

# EL MORRO AREA ARTS COUNCIL

VOLUME TWENTY SIX

SECOND QUARTER 2023

All Events are held at the Old School Gallery unless otherwise specified.



## Youth Art Exhibition

Pine Hill, Ramah and Zuñi Schools

Opening April 1--**Reception is Saturday, April 8, 2-4pm**

*We invite you to come to the Reception on the 8th and visit with our young artists. Some of the art will be for sale, so we hope you will consider supporting our youth with a purchase.*

*Prizes and ribbons will be awarded and refreshments will be served.*

Exhibition runs April 1- 16, 2023

## In the Artists' Quarter

*"Please, No Gray!"*

Opening April 23, 2-4pm

Craig Dixon and Lorena Willmon look forward to sharing their art for the second quarter of 2023. Their show features pieces that aim to bring a splash of color and a smile. On display will be a sample of their watercolors and metal art, as well as Lorena's clay creations.



*Watercolor by Craig Dixon*



*Watercolor and clay sculpture by Lorena Willmon*



Second Quarter Exhibition runs April 22- July 9, 2023

## FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.....

### EMAAC Committees Seeking Volunteers

Building and Grounds \*

Fundraising

Gallery

Programming \*

Public Relations and Community Outreach \*

Technology-Administrative/Website

Technology-Programming

Youth Art

*\*Board representation needed*

### Current Board Members

Interim President--Pam Davis

Vice-president- Vacant

Treasurer- Kate Brown

Secretary-Trish Anderson

Rosalie Bianchi-temporary

Lori Hanson

**PLEASE HELP!**

*If you love art and people  
consider becoming a*



**DOCENT**

*We are open weekends 11-4  
Docent days can be monthly,  
quarterly or on call.*

*Contact Lori to schedule a training*

[hansonmice@msn.com](mailto:hansonmice@msn.com)

For up-to-the-minute event information, visit the El Morro Area Arts Council Facebook page. Your "likes" will help us keep our information active for a longer period of time. Feel free to share our posts on your homepage!

<https://www.facebook.com/ElMorroAreaArtsCouncil>

Snippets: Did you know .....

**We have a NEW website:** <https://elmorroareaartscouncil.org>

EMAAC SPONSORS--Your Imagination At Work : EMAAC makes available use of the Old School Gallery and grounds to EMAAC members. If you have an idea for an event, workshop, festival or other happening, contact us through [emaacdiretor@gmail.com](mailto:emaacdiretor@gmail.com) Attn: Kate

### **Please consider joining The El Morro Area Arts Council!**

- \* Mail in the form on the back of this newsletter
- \* Stop by The Old School Gallery at mm 46 on State Highway 53, Weekends 11-4
- \* Visit our new website: <https://elmorroareaartscouncil.org>

*We appreciate your continued support of the Arts! Thank you!*

## Second Quarter EVENTS continued....

El Morro Area Arts Council Presents

# Open Mic

**Saturday, April 8th 7 PM**

**Come and share your talent!**

Want to enjoy a night of fun and friendship? Then join us for Open Mic Night. If you're a musician, poet, comedian, dancer, or even a clumsy juggler, we'd love to see your creativity. Every Open Mic Night is a blast. Join Us!



*See You There!*

*Your Host  
Wayne Ramm*

**\$5 admission  
Free to  
Performers**

**Old School Gallery Mile Marker 46 Hwy 53**

## Annual Earth Day Clean up!

Highway 53 and  
EMAAC Sculpture Trail  
Saturday, April 22, 9:30am  
Water, Coffee and Cookies provided

Bring your gloves, hats  
-----and rakes for the trail.  
Trash bags and orange vests will be  
provided for the highway cleanup.

Please consider helping with this!  
It should only take a couple of hours  
*The More, the Merrier!*

Bad weather will postpone!



## Springtime/Beltane Celebration 6:30-8:30 Friday, May 5

We will begin with beautiful traditional ballads from long time EMAAC friends Scott and Johanna Hongell-Darsee, a duo whose wanderings have led them from Finland and Iowa respectively - through Europe, Scandinavia, India, and the U.S. Along the way they have picked up tales and songs that they perform together with the stories behind them.

Starting at sunset (8:04 pm) we will go outside to dance the Maypole with Jackie Rossignol and Denis Black, accompanied by Toni Austin-Allen and friends on drums. We will finish the Maypole as the full moon of Beltane rises (8:25 pm)

At the Old School Gallery, mile marker 46, Highway 53, 12 miles east of Ramah  
*Sponsored by the El Morro Area Arts Council and the New Mexico Humanities Council*

## Second Quarter EVENTS continued....



### *Musical Meditation with Toni Austin-Allen* Sunday, May 14th, 3:00-4:30 pm

Classical piano music as well as original compositions for piano and other instruments. Experience a quiet afternoon of settling into the body and letting the music bathe you. Whether you are wanting a nice way to spend Mother's Day, after lunch at the cafe or at home, or you are wanting to find a lovely way to calm your mind and simply be in the music, this will be an opportunity to enjoy your afternoon.

