Thurs) with the Opening Reception from 5 - 7 pm. The Exhibit will feature paintings, photography and print-making from artists across Southern New Mexico.

Ann Aleshire



Janet Amtmann



The Exhibition will be open every Thursday through Sunday afternoons, from 1 to 4 until July 27.

Maria Aragon

Free Art Workshops



Not your Grannie's PaperDolls
Join us & make
Wide-eyed PaperDolls
July 12 Kids 10 AM-Noon
Adults (16+) 1-3 PM
Class is free and all materials are supplied.

Call 575-446-3880 to reserve a spot!



SHADY PINES CHAMBER PLAYERS
2025 SEASON:
JULY 5 - Stars & Stripes Cellos
JULY 26 - TIGER ALLEY
Plus various weekend Fairy Garden Strolls

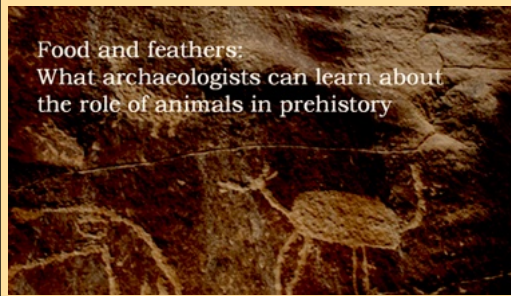
FB: Shady Pines Chamber Players or call 1-361-557-1960 for more info.

JORNADA RESEARCH INSTITUTE

History Archaeology Natural Science

July 15: 6 pm, Doors open on the monthly JRI Lecture series continuing with Dr. Kathy Roler Durand, Emeritis Professor of Anthropology at ENMU. Dr. Durand will be speaking on "Food and Feathers: What Archaeologists Can Learn about the Role of Animals in Prehistory." This lecture is a replacement for the lecture cancelled due to weather in March. Animals played many important roles in the lives of the ancestral Puebloan people of the northern Southwest. In this presentation, the variation in the dietary and ritual use of animals is explored for the Aztec and Salmon Great Houses.

Food and feathers:
What archaeologists can learn about the role of animals in prehistory



Enjoy the 4th; OA Gallery will be closed for the holiday!

MOVIES @ Artspace:

Join us at the Artspace, July 27th (Sunday) @ 2 pm. \$5 Donation is appreciated!



"Living" is a 2022 British historical drama starring Bill Nighy, nominated for Best Actor at the 95th Oscars.

Overwhelmed at work and lonely at home, a bureaucrat's life takes a heartbreaking turn when a medical diagnosis tells him his time is short. Influenced by a local vibrant woman, he searches for meaning until a simple reveal shows a purpose to create a legacy for the next generation.



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 new (3) and renewed (5) members for joining us in February and March for a total of 140 members to date:

Renewed for April and May:

Rosemarie Lion
Stacy Dutton
Steve Mabry

The Baisley Family
Hyrum Kaneday

WELCOME our new members:

David Burgess
The Henneke Family
Come be a part of this vital project!

Delia Holloway

ANNOUNCEMENT TO MEMBERS:

Put it on your calendar for OA Annual Meeting set for August 12. Please plan to participate in election of officers, yearly reports and a chance to input your ideas for the coming year!



Rochelle Williams is the artist currently showing in the "Journey Through Service" Exhibition now hanging in the Veterans Service Office (VSO), located at the corner of 10th and Indiana Ave. in Alamogordo

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ALAMOGORDO MAINSTREET

Alamogordo MainStreet has been hard at work over the past couple years to make the 800-900

blocks of New York Avenue updated and artful. The first phase of the project, which has been funded by a variety of grants, was begun in November of 2023 along the East alley of the street shops. The initial effort was centered on involving community groups to paint murals on the back and side walls of buildings. Otero Arts was one of the participants and created a landscape featuring the Lady of the Mountain against a Van Gogh starry night sky. Here is the mural OA did for the first set of murals:



With the infrastructural activities on New York Avenue moving into a second phase, a second mural phase, this time located on the West side alley, is also underway. This time, five artists have been commissioned to create murals that will be attached to walls and each will commemorate various aspects of Alamogordo history. This second mural project will complement the nearby Alamogordo Founders Park.

All of the artists on this project are residents of New Mexico. Here are the participants and the history they will be addressing:

- John K.D. Graham and Lava Khonsuwon: Pioneer Women of Alamogordo;
- Drew Gaines: The Story of Holloman Before Holloman;
- Mia Calsi: Alamogordo's History of Ranching;
- Samantha Odom: Celebrating Chihuahuaita

Otero Arts applauds our partner, Alamogordo MainsStreet and looks forward to seeing these lovely murals.

LOCAL EVENTS:



June 21: Miss New Mexico pageant
June 27: Yesterday - Live Beatles Tribute

July 12: A Brother's Revival
go to flickingercenter.com for info.



The Cloudcroft Art Society
(CAS)

Art Gallery

Located inside the Nivison Library Bldg
at east end of Burro Street in Cloudcroft,
NM, Open Saturdays, open 10 to 3 pm. FB



Summer 2025 Workshops:

June: 9-13, David Barranti, drawing

June 16 - 20: Anita Louise West, abstracts, mixed media

June 23 - 27: Ken Hosmer, landscapes oil & acrylic

July 14 - 17: Betty Carr, botanicals, watercolor

July 22 - 25: Ming Franz, splash ink & watercolor

July 28: Stephanie West & Wendy Ahlm, gelli & linocut printmaking
go to: cloudcroftart.com



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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 to foster a spirit of mutual support and cooperation.

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