



# OTERO ARTS NEWS

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## VETERAN ARTS SHOWCASE

Join us for a unique civilian-military engagement to celebrate the arts in community ~ JUNE 2024

At the ARTSPACE ~ 12th and Indiana, Alamogordo NM

The Veteran Arts Showcase was founded by Dr. Lori Arella in 2013, an initiative of the Veteran Family Support Alliance, to assist with reintegration of troops returning to New York's Hudson Valley. It quickly became a vital celebration of artistic expression for hundreds of current and former members of the Armed Forces and their families. The Showcase offers a unique opportunity for veterans to reconnect with the larger community, and to discover new talents and parts of themselves – including ones unrelated to war. The Arts can offer hope when words alone may fail. Many veterans see themselves as “doers” rather than “talkers” and they often find activities that engage the right brain --like hiking, building, riding, gardening, the arts – far more appealing and effective in processing difficult life experiences than traditional “talk therapy.”

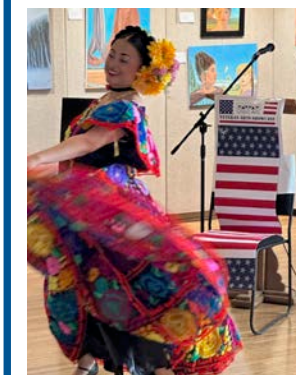
Upon relocating to Otero County in 2017, Arella hoped to expand upon the Showcase experiences gained in NY, and in 2022 she assisted Otero Arts grant writer, Chris Jones, in obtaining a New Mexico Arts (NMA) grant to fund the first Veteran Arts Showcase in New Mexico. In May 2023, Otero Arts hosted an original play written by a local veteran, and a full day of art exhibits, a writers' workshop, performances and presentations by and about local service members, veterans and their families.



We have won another NMA grant to host our second Otero Arts Veteran Arts Showcase (OVAS), a month-long arts program of visual and performing arts, as well as public presentations and discussion. All exhibits and presentations are free to the public, and will take place in our beautiful gallery and performance venue, Otero Artspace in Alamogordo, NM, throughout the month of June 2024.



LOCAL ROTC Honor Guard performs at Artspace in May, 2023 to the delight of attendees.



WRITERS' WORKSHOPS!  
VETERAN ARTISTS EXHIBITION!

2023 Veterans' Showcase featured SINGING! DANCING



June 2024 Veterans Showcase will include:

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!  
Ice Cream Social and Silent Auction

Ice Cream Social & Silent Auction



\$2 per person, \$5 for families

Sunday, June 23rd  
Military families free!

See June/July newsletter for other events dates planned in June for the Veterans' Showcase:

- Veteran/Military Art Showcase
- Film and Panel Discussion
- Readings and Performances
- Open Mic, Community Drum Circle

Calling All **MILITARY-CONNECTED ARTISTS**

Servicemembers, Veterans and their Families

Writers, Visual Artists, Performers

Apply until May 1st

FOR APPLICATION:

Download from <https://www.oteroarts.org/showcase>  
Or email us at [oteroartsinc@gmail.com](mailto:oteroartsinc@gmail.com) – use “SHOWCASE” in subject line

For Information CALL: **Lori Arella (845)797-3642**



# APRIL 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Meet and Greet*

**April 4th**

**Thursday**  
10 am  
at the Artspace  
Coffee  
cookies  
and conversation

**Members Appreciation**  
Sponsored by  
Otero Arts Membership  
Committee

**April 4:** First Thursdays **Members Meet & Greet** at Artspace, 10 to noon. Join us for coffee, conversation and community.

**April 4:** Belly dance classes every Thursday begin @ 5:30, contact Claudia Powell, claudia@tularosa.net. Costume Night! email for details.

**April 5: First Friday Reception:** Following last year's successful Student Art Exhibition, the 2nd Annual exhibit opens with the Reception from 4 to 6 on the 5th. Students from K -12 grades will be showing their artistic talents. Gallery hours are every Thursday through Sunday all month, 1 - 4 pm.



Supported by NM Arts, Dept of Cultural Affairs and the NEA.



**April 9: OA Board Meeting** (2nd Tues), 1:30 at the Artspace.



## Free Art Workshops

**April 13: Kids Collage Art Workshop**  
Students will create designs cut from pieces of paper, printed designs, etc. **Ages 8 & up, 10 to noon. To register for class, call 575-551-4485**

You could make something like these!



All with paper!