Chairs will certainly be provided, but if you want to bring a yoga mat and a pillow to lie down and listen, please feel free. If you want to do quiet yoga during the performance, feel free to do so in the back of the performance space. You are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes and simply be willing to relax into the music and rest your mind.

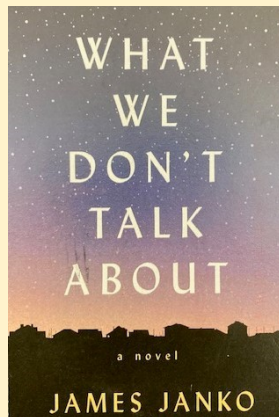
*Fee: \$10 suggested.*

*If that might keep you from coming, pay what you can. No one will be turned away. Proceeds will go to fund her trip to her daughter's wedding in July.*

### **Literary Tea and Book Presentation by Author - James Janko**

Hosted by the EMAAC Book Discussion Group

Saturday, May 20, 2-4 pm



Chosen as Book of the Week by the Albuquerque Journal, the reviewer says "James Janko's What We Don't talk About is an enticing work of fiction that is self-identified as a novel but can also be termed a group of connected short stories. It is generally set in the small fictional Illinois town of Orville in the 1960s.

As the title hints, the book deals with unspoken---indeed at times unspeakable---issues townspeople hardly whisper in public. Racism is one overarching issue. Orville has the reputation for being a "sundown" town, meaning blacks should get out by sunset or face intimidation or worse, violence."

Books now available at Amazon, will also be available for purchase at the presentation.

### *El Morro Area Arts Council's 25th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Membership Meeting*

Saturday, June 24th

1:00-2:00pm Member Pot Luck Lunch

2:00-4:00pm Annual Meeting

Yearly Review and Anticipated Programming, Approval of 2023-2024 Proposed Budget, Election of new Board Members and Officers, Thanks to Outgoing Board Members, Celebratory cake, coffee and discussion!

# WORKSHOPS



## KUNDALINI YOGA 2 HOUR WORKSHOP Monthly - March through August

### A Practice of Awareness

With our awareness, we are able to enter into our natural states of physical ease, emotional joy, mental knowing and spiritual freedom. This yoga practice incorporates repeated movements, dynamic breathing and chanting with mantra meditation. These two hour workshops incorporate a deeper dive into lessons of focused practice, extended mantra meditation and/or meditation for relaxation

All levels are welcome. Mat, chair, alternative movements and modifications are offered whenever needed.

Contact Catharine Embry 505-240-1984

Sunday at 2 pm

March 26th

April 16th

May 21st

June 18th

July 23rd

August 20th

\$15 per class

Bring your mat, bolster, pillow, journal and any other supportive items you may need.

*Ong Namo Guru Dev Namo*

*I call upon the Divine lineage of Teachers  
past, present and future*

*I call upon the Teacher within me*

*Bring me from Ignorance to knowledge  
from Darkness into Light.*

## LEATHERWORKING WORKSHOP

With Hazel Clawson

May 13th, 1-4pm

Demonstration and instruction by a master leatherworker. Hazel has pieces on exhibit at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.!



Fee - \$10 for a leatherworking kit.

Class size limited to 10. Call or stop by the gallery to sign up. 505-783-4710

## NEW ON-GOING GROUP



### Live Performance & Stagecraft Production Workshops

Tuesdays 1:00pm

A series of workshops designed to enable and enhance the learning and practice of all aspects of live performance. You don't have to be the "On-stage Star." EMAAC needs your help putting on shows, and you'll gain practical skills you can use both for personal and community benefit.

Among the many topics to be covered are: Stage management, Songwriting, Lighting Design & Live Production, How & Why of Equipment (basic to advanced), Sound Engineering, Sound Mixing & Recording, Lighting & Sound Gear Maintenance & Repair, Event Setup & Teardown, Crowd Parking & Management, Both Audio and Video Recording & Postproduction Editing, Logistics & Execution (planning, projecting, budgeting).

For more information and to confirm  
any week's occurrence or topic contact:

Wayne Ramm 505-783-4160, WaynerR@AlternateJourney.com

Bob Schafer 505-728-3215 schaf8n@gmail.com



## NEW ON-GOING GROUPS continued.....

### New Exercise Classes Q2, 2023

Mondays and Wednesdays



10:00-10:45 am

Beginner Yoga/Pilates

11:00-11:45 am

Older Adult Mobility & Stability

Please RSVP before classes begin on April 3. Suggested donation : \$7 per class (\$2 for EMAAC , \$5 for instructor). Please arrive 10 minutes early for your first class.

