

# OTERO ARTS **NEWS**

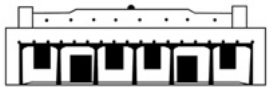
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**SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 16, 11-4**

## **ART BOOKS & RUMMAGE SALE**

Bargain Books to add to your collection and other collectibles from our recent fund-raiser!



Otero Artspace  
1118 Indiana Ave. & 12<sup>th</sup> st.  
[oteroarts.org](http://oteroarts.org)



**OA is proud to present in concert The Nomad Ensemble, a musical group based in Socorro, NM featuring local musicians performing a variety of classical and contemporary works with upcoming concerts as part of the NM Tech Performing Arts Series.**

**The Ensemble will perform on November 7th at the Artspace at 7 pm.**



**Violinist and Curator Eric Sewell holds degrees in violin performance and musicology from the U of Alabama and Columbia University and has performed in orchestras across NM.**

***Tickets can be purchased at  
[www.oteroarts.org](http://www.oteroarts.org)***

## **OTERO ARTSPACE INVITES YOU TO OUR OPEN HOUSE**

and

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Drive**

**Kickoff**

**Sunday, November 16th, 2 - 4 pm**

**Coffee, Cake and Cheer**

**Support the Arts in Otero County**

and

**Celebrate Community**

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## **OTERO ARTS 2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Our 5th Annual Membership Drive kicks off in November with an Open House on November 16 at the Artspace, from 2 to 4 pm.

Here is a reminder of the benefits of membership:

- Monthly Meet and Greets with artists' presentations, cookies and coffee;
- Advance notice of events and earliest access to ticket sales;
- The bi-monthly newsletter sent to you to keep you abreast of upcoming events and other OA and local arts news;
- Minutes of each Board meeting sent to your email so you have access to how OA is conducting business;
- Participation in the yearly Members' Art Exhibition;
- Vote for Board of Directors and Officers.

Please consider renewing. OA needs your support to carry out its programming and to continue to bring new opportunities for arts and cultural activities to our Otero County community. This non-profit organization is totally run by volunteers. There is no paid staff and we pay our rent to Otero County for the use of the building through volunteer hours.

Above we listed the tangible benefits of your membership, but perhaps an even more gratifying benefit to consider is that you would continue to be a part of an organization that in a brief six years has consistently and successfully delivered on its mission: To enrich the lives of the people of our community through art and culture and to foster a spirit of mutual support and cooperation through the arts.

Thank you.

Ann Beacht, Membership Chairman  
Otero Arts, Inc.





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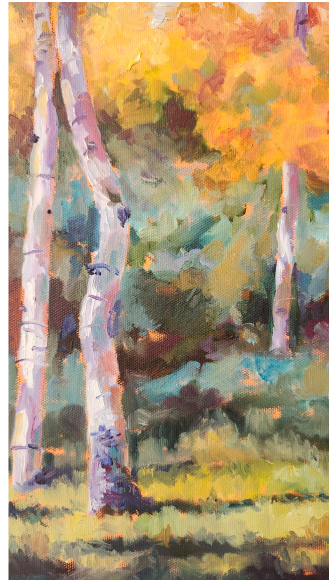


Maria Aragon

## OTERO ARTS 5th Members' Exhibition

This is the 5th year that Otero Arts has held its members' annual exhibit. During Covid, the exhibit was a virtual exhibit. The remaining years have been in the Artspace Gallery. This year 22 artists have submitted their work. 42 entries will be on exhibit opening Friday, Oct 3rd with a reception from 5 to 7 pm. The exhibition continues through Sat., 10/25.

**GALLERY HOURS ARE THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, 1 - 4 AT THE ARTSPACE.**



Nancy Apprill



Julie Ford Oliver



Sue Nichols

**Oct. 2:** First Thursdays MEET AND GREET, 10 to 11:30 at the Artspace. Join us for coffee, conversation and community. **Eve Bessier, poet, author, and jazz singer will perform.**

**Oct. 2:** Belly dance classes every Thursday begins @ 5:30, contact Claudia Powell: [claudia@tularosa.net](mailto:claudia@tularosa.net).

