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

~~ JULY SPECIAL EVENTS ~~

SUMMER YOUTH ARTS AT THE GALLERY! Tuesdays and Thursdays July 1 - July 24, 11 am - 3 pm, Free

Program Coordinator Susan Mayne has a great line-up of classes by local artists including: Tie Dye with Maqui, Visual Journals and Collage with Judy Malys, Creative Writing with Katherine Clark, Planting with Jackie Rossignol, Drawing with Jane Chilton. All kids are welcome. Healthy snacks and drinks provided - kids need to bring a lunch. To sign up, or for more schedule information, call Susan (783-4472) or the Gallery (783-4710).

SUMMER YOUTH ARTS PROGRAM CELEBRATION PICNIC/POTLUCK Sunday, July 27, Noon – 2 pm, Free

Join the kids, families and teachers of SYAP celebrating their creative accomplishments. Hot dogs and iced tea provided - bring a dish to share.

ART SALON AND BRUNCH "AMBIENT TEMPERATURE" THEME Sunday, July 6, 11 am, Free

Get a first look at the next quarter's exhibition of EMAAC artists' work. Artists are encouraged to attend and talk about their pieces. Because of the ambient temperature, we are moving the Salon to an earlier time and a delicious brunch will be served. Donations gratefully accepted.

AN EVENING WITH A.J. RICE & FRIENDS Saturday, July 12, 7 pm, \$7

Local guitarist and arranger A.J. Rice will perform one last time before leaving for Europe. A delightful program of intimate classical guitar and jazz will include guest appearances by Mike Francis (tenor), Kelsey Neher (bass), Brian Neher (flugelhorn/saxophone) and Walker Pickens (drums).

TIBETAN BUDDHIST MONK TULKU Thursday, July 17, 7 pm, Free

Tulku Orgyen Phuntsok, a renowned Tibetan Buddhist Lama, will be speaking about the universal values of love, equanimity, joy, and compassion--exploring their inner meaning and how to fully realize them in our lives. Tulku regularly visits NM where he is overseeing the building of the Zuni Mountain Stupa. Tulku has a knack for combining traditional Buddhist psychology with contemporary insights and inspiring stories.

MOVIE NIGHT -- CRASH! Saturday, July 19, 7 pm, Free

2006 Best Picture Oscar winner, Crash, tells interlocking stories of diverse people defined in one way or another by racism. All are both victims of and guilty of prejudice. Repeatedly, peoples' assumptions prevent them from seeing the actual person standing before them.

~~ AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS ~~

JACK LOEFFLER - ADVENTURES WITH ED Saturday, August 9, 7 pm, \$5

This talk addresses the life of environmental anarchist Edward Abbey and includes readings from Loeffler's biographical memoir of his late best friend. Together, Abbey and Loeffler ranged the American Southwest engaged in a conversation that lasted for decades. Loeffler recalls adventures and speaks of the complex points of view that led Abbey to launch the radical environmental movement. Jack Loeffler is a writer, aural historian and radio producer focusing on traditional culture and environmental activism.

10th ANNUAL AREA GARDEN TOUR Sunday, August 10, 9 am - 2 pm \$5

One of EMAAC's most popular benefit events! Tour Ramah area private gardens. Meet at the Ramah Post Office at 9 am. Bring a lunch, cameras, notebooks. For more info call Vicky Giannangelo (783-4412).

BENEFIT BARBECUE/AUCTION TO SPONSOR POETRY SYMPOSIUM Saturday, August 10, 5:30 pm Adults \$7.50, Kids under 10 \$3.50

EMAAC Poetry Group hosts its second annual event. The 2009 Summer Poetry Symposium will invite students from the four area high schools for an intense three-day study of poetry with a consultant. The barbecue chicken supper, with area-famous gourmet sauce and all the trimmings, starts at 5:30. The auction is at 6:45 and will feature valuable items including EMAAC artists' works. Auction donations are most welcome: furniture, jewelry, clothing, electronics -- anything that can bring a price at auction. Native American jewelry, carvings and fetishes and other single-price items will be displayed for sale.

THEATRE NIGHT! Friday, August 22, 6:30 pm, \$3

Discover your inner actor or actress! Enjoy the fun of acting by participating in small scenes and skits, wearing costumes, and receiving advice from fellow theatre enthusiasts. For info call Walker Pickens at (783-4400) or the Gallery (783-4710).

COW PATTIES SUPPER AND CONCERT Saturday, August 30, 5:30 pm, \$12

Moooooove over Dolly, LeeAnn and Bette! Here come EMAAC's own herd of gutsy broads to give you an evening of cowgirl carbs, sugar, songs and mooooooves. This concert's proceeds will go to improve the Gallery's sound and lighting systems. Backed by Jon, Paula, Bob and Walker, the gals will reprise some barn-burners and reveal new production numbers.

Tickets sold out last year, so see your local Cow Pattie soon.

OPEN MIC NIGHT Saturday, September 13, 7 pm, \$3

The night we entertain one another with stories, poems, songs, dance and other forms of homemade show biz. Performers, please sign up in advance at the Gallery or by phone (783-4710) and arrive at 6:30. Because of the popularity of this event, acts are limited to 6-8 minutes and walk-ins may not get to perform.

