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All events are held at EMAAC's Old School Gallery, east of Ramah on NM 53, unless otherwise noted.

Gallery Summer Hours beginning April 1 will be 11am-5pm, Friday thru Monday.

~~ APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS ~~

"A FOOL'S JOURNEY" A Path's Reflection through Tarot with Red Wulf Dancing Bare Tuesdays in April & May, 6-10pm, \$5

The road trip continues. Participants use traditional and non-traditional interpretations of arcanas to build trust in intuitive knowledge. Regular attendance preferred, but not necessary. Suggested donation of \$7-\$15.

"VARIATIONS ON A THEME" OPENING RECEPTION Sunday, April 6, 3-5pm, Free

See and hear EMAAC artists' responses to this quarter's title. Work by Jane Chilton featured in Artists Quarter.

POETRY CHA-CHA Saturday, April 12, 6pm, \$12

EMAAC Poetry Group presents a night featuring poetry readings, a free book of poems read, a Gourmet Burrito Bar prepared by Maqui and Ancient Way Cafe, free raffle, door prizes, Open Mic for Comedians. And if that's not enough, rumors are rampant that Jack Carter-North will teach the cha-cha!! Celebrate Poetry Month in a really big way! Proceeds to EMAAC Youth Programs.

~ NOTE: NEW GROUPS FORMED ~

***Dance for Kids of All Ages

***Tuesday Yoga Too

***Readers Theater

See Page 4 for details.

ANNUAL EARTH DAY YARD SALE AND CLEANUP Saturday, April 19, 10am-2pm

The 4th annual school-yard sale will be the best of all possible worlds. You get rid of stuff you don't want, we sell it to people who want it, and the proceeds go to EMAAC. Come and help spruce up the Gallery grounds and our mile of NM53. Baked goods and hot dogs for sale. Deliver donated items at 8:30 on the 19th or call the Gallery (783-4710) to arrange for storage.

PRETEND 2 BELIEVE BENEFIT PERFORMANCE Saturday, April 26, 7pm, \$5

Pretend 2 Believe is a Hardcore Punk band formed eight months ago by three guys who eat, sleep, and bleed music. Their sound ranges from mellow acoustic to thrashing drum beats and guitar accompanied by screaming vocals. So if you want to come out and start a revolution or just have a good time, join them for this concert to benefit EMAAC!

BIRDS OF EL MORRO with C.J. Grimes Sunday, April 27, 2pm, \$3

Bring binoculars and field guide and learn about our great variety of birds from local bird expert C.J. Grimes.. He will share tips on bird identification, places to see them and how to attract them to your yard.

~~ MAY AND JUNE SPECIAL EVENTS ~~

MAY FESTIVAL - 2008 Saturday, May 3, 3-7pm, Free

Come celebrate Spring at this annual event. Arts & Crafts vendors, drumming circle, plant sale and seed exchange and more! Dance around the Maypole at 4:00. At 5:00 dinner will be served for \$5 per person. To reserve a booth, contact Jackie at 783-4440.

OPEN MIC NIGHT Saturday, May 17, 7pm, \$3

Everyone's favorite night of funny stories, songs, poetry, social commentary and other entertainment presented by......your neighbors! Refreshments available.

Performers, please arrive by 6:30pm.

THE NEHER FAMILY IN CONCERT Sunday, May 25, 2pm, \$5

Featuring Kelsey Neher on clarinet, alto sax, and electric bass, accompanied by her dad, Brain Neher and mom, Sandy Rupnow. They will play duets from Bach to Baker, from classical to jazz, interspersed with originals and humor. Brian will dust off his tuba for this event.

MOVIE NIGHT: "OFF THE MAP" Saturday, May 31, 7pm, Free

This coming-of-age movie starring Sam Elliot, Joan Allen and Valentina de Angelis is a story of self-discovery that reveals moments of grace and the unpredictable enduring nature of love. Filmed in rural New Mexico.