Contact Jamie Sackett at 208-697-2517 or at [firelilyfitness@outlook.com](mailto:firelilyfitness@outlook.com) to RSVP or with questions.

### Vinyassa Flow Yoga

Thursdays 9:30-10:45 am

Vinyasa Flow Yoga is taught by stringing together poses with sequential movements, music and breath guidance.

This practice develops strength and flexibility in a way that is actively meditative, leaving one with what I like to call "a yoga glow."

Instructor: Patricia C. Lockwood, MA (200YT)

For information: [wildwomanishome@gmail.com](mailto:wildwomanishome@gmail.com)



### Just 4 Fun

Thursdays 1:00 -3:00 pm

**All musicians--beginning, experienced or in between--are invited to come play with us!**

We play primarily Celtic and folk music, but other genres show up from time to time. Play by ear or from sheet music---we even have beginner's variations of many songs.

Contact Amy Renaud, [flipflopfarmNM@gmail.com](mailto:flipflopfarmNM@gmail.com) or at 505-775-0140

## CONTINUING ON-GOING GROUPS

### Monthly READING GROUP *Third Tuesdays at Members' Homes*

The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles, Fiction, 2021. This new Great American Road Novel tails four boys — three 18-year-olds who met in a juvenile reformatory, plus a brainy 8-year-old --- as they set out from Nebraska in June 1954, in an old Studebaker in pursuit of a better future. Hitch onto this delightful tour de force and you'll be pulled straight through to the end, helpless against the inventive exuberance of Towles' storytelling. (From Book Reviews, NPR)

April 18, 7:30 pm. At the home of Jerry Jorgensen. 505-783-4124

What We Don't Talk About by James Janko, Fiction, 2022. The dreams and desires of residents of the "sundown" town of rural Orville, Illinois, collide and intersect as they navigate life and coming of age in the 1960s. In Janko's masterful hands, the darkness--of prejudice, privilege and power---threatens to overwhelm everything.

May 16, 7:30 pm. At the home of Pam Davis 505-870-6245

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer, 2013. The work examines modern botany and environmentalism through the lens of the traditions and cultures of the Indigenous peoples of North America. Through a series of personal reflections, the author explores the connection between living things and human efforts to cultivate a more sustainable world.

June 20, 7:30 pm. At the home of Rosalie Bianchi 505-783-4076

## ON-GOING GROUPS continued.....

### QI GONG\*

At the Old School Gallery

Thursdays at 11:00 am

*Slow movement Qigong exercises for health*

Thursdays at 11:30 am

*Self Defense Tai Chi designed for the defender to escape aggression.*

*Healing techniques for general health and recovery from injuries.*

\*Text Jon at 505-362-8244 to confirm



### “So You Think You Can’t Dance?”

*Informal Dancing and Dessert*

Lessons for non-dancers,  
or bring your favorite dance to teach us all.

The First Friday Of the Month  
7:30 pm **at the Belly Button Ballroom**

RSVP (or for directions or questions)  
Contact [pamelad1946@gmail.com](mailto:pamelad1946@gmail.com)



### Poetry

Most Sundays at 11:00 am

**Inscription Rock Trading and Coffee Company**

*Poets at all levels of development meet to share poetry and support each other.*

Contact Redwulf

### Science Group!

Third Sundays 1:30 pm

**Inscription Rock Trading and Coffee Company**

Discussion topic for April  
*“Quantum mechanics and Special Relativity”*

Suggestions welcome for May & June

Call Rosalie (505) 783-4076

## EXHIBITORS' NOTES

### Second Quarter Theme: “No Gray Please”

Showing the work of Lorena Willmon and Craig Dixon in the Artists' Quarter

**Note that to accommodate the Student Exhibition between Quarters 1 and 2, pick-up and drop-off dates are not the same day.**

**Pick up first quarter art March 26, 11am-4pm**

**Deliver second quarter art April 16th, 11-4, Or at the latest, noon on Thursday, April 20**

If you cannot meet these deadlines, please contact Pam at [pamelad1946@gmail.com](mailto:pamelad1946@gmail.com) to make other arrangements.

