

OTERO ARTS NEWS

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ANNUAL MEETING SLATED FOR AUGUST 12th:

Members are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting set for August 12 at the Artspace. The meeting will be held at 5:30, beginning with refreshments for all attendees. The business meeting will begin at 6 pm.

There will be Board discussion of the coming year's activities and goals. This is a good time for members' suggestions/ideas.

There will be an election of new Board members and the coming year's budget will be presented for approval. Each membership is allotted one (1) vote, regardless of number of persons in each membership.

As you are aware, grant funding has been cancelled nationally and we are looking for help and suggestions for fundraising. All members are urged to attend; your input is very welcome and needed!

With more than 500 entries in the Student Art Show in April, First Friday opening night had almost 600 guests.



First Thursdays Meet and Greet added artist demonstrations as part of the morning get-togethers. Here Barbara Hughes is explaining her jewelry making process.



24/25 Events: @ the Artspace
2024: July: Veteran Arts Showcase



OA co-sponsorship with Jornado Research Institute (JRI) monthly lectures began in January, 2025.



A new Board is elected at the Annual Meeting in August.



A new collaboration with the newly-formed Rebel Music Theater began with a Broadway Revue in January and with another this past June with sold-out performances AND a new one upcoming in late September!



Oct: "Civil War in New Mexico" day-long event was presented by NM author Jennifer Bonhoff and funded by Otero County Electric Co-op grant.



In November, OA celebrated our 5-year mark at an open house with cake and everything!



Plein Air classes were held in October all around the county.



AUGUST 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Free Art Workshops

First Saturdays, "Flash Fiction"

Workshop begins on Aug. 2, 9 -11 am.

Otero Arts is pleased to offer a new workshop for high school students (ages 14 - 18) interested in writing short fiction called "FLASH FICTION" (stories from 50 to 250 words using a variety of prompts.) So, bring your pad and pen or pencil and we'll share our short creations.

TO REGISTER: Call Flo Dean at 575-703-5347.

Class Teacher is Flo Dean who has written at and/or for: DanceSpirit, DogGone, Llamas, "enchantment" and others, as well as holding CE classes in Creative Writing at NMSU/A.



Aug 2: JOURNAL JAM, 2 - 4 pm

Create and decorate an Art Journal among like-minded individuals every Saturday afternoon in August at the Artspace. (Aug. 9th class follows a Collage Workshop from 1-3 you are welcome to come to both classes.). Register for class: Call Shari @ 575-442-1676.



Aug 9: All Ages Art Workshops, "Regular Collage". Kids (10 to noon), Adults (2 - 4 pm) @ the Artspace.



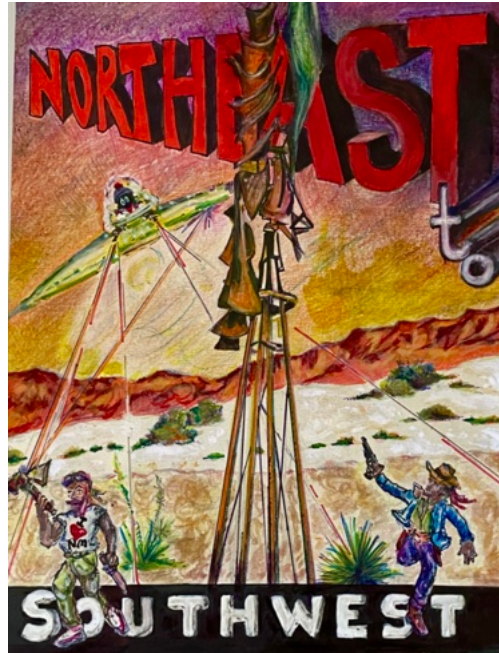
All materials provided free.

Register for class:

Contact mariaaragon64@gmail.com OR go to www.oteroarts.org OR scan QR code off flyer.

AUGUST EXHIBITION: "Northeast to Southwest" presented by Dan Pilgreen and Adam Baisley, opening on First Friday, August 1st at the Artspace, 5 - 7 pm. The Exhibition continues through August and closes on Saturday, Aug. 30th, and is open every Thursday through Sunday afternoon from 1 to 4 pm.