Rated PG-13.

GIANNANGELO FARMS WORKSHOPS May 17, June 7, June 21, 9:30am-2pm \$20, at Giannangelo Farms

May 17 - Sustainable Organic Gardening/Greenzbox June 7 - Landscaping with Rock and Cement June 21 - Strawbale Walls Call 505-783-4412 for information, registration and directions. Bring lunch, hats and drinks.

DRUMMING AND TRIBAL DANCE Saturday, June 7, 7pm, Free

Drum, dance or listen. Everyone is welcome to join in creating a rhythmic evening.

OVERMAN FAMILY TRIO CONCERT AND PICNIC DINNER Saturday, June 21, 5:30pm, \$5 for Dinner, \$5 for Concert

Dennis Overman has long been part of the Santa Fe music scene. He was part of a group called Family Lotus, headed up by Jerry Faires and Jim Bowie, that played numerous blues and jazz venues. The group morphed into a bluegrass orchestra, doing some recording in L.A. Then Dennis went back to his solo act, opening for the likes of Country Joe McDonald and David Bromberg. Life, children and a day job intervened. Now the children (extremely musical, like their dad) are grown. In Fall, 2006, the Overman Family Trio (Dennis, his son and daughter) recorded "The Cerrillos Islanders." Using original, often powerful, vocals, with lots of harmony and traditional country instruments, it is acoustic country bluegrass at its best!!

A picnic dinner will be provided...meat, baked beans and all the rest. Come eat and then enjoy the Overman's toe-tapping music.

~~ ONGOING EMAAC EVENTS AND GROUPS ~~

Unless otherwise noted, events are <u>free and open to all levels of experience</u>, and meet at the Gallery.

Participants in groups that meet free at the Gallery are requested to donate \$1 per session.

~ART SMART~ FRIDAYS, 3-4PM

Homeschool families meet for arts, crafts and story-telling. For info, call Susan Mayne (783-4472).

~VISUAL JOURNALS~

Saturdays, April 26, May 24, June 28, 2pm

Led by Carol Casady, this group explores the integration of visual and written forms using a variety of techniques.

~POETRY GROUP~ Sundays, 11am

Poets at all levels of development meet to share writing and support one another. For info, call Jack (783-4007).

~TAI CHI CHUAN~

Mondays, 5pm, \$50 per month

Taught by Monika and Urs Gauderson, For info, call Monika (783-3045).

~TAI CHI WITH REED~ Sundays, 9-10:30am

Abbreviated Wu style movement and basic Wah Mountain Breathing discipline. Easy for beginners! For info, call Reed Anderson (783-4067).

~BOOK CLUB~

Tuesdays, Apr 22, May 27, Jun 24, 7:30pm

For information regarding book titles and meeting locations this quarter, call Fran Anderson (783-4067).

~THURSDAY YOGA~

Thursdays, 9:30-10:45am

Led by Jill Acheson, this group begins anew each time.

~LANDSCAPE OUTINGS~

Sundays, Apr 20, May 18, Jun 15, 3pm

Meet at the Gallery, then travel as a group to a choice location. Paint, draw, photograph or just sit and enjoy the view. For info, call Pam Davis (505-870-6245).

****BRAND NEW GROUPS THIS QUARTER!

DANCE FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

Fridays, April 18-May 30, 4:30-5:30pm \$10 for April, \$20 for May

Felicia Samson will teach a mixture of ballet, tap, jazz, modern and cultural dance. Wear t-shirt, sweats, sneakers and socks. Scholarships available. No class May 16. Sign up at the Gallery (783-4710).

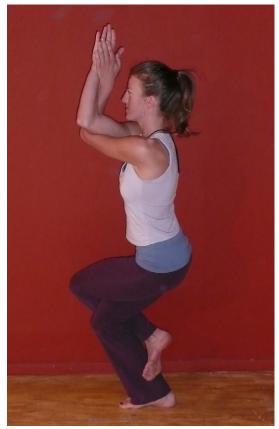
READERS' THEATER 2ND THURSDAY EACH MONTH, 7pm

Come and read a part or just listen. Scripts provided. Plays chosen each meeting for the following month.