**Oct 14: OA Board Meeting** (2nd Tues) 1:30 at the Artspace. All members are welcome.



OTERO ARTS READING SERIES  
presents:

An Evening of Poetry and Prose  
OPEN MIC, 10/17: 6 - 7:30 pm.

All are Welcome!  
Come share your poems,  
stories, and music with  
an enthusiastic  
audience.

## Free Art Workshops

**October 11: 2nd Saturday, ALL AGES WORKSHOPS, free with materials included.**

Kids (8+) 10 am to noon  
Adults (16 and up): 1 to 3 pm  
reserve your spot: call 575-446-3880



**Kids Class:** Make your own Halloween Tshirt. (furnished)



**Adult Class:** Acrylic Pour w/Pennie Espiritu

**10/15, 5:30 pm:**

at the Artspace:

**ADULT GUIDED**

**ACRYLIC PAINTING**

**DEMO by Pennie Espiritu.**



History Archaeology Natural Science

**10/21, 6 pm:** Joan Price, MFA, will speak on the cultural identity and significance of a jaguar, the largest feline petroglyph at Three Rivers Petroglyph Site, a prehistoric gallery of thousands of petroglyphs managed by the BLM.

Her talk is titled "Always Watching: A possible Axis Mundi at Three Rivers Petroglyph Site." The southern exposure of this depiction of a powerful hunter suggests it serves as a Guardian of the Southern Skies on original complex calendars of ceremonies and daily community activities.



CELESTIAL  
JAGUAR IN THE  
SUN, MOON  
AND STARS





# NOVEMBER 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Nov 6: First Thursdays MEET AND GREET, 10 to 11:30.** Join us for coffee, conversation and community. Rochelle Williams will demonstrate mandala construction. Mandalas are geometric symbols traditionally used in ceremonies of meditation.



**Nov. 6:** Belly dance classes every Thursday begins @ 5:30, contact Claudia Powell: [claudia@tularosa.net](mailto:claudia@tularosa.net). (email for details. )

**Nov. 11: OA Board Meeting (2nd Tues) 1:30** at the Artspace. All members are welcome.

**Nov. 11: VETERANS' DAY, 5 pm** at the Artspace

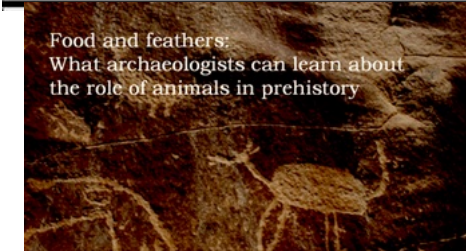


Otero Arts will present a Dramatic Reading from an original play written by Pablo Jasso and related Classical writings on themes of Military Trauma & Suicide. Program is designed to share information with public about crisis. Public is welcome.

*Rehearsals in Oct.; contact Lori Arella (845-797-3642), [dloria@gmail.com](mailto:dloria@gmail.com).... part of the Veterans Arts Showcase*



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



**Nov 18: 6 pm,** Doors open on the monthly JRI Lecture series continuing with the delayed lecture by 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.

**November Exhibition presents MATA ORTIZ POTTERY EXHIBITION/SALE** with potters Hector Gallegos and Laura Bugarini and Reading by Author Charmayne Samuelson at 6 pm.

**First Fridays Artist Reception** is November 7, at 5 to 7 pm at the Artspace. The exhibition/sale is open every Thursday through Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 pm, ending November 21st.



Ms. Samuelson became interested in the ceramics produced in Mata Ortiz, Mexico and the man who "discovered" the pottery community, Spencer MacCallum. She will bring the award-winning ceramic couple to Otero Artspace for an exhibition and demo of their award-winning pottery and a book signing.



