

OTERO ARTS ARTSPACE

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.

Dec/Jan, 2024

SPECIAL NOTICE: There will be NO Meet and Greet in December. See you in January

OA is sponsoring a Holiday Artisan Sale the first 2 Friday and Saturdays in December (1st & 2nd and 8th & 9th). If you want a unique gift for someone or just yourself (been there, done that!), this is one stop you need to make at the Artspace. Sale times are: Fridays: 4 to 7 pm & Saturdays: 9 to 5.

The November Open House held the Sunday after Thanksgiving kicked off the Membership Drive for 2024. If you are already a member, you should have received your Renewal application. If not, please visit the website (www.oteroarts.org) and join there. We have a busy year planned and we need you! Tell a friend....Join us; we're having lots of fun.

Some of the kids' work during the "Making Folk Art Critters" workshop where kids learn to upcycle junk to follow their imaginations



During this year, there have been a Kids' Workshop held at the Artspace each month, open to all from the age of 8 up that come to a one-day class led by local Artists and assisted by OA volunteers who join in the fun. Space in the workshops is by reservations only. Reservations can be made by contacting Liliane Pilot @ 575-551-4485. The project was the brainchild of OA President Maria Aragon and the Art Committee after some parents asked about drawing class, and member Liliane Pilot has been instrumental in much of the process. These events have been a huge success with increased participation every month! The one held for December (Children's Christmas Ornament workshop) is set for Dec. 3, which was filled up a couple of weeks ago with more than 20 participants, which is just about full capacity. The program is funded by the Community Foundation of Southern NM: Devasthali Family Foundation Fund which seeks to assist organizations in positively impacting the arts, education, child hunger and maternal/child wellbeing in Southern NM. OA appreciates the opportunity to present another arts program for our area families.



Liliane with a crew of volunteers busy as bees. What would we do without our volunteers?

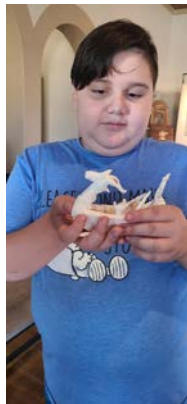
It takes a lot of work setting up, gathering materials and then cleaning up, but obviously a labor of love there.



Shepherd Padilla working on his construction in the Kids' Critter Workshop



Noah Gallegos with his fired dragon ship from the Clay Workshop.



The following Workshops are set for 2nd Saturday of each month:

- Feb 10: Children's Mask
- March 9: Children's Focused Drawing
- Apr 13: Children's Folk art
- May 11: Notan/Japanese Paper Cutting
- June 8: Children's Collage
- July 13: Children's Sandpainting
- Aug 10: Children's Mini-mural w/ tempura
- Sept 14: Children's Macrame
- Oct 12: Children's Clay
- Nov. 9: Children's Storytelling
- Dec. 14: Children's Ornament

President's Corner:

Season's Greetings to everyone!

Welcome to our Newsletter for December/January.

In the last year, Otero Arts, Inc. has expanded in terms of its arts programming, although we still need someone to lead our movie nights/film program. We now have children's workshops 11 months of the year, something we began last summer.

Otero Arts would be nothing without its membership. Your financial support and your support as volunteers are critical to the survival and expansion of our mission. We share a love of the arts and a need of it in our lives, whether it is theater, music, writing, or the visual arts.

We have just launched our membership drive. If you haven't joined, please consider doing so.

Thank you for your support - and tell a friend!

Maria Aragon, OA President



Notes from the October/November Board meetings:

Treasurer's Report: (Sept & Oct) Beg. Bal 27,272.10;

Income: \$1308.49; Expenses: \$2893.51 = Ending Bal: \$25,687.08

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Grant: The committee is now working on the Arts in the Military Grant, the Thrive Grant and the NM Arts grant, all coming due in the next couple of months. In Nov, the Board elected to enter into a contract with Steve Duffy, Las Cruces, who will be doing grant searches and grant writing. A Grant from the Otero Co. Co-op in the amount of \$1500.00 was received first of November.

Volunteer: July to Sept = 254.5 hours.

Program: One of the points made during the discussion of upcoming events, especially the Kids Workshops is that we may have to invest in stronger tables for workshops and chairs that do not have to be wrapped each time.

Fundraising: Pennie Espiritu volunteered to be the Chair of the Fundraising Com..

Community Affiliations: The most active affiliation at this time continues to be Mainstreet Side Street project. OA produced a mural that was finished in late November. OA is being approached by other non-profit entities to develop partnerships, the latest being with the City of Alamogordo Tourism Dept.