April 10 - "Arsenic and Old Lace"

TUESDAY YOGA TOO Tuesdays, 9:30-11am

Led by Bria Clark (in Eagle pose). A new class for all! Bring mat, blanket and strap, if you have 'em.



~~ OLD SCHOOL GALLERY NOTES ~~

NEXT QUARTER EXHIBITION

JULY 3 - SEPTEMBER 28

"AMBIENT TEMEPERATURE"

NEXT IN THE ARTISTS QUARTER

WORK BY LISA de ST. CROIX

OPENING RECEPTION SUNDAY, JULY 6, 11am

Brunch will be served!

CURRENT EXHIBITION
THROUGH JUNE 29

"VARIATIONS ON A THEME"

AND IN THE ARTISTS QUARTER
WORK BY JANE CHILTON

OPENING RECEPTION SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 3-5PM

Refreshments will be served.

<u>All member artists</u> are encouraged to bring work for each quarter's exhibition. For the next show, <u>art must be delivered to the Gallery by June 28.</u> Themes are open to wide interpretation.



Pastel by Jane Chilton

"I have a predilection for painting that lends joyousness to a wall."

-Pierre Auguste Renoir

COMMENTS FROM JANE CHILTON

My pastel landscapes are primarily of the Zuni Mountains in west central New Mexico, where I have lived for the past 32 years, along with any other places I manage to get to.

For many years I painted abstracted oils, and occassionally colored pencils, of ideas arising from an interest in Relativity and QuantumTheories. These led to images in a similar style, of Anasazi ruins. It was an "analytical mind" period.

A few years ago, I briefly stopped painting (and possibly thinking)) When the fog cleared, I found myself pastel in hand, confronting the view before me. Painting the landscape is an exercise in being here now. Where once I painted about what I believed, I now paint as a meditation into what IS.

~~ YOUNG ARTISTS NEWS ~~



High School Best in Show
"Zuni Dancers"
by Michael Curley
Pine Hill High School, Mr. Bachicha

Elementary School First Place 3-D Mixed Media
"Otter"
by Isaac Wilson
Wilson Homeschool



YOUNG ARTISTS EXHIBITION DRAWS 200+ ENTRIES

This year's Young Artists Exhibitions were combined into one event, with the whole Gallery dedicated to area school and homeschool students' work. Over 200 entries were received from ten area schools and six homeschool families. Nine judges (see page 10) had a challenging job to choose winners from three grade levels (Elementary, Middle and High School) and five categories (Painting, Drawing, 2-D Mixed Media, Clay and 3-D Mixed Media). The Opening Reception drew over 75 students, family members and teachers.

Best in Show Winners for 2008 were:

-High School - Michael Curley for "Zuni Dancers"

-Middle School - Claire Schali for "Morning Hummingbird"

-Elementary - Tiffany Hooee for "Harvest"

Many thanks to the students, teachers, judges and

Gallery Committee for making this a stunning success.



Middle School Best in Show
"Morning Hummingbird"
by Claire Schali
Ramah Middle School, Ms. Jordan