## Free Art Workshops

**November 22:  
ALL AGES WORKSHOPS**

**Make your own Christmas Cards**

Kids' (8+) class is from **10 to noon**.

Adults (16 and up) will meet from **1 to 3 pm**.

All materials are furnished.

If you wish to sign up for class:

contact [mariaaragon64@gmail.com](mailto:mariaaragon64@gmail.com)

or go to the website:

[www.oteroarts.org](http://www.oteroarts.org)



## MOVIES @ Artspace:

Join us at the Artspace, 11/23rd (Sunday) @ 2 pm for the **Milagro Beanfield War** in homage to Robert Redford, Director.



The accidental breakdown of an irrigation valve launches a hot confrontation between the mainly Latino farmers in a tiny NM town and the real estate developers and politicians determined to acquire their land for a golf resort. Starring Ruben Blades and Sonia Braga, this 1988 film was directed by Robert Redford.



# MEMBERSHIP/LOCAL PARTNERS

## MEMBERSHIP...THE LIFELOOD OF OTERO ARTS

All of the programs presented to the community only happen through the work of member volunteers. Thanks to the following new and renewal members joining us in September for a total of 169 members to date:

**WELCOME** our new members:

Joshua Mix                      Linda Makinson  
and

Thank You to George Frost for renewing for 2026.

**Come be a part of this vital project!**  
**AND PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND the Open House Nov. 16th, 2 to 4 pm which is also the kickoff for the Membership Drive for 2026!**

*OA has started a store online where you can order all sorts of items to show your support. The items can be ordered online and sent directly to you.  
A portion of the sales will go to OA to support programming.  
Go to [www.oteroarts.org](http://www.oteroarts.org) to shop*



## President's Corner

Welcome to the October/November newsletter. Everything's just humming along at OAI. We've had a busy year with exhibitions, workshops and special programs, and we're already lining up next year's programs and exhibitions.

by Maria Aragon



None of this would be possible without your support in every form it takes. October is our annual Members' Art Show. In November, we have a special Exhibition lined up: the Master Mata Ortiz potters. Looking forward to see you all there!



The Cloudcroft Art Society Holiday Show will feature arts and crafts for holiday purchases starting on October 4th. Visitors can snag holiday gifts every **SATURDAY** from 10 to 3 pm at Michael Nivision Public Library at 90 Swallow Place. The show will last until the end of November.

### Otero Arts Board of Directors:

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**Don't forget to keep up with us by checking the website: [oteroartsinc.org](http://oteroartsinc.org) or FB: Otero Arts**

## LOCAL EVENTS:



**Oct 10: The Dreamboats, 50s & 60s pop & rock**

Go to [flickingercenter.com](http://flickingercenter.com) for more details and tickets.



**Nichols Ranch Apple Festival: Oct. 4 & 5: 9 to 5pm**

**Pumpkin Patch: Oct 25 & 26, 9 to 5.**

Go to [nicholsranchandorchards.com](http://nicholsranchandorchards.com) for more info and directions.



**THRIVE IN SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO**  
CORKS & SHELLS WINE & PISTACHIO FESTIVAL

**10/18: 11 - 6, Alameda Park, Alamogordo, N. White Sands:**  
In partnership with Heart of the Desert Pistachios & Wine and City of Alamogordo, Thrive presents the Pistachio Festival which includes artisan vendors, music, local food trucks, locally grown pistachios, and hand-crafted SoNM wines.



**Remember: Our historic, beautifully restored building is available to rent for private and public events. Go to [oteroarts.org](http://oteroarts.org) or call 575-446-3880 for rates and to apply.**



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Otero Arts is supported in part by New Mexico Arts, a division of the Dept. of Cultural Affairs and by the National Endowment for the Arts. Thrive of Southern NM funds the All Ages Art Workshops; Creative West funds musical performances and OCEC funds literary programs.