*Each exhibition has a theme/title which is chosen by the artist featured in the Artists' Quarter. The themes are meant to inspire, are open to interpretation and are never mandatory.*

Third Quarter 2023 Theme: “Birthing Earth” by Laura Baum

Work for Q3 will be due July 9th

*“Celebrating our connections, let’s be inspired and use the materials gifted from the earth--pigment, wood, clay, stone, as well as images, words and feelings of interconnectedness with place. My work will be mixed media using all of the above--an imagining-- of an earth gifting.”*

Exhibition openings are in salon format and all exhibitors are encouraged to attend

***Exhibiting artists are asked to bring finger-foods to share.***

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Cibola/McKinley Area ART Events and Venues

**OPO Gallery:** Art by Be Sargent, Dinner, Candace Lee & Owl McCabe  
El Morro Village. *Special Mother's Day Opening, May 15th*

**ART 123 Gallery** New shows opening at the Gallup Arts Crawl--second Saturdays

**ARTS CRAWL** Vendor sign up April 8th-November 11th. Contact [deasantillanes@gmail.com](mailto:deasantillanes@gmail.com).

**LOOM Indigenous Gallery** showing cutting-edge, contemporary artists in downtown Gallup

Please support our local businesses!

### WAVE RIDERS OF THE ANCIENT WAY

Redwolf and Standing Feather  
are fully available for healing work.  
Please call the Wave Rider's Yurt  
At 505-717-7841 with questions  
or to make an appointment.

El Morro Feed and Seed

Open Thursday-Sunday 11- 4, Maybe more!

Inscription Rock Trading & Coffee Co.

Beginning May 4-Thurs.- Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5

OPO Gallery

Open? Call Candace 505-775-3773

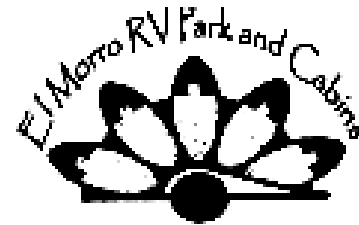
Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary:

Open Thursday - Sunday 11- 4

### OSO INTERNET SOLUTIONS

We thank you for your  
Continued support!

**BOOKMOBILE:** April 5, May 3, June 7  
El Morro National Monument 9:30-10:45,  
Pine Hill Market 11:30-1:00,  
Ramah Post Office 2:45-4:00



The Ancient Way Café  
Thursday through Sunday 9am-5pm.

The RV Park and Cabins are open.  
Reservations may be made through  
[www.elmorro-nm.com](http://www.elmorro-nm.com)  
or email at [elmorrorv@gmail.com](mailto:elmorrorv@gmail.com)



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On Going Monthly Groups:

Book Discussion Group—Third Tuesdays 7:30 pm  
 So You Think You Can't Dance—First Fridays 7:30 pm  
 Science Group—Third Sundays 1:30pm at IRT  
 Kundalini Yoga- Sundays- 2:00 See page 5 for dates

# April

On Going Weekly Groups:

Yoga & Pilates--Monday & Wednesday 10:00  
 Mobility & Stability--Monday & Wednesday 11:30  
 Stage Production--Tuesdays 1:00  
 Vinyassa Flow Yoga--Thursdays 9:30  
 Qi Gong---Thursdays 11:00  
 Self Defense Tai Chi --Thursdays 11:30  
 Just 4 Fun Band--Thursdays 1:00  
 Poetry Group—most Sundays 11:00

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| 9                   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14                          | 15   |
| 16                  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21 EMAAC Board meeting 10am | 22 Earth Day Clean-up 9:30 am                    |
| 23 Art Opening 2 pm | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28                          | 29   |
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# May 2023

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|     | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19 EMAAC Board meeting 10am | 20 Literary Tea with Jim Janko |
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# June 2023

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 Mobility & Stability--Monday & Wednesday 11:30  
 Stage Production--Tuesdays 1:00  
 Vinyassa Flow Yoga--Thursdays 9:30  
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|     |     |     |     |     | 16 EMAAC Board meeting 10am | 17  |
| 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  | 23                          | 24 EMAAC 25th Anniversary and Annual Membership Meeting |
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**PLEASE NOTE:** All materials for the 2023 Third Quarter Newsletter are due by June 1, 2023. Please submit to the Programming Committee at [emaacdirector@gmail.com](mailto:emaacdirector@gmail.com) for scheduling and approval before May 19th.



# EMAAC Membership Form

The El Morro Area Arts Council (EMAAC) is a vibrant organization that celebrates diversity, thrives on the sharing of creative ideas through programs, exhibitions and workshops. EMAAC supports The Old School Gallery, a community-centered activity hub for traditional and contemporary arts. The Gallery is open Saturday & Sunday 11-4. EMAAC membership is open to all artists and individuals who share a love of the arts and the Ramah/El Morro community. Please Join Us!

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Web or Facebook Page \_\_\_\_\_

Receive Newsletter: Postal \_\_\_\_\_ or Email \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Levels: Youth under twenty \$0 - \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \$20 - \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

Couple \$40 - \$60 \_\_\_\_\_

Family - \$60 \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to make a donation? Yes, in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail membership form and payment to: EMAAC, PO box 296, Ramah, NM 87321

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