Membership: Prior to the annual membership drive, we now have 110 members.

Art: Janet announced that Anne Aleshire will be the Artist Exhibitor for January.

Art Space Mgmt: Approved for purchase of a cart for the tables due to the heavy work setting up shows. There have been several rentals of the building; we need to continue advertising rental capacity.

OLD BUSINESS: There is still no decision from the County on the JR Willis paintings to be shown next spring. Chris Carson resigned from the Board because he has moved to Gallup.

NEW BUSINESS: A decision was made to purchase a piano for the Artspace.

CALL 575-437-2202 FOR MORE INFO

December 12th: Mariachi Christmas, Premiere Series, 7 pm

January 11th: J2B2: John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band, Premiere Series, 7 pm

17th: Catapult, 7 pm

26th Gunhild Carling, premiere Series, 7 pm



Saturday, Dec. 2, 4 - 9 pm: Join your neighbors and stroll New York Ave. Listen to choirs, enjoy local dancers, sip hot cocoa & cider and just enjoy the happiness of Christmas in Alamogordo. There's a Santa's Village, ugly sweater contest, pet costume contest All businesses open for the festivities.



Thanks to the worker bees: Ann Beacht, Pennie Espiritu, Janet Amtmann, and Paige Young with their clever mural and hard painting work for Otero Arts' part of the Mainstreet Side Street project. It's just great!

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:

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

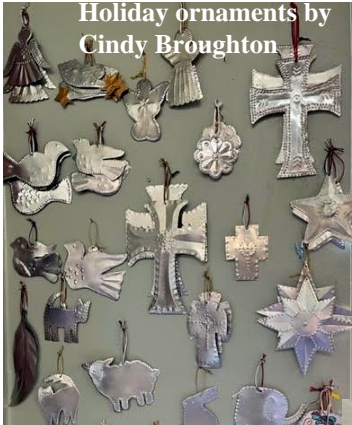
Ongoing Events @ the Artspace: THERE IS NO MEET AND GREET FOR DECEMBER, see you in January

2nd Tuesday: (12TH): OAI Board meeting: 1:30...all members welcome!

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

HOLIDAY ARTISAN SALE

Do your Christmas Shopping @ the Artspace in December! First annual event for member artists to show their work for sale the first and second Friday and Sat. beginning at 4 to 7 pm on Fridays and 9 to 5 on Saturdays



Holiday ornaments by Cindy Broughton



Anna Kosek



Kim Melton



Jewelry by Pennie Espiritu

Dottie Moon



Jewelry by Barbara Hughes



Holiday Artisan Sale
Original Art, Jewelry, Weaving, Visual Arts and Much More
Friday Dec. 1 & 8; 4-7pm
Saturday Dec. 2 & 9; 9-5pm
at the Artspace
1118 Indiana Ave. & 12th St.
Presented by Otero Arts Inc.
oteroarts.org

LOCAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS FOR THE FAMILY:



In Cloudercroft, 12/16 Evening in Christmas Park, 4 pm



in Cloudercroft, @ Sac Mtn. Museum, 12/16, 4 pm



City of Alamogordo presents
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
DECEMBER 8TH, 6 - 8 PM
WASHINGTON PARK
FREE Family Event
MEET SANTA

City of Alamogordo has set Friday, Dec. 8, 6-8 pm for the town Christmas Tree at Washington Park w/food and craft vendors, kid-friendly crafts, hot chocolate delights and SANTA CLAUS!

Christmas PARADE

2023 PARADE OF LIGHTS

DECEMBER

SATURDAY 9 AT 06:00 PM

10th St., Alamogordo, NM 88310

PRESENTED BY ALAMOGORDO CENTER OF COMMERCE

THEME: COWBOY CHRISTMAS

Register at Casa Y Tierra
2420 N White Sands Blvd
(575) 434-6770



The Board of Otero Arts would like to wish each and every one of you a Merry and Peaceful Christmas. Thank you for supporting our organization and we hope to see you soon at of our upcoming events at the Artspace:

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Maria Aragon Janet Amtmann
Ann Beacht Sue Preslar
Pennie Espiritu Carol Hernandez
Shari Adkisson Rochelle Williams
Chris Jones

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:

2nd Tuesday: (9th): OAI Board meeting: 1:30...all members welcome!

1st Thursdays: (4th) Members Appreciation Meet and Greet, 10 am.