~~ EMAAC APRIL CALENDAR ~~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9:30 Yoga Too	2	3 9:30 Yoga	4	5
		6:00 Tarot			3:00 Art Smart	
6 9:00 Tai Chi w/Reed 11:00 Poetry	7	8 9:30 Yoga Too	9	10 9:30 Yoga	11	12
Group 3:00 Art Opening	5:00 Tai Chi	6:00 Tarot		7:00 Readers' Theater	3:00 Art Smart	6:00 Poetry Cha-Cha
13 9:00 Tai Chi w/Reed 11:00 Poetry Group	14 5:00 Tai Chi	15 9:30 Yoga Too 7:00 EMAAC Board	16	17 9:30 Yoga	18 3:00 Art Smart 4:30 Dance for All Ages 7:00 LCRVNHA Meeting	19 10:00 Yard Sale/ Cleanup
20 9:00 Tai Chi w/Reed 11:00 Poetry Group 3:00 Landscape Outing	21 5:00 Tai Chi	22 9:30 Yoga Too 6:00 Tarot 7:30 Book Club	23	24 9:30 Yoga	25 3:00 Art Smart 4:30 Dance for All Ages	26 2:00 Visual Journals 7:00 Pretend 2 Believe Concert
27 9:00 Tai Chi w/Reed 11:00 Poetry Group 2:00 Birds of El Morro	28 5:00 Tai Chi	29 9:30 Yoga Too 6:00 Tarot	30		"Harvest" by Tiffany H	Best in Show looee an Mission School

~~ EMAAC MAY CALENDAR ~~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	COCCLAS	"Night of Rush" by Wilbur Lameka Ramah High Sch		1 9:30 Yoga	2 3:00 Art Smart 4:30 Dance for All Ages	3:00 May Festival 5:00 Dinner
4 9:00 Tai Chi w/Reed 11:00 Poetry Group	5 5:00 Tai Chi	6 9:30 Yoga Too 6:00 Tarot	7	8 9:30 Yoga 7:00 Readers Theater	9 3:00 Art Smart 4:30 Dance for All Ages	10
11 9:00 Tai Chi w/Reed 11:00 Poetry Group	12 5:00 Tai Chi	13 9:30 Yoga Too 6:00 Tarot	14	15 9:30 Yoga	16 3:00 Art Smart	9:30 Gardening Workshop 7:00 Open Mic
18 9:00 Tai Chi W/Reed 11:00 Poetry Group 3:00 Landscape Outing	19 5:00 Tai Chi	20 9:30 Yoga Too 7:00 EMAAC Board	21	22 9:30 Yoga	23 3:00 Art Smart 4:30 Dance for All Ages	24 2:00 Visual Journals
25 9:00 Tai Chi w/Reed 11:00 Poetry Group 2:00 Neher Family Concert	26 5:00 Tai Chi	27 9:30 Yoga Too 7:30 Book Club	28	29 9:30 Yoga	3:00 Art Smart 4:30 Dance for All Ages	7:00 Movie Night

~~ EMAAC JUNE CALENDAR ~~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 Tai Chi w/Reed 11:00 Poetry Group	2 5:00 Tai Chi	3 9:30 Yoga Too	4	5 9:30 Yoga	6 3:00 Art Smart	7 9:30 Gardening Workshop 7:00 Drumming & Dance
8 9:00 Tai Chi w/Reed 11:00 Poetry Group	9 5:00 Tai Chi	10 9:30 Yoga Too	11	12 9:30 Yoga 7:00 Readers Theater	13 3:00 Art Smart	14
15 9zz;00 Tai Chi w/Reed 11:00 Poetry Group 3:00 Landscape Outing	9:00 Young Writers 5:00 Tai Chi	17 9:30 Yoga Too 9:00 Young Writers 7:00 EMAAC Board	9:00 Young Writers	19 9:30 Yoga	20 3:00 Art Smart	9:30 Gardening Workshop 5:30 Picnic 7:00 Overman Trio Concert
22 9:00 Tai Chi w/Reed 11:00 Poetry Group	23 5:00 Tai Chi	24 9:30 Yoga Too 7:30 Book Club	25	26 9:30 Yoga	27 3:00 Art Smart	28 2:00 Visual Journals
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~~ COMMUNITY NEWS ~~

MEDITERRANEAN DINNER AT ANCIENT WAY CAFE Saturday, April 26, \$14.95

Maqui will be dishing up another authentic ethnic feast. This time he will feature Lamb Shish Kebobs, Dolmas and more. Two seatings--5:30 and 7:00pm.

Reservations required (783-4612).

PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP SERIES

The Plein Air Painters of the West will present their 2008 PAPW workshop series in Grants, New Mexico beginning July 21. The workshops will focus on outdoor and studio landscape painting. Classes will be held from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday-Friday. Five one-week workshops are offered by artists from Montana, Minnesota, California, Georgia, and New Mexico. The Artists include Aaron Schuuer, Marc Hanson, Jennifer McChristian, Jie Xiangyuan, and Michael Lewis. Information and registration is available at www.papwest.com or call Michael Lewis at 505-285-4632.

MEDITATION RETREAT

Vairotsana Foundation NM is sponsoring a meditation retreat at the Zuni Mountain Retreat Center on May 30 and 31 and June 1. Three highly attained Lamas (including Tulku Orgyen) will be giving Medicine Buddha Empowerment on Friday night. Saturday they will lead an all day "Nyung Nay" purification and compassion practice. Please contact Stan or Shirley Giser for details: 505-783-4320 or sgiser@wildblue.net. Tulku will be returning in early July for another retreat--details to be announced soon. Please check out Stanley's blog accessed from www.zunimountainstupa.org.

~~RAMAH FARMERS MARKET NEWS~~ PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 31, 10:30am, at RFM Site

Tomatoes, Chili Peppers, Eggplant, Herbs and more will be on sale just in time to get your garden growing.

Assorted houseplants and other bedding plants will be available. Arts and Crafts vendors will be on hand.

FIRST MARKET DAY

Depending on the weather, RFM Saturdays will begin mid-June. Watch for flyers or, better still, get on the RFM email list for early info (ramahfarmersmkt@yahoo.com).

~~BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE~~ AT RAMAH POST OFFICE 3-4 PM

April 1

May 6

June 3

LITTLE COLORADO PROJECT MEETING Friday, April 18, 7pm

The vision of a Little Colorado River Valley National Heritage Area designated by Congress is bringing together people seeking to preserve and promote the unique natural and cultural landscapes of this region. Meetings have been held throughout the region. This will be the 4th meeting at the Gallery. Participants will be able to see the draft feasibility study and legislation to offer input and comments. After this meeting, regional groups will combine to form one cohesive group that will lead the Area through its Congressional designation process and possible initial projects. You do not have to have attended a previous meeting to come to one.

Refreshments will be served.

~~ EMAAC MEMBERSHIP NOTES ~~

EMAAC BOARD INFORMATION

President Tony Buchen (783-4711)

Vice President Pam Davis (505-870-6245)

Secretary Connie Schallau (775-3751)

Treasurer Harry Hutton (783-4441)

Members: Sari Clark, Eden Gloria, Lee Haygood, Danny

Heim, Alician McCabe, Beverly Moody, Walker Pickens,

Donald Sharp.

Committee Chairs:

Budget & Business Campaign - Harry Hutton (783-4441)

Building & Grounds - Lee Haygood (783-2458)

Docents - Sari Clark (783-4438)

Gallery - Pam Davis (505-870-6245)

Membership - Danny Heim (783-4829)

Newsletter - Harriet Lawrence (783-4441)

Program - Dana Letts (783-2448)

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Young Writers - Jack Carter-North (783-4007)

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DOCENTS NEEDED

Sari Clark is our new Docent Committee chair. She will be calling current Gallery volunteers to talk about scheduling and would like anyone interested in volunteering at the Gallery to give her a call at 783-4438. Training can be scheduled at your convenience. Ideally we are looking for a group of 10-12 people who are willing to tend the Gallery one day (or more if you want!) per quarter.

EMAAC Artists! Remember you need to volunteer once a quarter to get the larger sales percentage (unless you serve on another committee).