Dan Pilgreen is a local artist who grew up in the Alamogordo-Ruidoso-Tularosa area, returning in 2020. His focus has taken a realistic tone and influences come from life experiences in day-to-day occurrences.



Adam Baisley is a young artist at the beginning of his career as a multimedia artist. Many of his pieces use markers/pens and utilize found objects and a variety of media. Many of the pieces in the show were done after moving to NM.

AUG 7: Belly dance classes every Thursday beginning at 5:30, \$5 class fee, Contact Claudia Powell, claudia@tularosa.net for

Aug 7: First Thursdays MEET AND GREET, 10 to 11:30 at the Artspace. Join us for coffee, conversation and community. **DEMONSTRATION:** Sharia Adkisson will show gelli printing.



August 19: 6 PM, Doors open on the monthly JRI Lecture series continuing with "Rhodes: Island, City & the Knights of St. John", presented by David Greenwald, JRI, who will cover nearly 3300 years of history associated with the Isle of Rhodes, the eastern-most island of Greece and a World Heritage Site.



Dave has held a long interest in Mediterranean studies and great desire to travel to lands of intrigue, steeped in archaeology and history. Travel with him through JRI's Overseas Journey's Program. Where next? Egypt, fall of 26. jornadaresearchinstitute.org

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HEADLINER MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY TRIO AT 7 PM

OTERO COUNTY HERITAGE FESTIVAL - AUG 16, 3-9 PM

HIT THE STREETS & CELEBRATE NEW MEXICO'S RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE WITH A DAY OF LOCAL ENTERTAINERS | VENDORS | DELICIOUS FOOD



FESTIVAL \$5 (KIDS UNDER 10 FREE)
CONCERT & FESTIVAL \$30
FLICKINGERCENTER.COM



VETERAN ARTS SHOWCASE

Aug 24: "Lessons of War and Service", Writers group, pre-register: 845-797-3642



SEPTEMBER 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 4: First Thursdays MEET AND GREET, 10 to 11:30 at the Artspace. Join us for coffee, conversation and community.

Sept 4: Belly dance classes every Thursday begins @ 5:30, contact Claudia Powell: claudia@tularosa.net. (email for details.)

Sept. 7, 3:30 pm: Vocal music concert



presented by Ann Bagby and Holly Boyle in "Childhood Remembered", featuring nostalgic classical, theater and pop songs.

Sept 9th: OA Board Meeting (2nd Tues) 1:30 at the Artspace. All members are welcome.

Free Art Workshops

First Saturdays, "Flash Fiction" Monthly Workshop continues on Sept 6, 9 -11 am.

This unique workshop is for high school students (14 - 18) interested in writing short fiction called "FLASH FICTION" (stories from 50 to 250 words using a variety of prompts.) So bring your pad and pen or pencil and we'll share our short creations.

TO REGISTER: Call Flo Dean @575-703-5347.



Sept 13: ALL AGES ART WORKSHOPS: at the Artspace.

Kids (8+) "Masks for Kids" class is from 10 to noon



Adults will be learning beading by making jewelry, 2 - 4 pm:

All materials provided free.
Registration Required: contact mariaaragon64@gmail.com OR go to www.oteroarts.org OR scan QR code off flyer.

ABSTRACT EXHIBITION of SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO

Opens on Sept. 5 with a reception at the Artspace from 5 - 7pm and continues through the month until Sept. 27.

The Exhibition, featuring many local artists, is open to the public every Thursday through Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 pm.



Karen Watts:
"Luminous Feather"



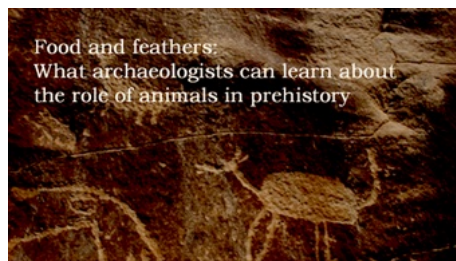
Maria Aragon



Lea Ferring:
"Celestial Mechanics"



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



Sept 16: 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.



MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY !
RMT returns in "Decades in Harmony" on September 26 (7 pm), 27 (2 & 7 pm) & 28 (7 pm). Go to oteroarts.org to get your tickets (\$10).

MOVIES @ Artspace:

Join us at the Artspace, Sept 24 (Wednesday) @5:30 pm. \$5
Donation is appreciated!



Filed in 2018 at the National galleries of London, Paris & Washington, this film features interviews with curators and experts and correspondence from the artist himself, taking us to the places where he lived and worked.

ATTENTION: Another Plein Air Workshop is set for October 16 - 18; go to oteroarts.org for tickets.

The Members' Exhibition is set for October; deadline for signing up for the show is Sept. 15. go to oteroarts.org to enter.



MEMBERSHIP/LOCAL PARTNERS

MEMBERSHIP...THE LIFE BLOOD OF OTERO ARTS

All of the programs presented to the community only happen through the work of member volunteers. Thanks to the following new (2) and 1 renewal joining us in July/August for a total of 158 members to date:

WELCOME our new members:
Armand Velez Paul Farrant
AND Thank You to Joan Price for renewing!

Come be a part of this vital project!
AND PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND
THE MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING SET
FOR AUGUST 12TH @ 5:30 at the Artspace!

UPCOMING EVENTS (through December) at the ARTSPACE:

October: always popular Members Exhibition; application will be sent to members.
Arts & Crafts Show (contact Janet Amtmann, janet.amtmann@gmail.com for info.)
Plein Art Workshop (16-18th) w/Anita Louise West.

November: Exhibition of Mata Ortiz Pottery from Mexico
Reading series with renown authors
Open House to kick off Membership Drive
December: Exhibit of members' favorite art works
Reading Series will feature Josh Wheeler

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Children: Costumes, Christmas cards and Acrylic Pour
Adults: Acrylic Pour, Christmas cards, and still life drawing/watercolor

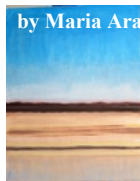
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In August, we hold our all important board elections. These elections are crucial to the long term survival of this organization. We can have up to 11 members on the board, and we definitely do not have that many currently. We are trying to find more people willing to help support the arts here. In every struggling community, the arts play a crucial role in recovery and development. Consider that Otero Arts, Inc. is the ONLY regular venue for the arts in Alamogordo and beyond. We truly need your help, increasingly so as time goes on if this organization is to survive and play a role in the arts here. We need you.
Maria Aragon, President

by Maria Aragon



LOCAL EVENTS:



Aug 1, 2, 8, 9 @ 7 pm, Aug 3 @ 2 pm:
AMT production "Big Fish, The Musical", tickets @
www.alamogordomusictheatre.org
August 16: Otero County Heritage Festival, 3 - 9 pm, Michael Martin Murphy headlines.
August 20: "Shine on Floyd", Pink Floyd Tribute Show, 7 pm
go to flickingercenter.com for info

REBEL MUSIC THEATRE PRESENTS



go to www.oteroarts.org for tickets.

Sept 25: High Rolls:
Apple Festival, 9 -- 5 pm
56 Cottage Row
hrmplions.com

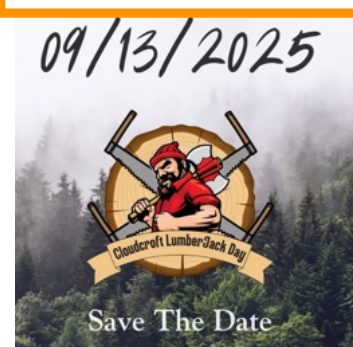


ART & WINE IN THE COOL PINES

Aug 1 -3
Sacramento
Historical Museum



Aug 5: Linda Caperton and Sandy Hooper
go to:
cloudcroftart.com
for more info.



Sept 14, CC: Heritage Days & Car Show, 10 - 4 pm, Historical Museum in Cloudcroft.



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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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