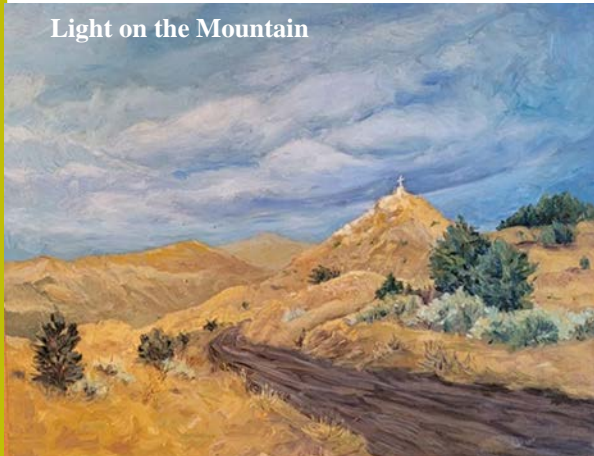
1st Fridays: on Jan. 5th: Artists Reception for Anne Alishire Art Exhibition. Monthly Exhibition is open to the public, beginning following day and open to public every Thursday through Sunday of January, 1 to 4 pm

2nd Saturday (13th) : Ewetopian Fiber Artists weavers, 10 am, contact Cindy Broughton: 708broughton@gmail.com, 575-430-6896

2nd Saturday(13th): Walking Tour makes a stop at the Artspace, about 11:30, Want to join? contact: Chris Edwards @ 707-880-6238 to verify tour will take place and to place a reservation.

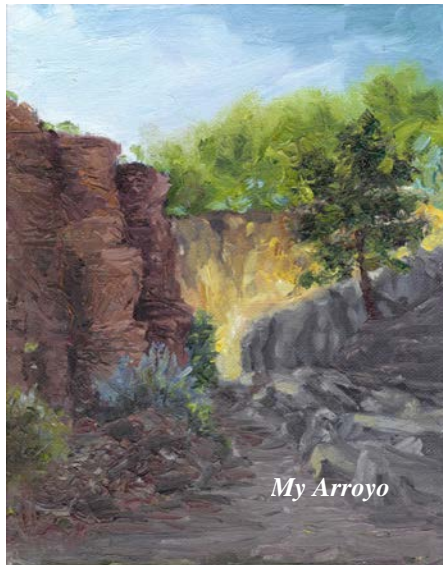
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ARTISTS' EXHIBITION. The Anne Aleshire ARTIST Exhibit will open on Friday **JANUARY 5TH** with a reception from 5 - 7 PM. Come, Enjoy!



Light on the Mountain

A world traveler, living in Montana and Alaska, Anne Alshire now calls Bent her home. Join us on Jan. 5th and meet the artist showing at the Artspace the month of January.



My Arroyo



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!



Eve West Bessier

Come enjoy an uplifting, humorous, soulful evening of poetry, fiction and live vocal jazz. OA proudly presents this noted author in a Reading Series event on January 19th, at the Artspace from 6 to 7:30 pm. This event is a celebration of Eve West Bessier's newest book, "Poems Before Breakfast," written in Alamogordo.

It will also feature short fiction from her recent book, "Pink Cadillacs," and jazz poems from "Roots Music." Eve weaves jazz vocals between her poems and stories, a unique presentation you won't want to miss.

She is an award-winning author, poet laureate emerita of Silver City, and monthly columnist for Southwest Word Fiesta. Her work is widely published in literary journals, most recently in *The Los Angeles Review*. Born in the Netherlands, Eve immigrated to the US with her mom at age seven. Alamogordo is her new hometown. Books will be available for sale. Find out more on Eve's website: www.jazzpoeteve.com

Enjoy the Holidays
See you in
January
January 4,
Thursday
10 am
at the Artspace
Coffee
cookies
and conversation
Members Appreciation
Sponsored by
Otero Arts Membership
Committee

Otero Arts First Friday Exhibitions
"Enjoying the Journey"
Anne Aleshire
Reception January 5, 2024 Friday 5-7 PM
Artspace 1118 Indiana Ave. Alamogordo NM
Exhibit open Thurs - Sun 1- 4 PM
Continuing Thru January 2024
Exhibit is supported by NM Arts, the Dept. of Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts

During our membership drive and your renewing your membership, won't you please consider volunteering for Otero Arts? Every event we present requires volunteers to prepare, manage and then clean up, as well as graphics work, outreach, advertising skills. At this time, we would like to restart our Movie Nights event but need someone to head up that project. Won't you help us? Thank you.