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BIG EMAAC THANKS TO:

Jack Carter North - Organizer and Master of Ceremonies for Young Writers' Contest

Jeff Alford - DVD for New Mexico Arts grant

Harry Hutton - Outstanding service as president

Harry, Susan, Fran, Dana - stepping in for Paula when she couldn't be here

Dana Letts - Board retreat and facilitating Board Strategic Planning event

George Steigerwald and Dick Knowles - Water solutions And.....Kudos to The Cow Patties

NEW EMAAC WEBSITE ADDRESS www.oldschoolgallery.org

The old one still works, but this is easier to remember!

NEW SUMMER GALLERY HOURS Friday thru Monday 11am to 5pm



JUDGES FOR YOUNG ARTISTS EXHIBITION (Row 1 - Tony Buchen, Maqui, Eden Gloria) (Row 2 - Harry Hutton, Susan Haygood, Pam Pickens, Judy Malys, Billie Letts, Danny Heim)

~~ EMAAC MEMBERSHIP NOTES ~~

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Winter is yielding to Spring, as evidenced by March winds and the successful Farmer's Market Seed Exchange at the Gallery. Beginning April 1st please note new Gallery hours: Friday thru Monday from 11 to 5, to be open for visitors on long holiday weekends. We plan to remain open an extra day as well (Thursday) if we have enough Docent volunteers.

This past quarter we had an excellent Celtic Dance workshop and concert, a great community event with Inscription Rock Trading and the Ancient Way Cafe participating by serving specialty coffee/desserts and an Irish dinner. Thanks go to Jackie Rossignol for helping coordinate and promote it all. The Jerry Faires Concert & Chili Dinner was a great success as well, even though many of us had 2 feet of snow that morning and had to shovel out!

The quarter ended as Spring began with a burst of color and creativity in the gallery-wide Young Artists Exhibition. Thanks to all the teachers, parents, and especially to Harriet Lawrence for making it happen. And thank you to all the kids for submitting their wonderful creations. One look at this exhibit and we know why art is important.

---Paula

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Ron and Rachel Schali, Ramah
Anthony Gloss, Ancient Way RV Court
Joan Sheski, Grants
Kathleen Neher, Los Alamos
Alice Bybee, Ramah
Ed Sober, Albuquerque
Kim and Chris Moeller, Ice Caves area
Mike and Irene Landy, Kansas City, MO

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The time we took for strategic planning meetings was well

spent. The board has clarified both long- and short-term objectives for the Old School Gallery. Our committees are now working aggressively to manifest these objectives. Expect to see improvements in all aspects of the Gallery. You might also expect to be asked for your help and I urge you to be generous with your time.

Of course many of our planned projects will depend on available finances. The Yard Sale, one of our major fund raisers, is coming up. Spring is an excellent time to clear out those valuable but unused items around the house.

Contact either me at 783-4711 or Paula at the Gallery to drop off your donations. Please come out on Saturday, April 19th to make this a happy and prosperous event.

Yours, Tony Buchen

GALLERY NEEDS--PLEASE HELP!

We need the following in any quantities:
Railroad tiesCoyote FencingPoles
Lava RockGravelWood flooring
Materials for a Bell TowerAn Old School Bell
Facade-type lumberCheck out your barn, garage
and yard for the above. Contact Lee Haygood
(783-2458) or Harry Hutton (783-4441) with donations.

CALLING ALL WOODWORKERS!

The Old School Gallery needs a new sales counter/jewelry case. We are asking for donations of materials and a volunteer with the expertise to build it. The Arts Council will purchase additional needed materials. If you can provide either materials or time for this project, please call Paula at the Gallery (783-4710).

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~~ EMAAC MEMBERSHIP FORM ~~

Name	Date			
Address	Phone			
City/State/Zip	Email			
	Membership Level			
Student (\$10)	Friend of EMAAC (\$30-\$99)			
Individual (\$20)	Champion of EMAAC (\$100-\$249)			
Family (\$25)	Sponsor of EMAAC (\$250or more)			
Comments or suggestions:				
Mail this form to EMAAC, PO Box 296,	, Ramah, NM 87321, or drop it by the Old School Gallery.			
Comments or suggestions:				





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