**April 13: Adult Collage Workshop**  
Love to Collage or want to give it a try? Join us for afternoon classes, all materials provided. **1 to 3 pm: Ages 16+ call 575-442-1676 to sign up for class.**

**April 13:** 10 am, Ewetopian Fiber Artists workshop. Contact Cindy Broughton: 708broughton@gmail.com.



**3 Rivers**

www.facebook.com/3RiversMusic

**April 14: 2-4 pm Concert by 3 Rivers Band.**

OA is proud to welcome Julia Cozby, a founding member of Otero Arts and former Board member, along with her friends who comprise the very popular local band, 3 Rivers. This band is made up of three multi-instrumentalist singer/songwriters who perform their original music as well as cover popular country, folk, bluegrass and blues tunes. \$5.00 per person cover charge.

## OTERO ARTS READING SERIES



**April 19th:** Zachary Kluckman, nationally-ranked Slam Poet, will read from his recent work beginning at 6 pm. He has received the Red Mountain Press National Poetry Prize and National Poetry Award.

Join us for a fun (honest!) and entertaining (really!) evening celebrating the 460th Annual

### Shakespeare Birthday Revue!

Featuring Alanogordo's (and other) Famous Shakespearean Actors!

Comedy!  
Tragedy!  
Musical Numbers!

Snippets from some of The Bard's most famous works!

**FWEEEEEE!!!**

**TICKETS \$10 CHEAP**

**7:00 PM APRIL 26**  
OTERO ARTSPACE  
1118 INDIANA AVENUE

Sponsored by Otero Arts and funded in part by New Mexico Arts, a division of the NM Department of Cultural Affairs

**April 26: 7pm: Help us celebrate the Bard's 460th birthday. Loren Jackson and a group of actors including Mary Lynn Bardo, Rosemary Daffern, Gabe Mauger, Mike Julian, Zack Miller, Elaina Orwell, Ardrianna Sharp and James White will perform snippets from Shakespeare's plays (both comedy and tragedy) guaranteed to entertain. They will also perform a fun musical number from the hit Broadway Show, "Kiss Me Kate". Tickets are \$10 at oteroarts.org.**



**April 28: MOVIE NIGHT @ Artscape, 2 pm.** "Gaslight" (1944) starring Charles Boyer, Ingrid Bergman and Joseph Cotton.



# MAY 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Meet and Greet

May 2nd

Thursday  
10 am  
at the Artspace  
Coffee  
cookies  
and conversation

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## Free Art Workshops

**May 11: Kids' Workshop: "Notan" Japanese Cut Paper".**

Make Interesting designs using 6" square black paper. Ages 10 & up, 10 to noon. Call 575-551-4485 to register for class



**May 11: Adult "Notan" Japanese Cut Paper Workshop**

1 to 3 pm: Ages 16+ create designs. All materials. Call 575-442-1676 to sign up for class.



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

**May 11:** 10 am, Ewtopian Fiber Artists workshop. Contact Cindy @ [708broughton@gmail.com](mailto:708broughton@gmail.com)

**May 14:** OA Board Meeting (2nd Tues) 1:30 at the Artspace.



**May 17: Camerata del Sol concert, 7 pm**

Otero Arts presents an evening concert by Camerata del Sol, an innovative group of top-notch musicians from Las Cruces, El Paso and Ciudad Juarez who seek to bring unique chamber music experiences to the region.

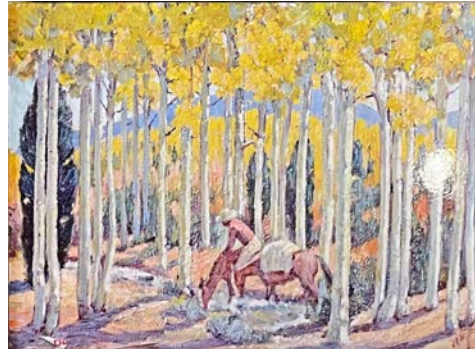
Program: Brahms: String Sextet No.1  
George Gershwin: Lullaby for String Quartet and Giacomo Puccini: Crisantemi for String Quartet  
Admission is \$25 and tickets can be purchased at [oteroarts.org](http://oteroarts.org).

## J. R. Willis and New Deal/WPA Photo Exhibition

The New Deal/WPA was a national effort to alleviate the suffering of the nation's huge number of unemployed workers during the Depression by creating work programs. Unemployed workers comprised skilled and unskilled laborers, artists, musicians, and writers.

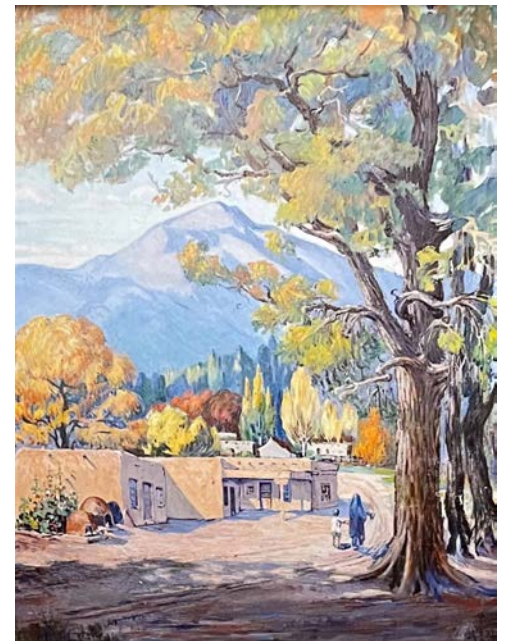
New Mexico was one of the most active states during the New Deal Era. The New Deal Preservation Asso. collection comprises photographs of paintings, murals, sculptures and buildings constructed with WPA funds. The former Women's Club, now the Otero Artspace, is a good example of WPA building in NM.

A segment of this collection is on loan to Otero Arts for May to celebrate the 87th anniversary of the opening of the Women's Club on May 6, 1937. Included in the exhibition are 3 paintings by J.R. Willis, whose artwork was displayed at the 1937 opening.



The Opening Reception Exhibition will be **Friday, May 3** from 5 to 7 pm at the Artspace.

The gallery will be open from 1 to 4 every Thursday through Sunday in May.





# REGIONAL ART EVENTS

## MEMBERSHIP...THE LIFEBLOOD OF OTERO ARTS.

All of the programs presented to the community only happen through the work of member volunteers. Thank the following new and renewed members for joining us in February and March for a total of 119 members to date:

John Adams	Sara Achille
Cindy Broughton	Lyn Canham
Linda Carter	Florence Dean
Claudia Powell & David Dooling	
Aurelia Esparza	Dion Johnson
Scott & Susan Goewey	
Tommie and Josette Herrell	
Cathy Jordan	Rosemarie Lion
Barbara and Will Kern	
Leah Nelson	Don Pettey
Liliane Pilot	Maria Tellier
Robert Pollack	Stephanie Sena
Susan & Michael Shyne	
Renee Stanton	



Since becoming Thrive in Southern New Mexico in 2017, the organization raised more than \$3 million by 2022 to support Otero and Lincoln County non-profit organizations. Up until 2017, Thrive was United Way of Otero County. A large portion of the donations came at the beginning from Gerald Champion Med. Center employees who donated more than \$200K from 2020 to 2022. Another big contributor is Otero County Electric Co-op. Donations go to local non-profits including local churches, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club and senior centers. Otero Arts has been awarded a Thrive Grant for the coming year for the first time. The amount granted to OA has yet to be announced, but it will fund our educational services including free art workshops for children and adults through our program called "Art for All Ages Workshops".



April 9 (Tues) 7 pm Scrap Arts Music: Children of Metropolis  
13: Jimmie Vaughan & the Tilt-A-Whirl Band, 7 pm  
May: 16th: (Thur) HuuBac Quintet, 7 pm

for more info: [www.flickingercenter.com](http://www.flickingercenter.com)

**2024 RUIDOSO BOOKS & WRITING FESTIVAL**

*Love to read and write?*

Join New Mexico authors for readings, writing exercises, and publishing tips.

**Saturday, April 13**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
at ENMU-Ruidoso

Free to the public. Lunch provided.

Interested in attending? Scan QR Code to RSVP!

For more information, contact Jeff Frawley, 575-315-1140 or [jeff.frawley@cnma.edu](mailto:jeff.frawley@cnma.edu)

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[www.NEHR.gov](http://www.NEHR.gov)



Have you seen this on Granado Street in Tularosa? Worth a trip. Lots of talent in Otero County! Artist's name is Lance Giest and he has only been doing this kind of work for a year. Picture doesn't do it justice!

*May Fair*

**JURIED ART SHOW**

May 25 - 26

Details at [coolcloudcroft.com](http://coolcloudcroft.com)

Zenith Park  
Cloudcroft, NM



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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 foster a spirit of mutual support and cooperation.



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Children Art Workshops are funded by the Devasthali Family Foundation with assistance from the Community Foundation of Southern NM.