JANE CHILTON PASTEL WORKSHOP Sunday, September 21, 10:30-3:30, \$20

Respected area artist Jane Chilton offers this class on the use of pastels for beginners on up. Bring a sack lunch. For a list of materials needed, call Jane (783-4551) or the Gallery (783-4710).

~~ 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.

NEW!!

~EL MORRO GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY~ Wednesday, July 16, 7 pm

Due to sizable interest, we are forming the El Morro Gem and Mineral Society. The purpose of this organization will be education, recreation and sharing. We will begin by learning about the geology and natural history of our beloved Zuni Mountains. Field trips and excursions to local areas will be expanded to include neighboring areas of Arizona and New Mexico. Lapidary arts can be part of the program. The July 16 meeting wll be followed by a trip to the Zuni Mountains Petrified Wood Field on Oso Ridge. Meetings, which will include a brief program on varying topics, will probably be monthly, at least during nice weather. For more information, contact Philip Chambless (783-4383 or chambless@wildblue.net).

~THURSDAY YOGA~ 9am July 3, 10, 17; 9:30 am thereafter

~TUESDAY YOGA TOO~ 9:30 am, September (Jul, Aug cancelled)

These groups begin anew each time. Bring mat, blanket and strap if you have them. Led by Bria Clark and Jill Acheson.

~DRUMMING AND TRIBAL DANCE~ Saturday, September 27, 7 pm

Drum, dance or just listen. Join in creating a rhythmic evening. Percussion instruments always available.

~BOOK CLUB~ 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm in members' homes



Call for info or directions.

<u>July 22: LUDLOW</u> bu David Mason. This true verse novel revisits the Ludlow, Colorado coal field massacre of 1914. Fran Anderson (783-4067).

August 26: A THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS by Khaled Hosseini. Focuses on women's relationships and friendships with glimpses of daily life in Afghanistan. Pam Davis (870-6245).

September 23: ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MIRACLE by Barrbara Kingsolver. Part memoir, part journalistic investigation, this is a case for putting the kitchen back at the center of family life and diversified forms at the center of the American diet. Jill Acheson (783-4803).

~READERS' THEATER~ 2nd Thursdays, 7 pm

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

~VISUAL JOURNALS~ LED BY CAROL CASADY Saturdays, July 26, Aug 23, Sep 27, 2 pm

A creative experience integrating visual and written forms, using a wide variety of techniques. Materials are shared among participants. This group has been known to gather spontaneously some Saturdays, so check with the Gallery (783-4710) for other possible dates.

~~ MORE ONGOING EMAAC EVENTS AND GROUPS ~~

~TAI CHI WITH REED~ Sundays, 9-10:30 am, Aug 3 and Sep

Join Reed Anderson for abbreviated Wu style movement and basic Wah Mountain Breathing discipline. Easy for beginners! Call Reed for info (783-4067).

~TAI CHI CHUAN~ Mondays, 5 pm, \$50 per month

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

~POETRY GROUP~ Sundays, 10:30 am

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



~LANDSCAPE OUTINGS~ Sundays, Jul 13, Aug 17, Sep 14, 9 am

Meet at the Old School Gallery and then travel as a group to one of our area's choice locations. You can paint, sketch, photograph or just sit and enjoy the view! For information call the Gallery (783-4710) or Pam Davis (870-6245).

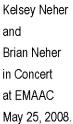
~ART SMART~

The weekly arts and activities group for homeschooled children will not meet this quarter.

~EMAAC DOCENTS~

Member volunteers serve as Gallery Docents on days that the Executive Director does not work or when she needs additional help with greeting visitors, making sales and helping set up for events and workshops. Artists who serve as Docents receive a 10% reduction in the Gallery commission on work sold.

There are currently about a dozen trained Docents. Several of the volunteers attended a training on June 14. They learned from Paula how to record sales and use the credit card machine (it's easy!). Susan Haygood, experienced retailer and past Docent Coordinator shared suggestions for greeting and engaging potential customers. Newly-appointed Docent Coordinator Sari Clark set up a schedule of Docents for the next few months. Being a Docent is fun and easy and a great way to learn about EMAAC artists and their work. Docents will be gathering periodically to broaden their knowledge and share ideas. If you would like to become a Docent, contact Sari (783-4438). Many thanks to those who currently serve this important volunteer role!





~~ OLD SCHOOL GALLERY NOTES ~~

for self.



Mural being created at EMAAC as part of the first annual Ancient Way Arts Trail Celebration on June 1.

Organized by Eden Gloria.

The Ancient Way Arts Trail is New Mexico's first multi-arts trail extending from Grants to Zuni to Gallup. EMAAC is one of 27 participating arts sites representing over 650 artists along State Highways 53 and 602. The project is made possible by New Mexico Arts, New Mexico Tourism and the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments.

NEXT QUARTER EXHIBITION OCTOBER 5 THROUGH JANUARY 4

"INSPIRED BY "

(Your choice of musical composition)

AND IN THE ARTISTS QUARTER WORK BY RACHEL SCHALI

OPENING RECEPTION OCTOBER 5, 3 pm

All member artists are encouraged to bring work for each quarter's exhibition. For the next show, art must be delivered to the Gallery by September 28 (and current work picked up then, too). Themes are open to wide interpretation. To be on the list to exhibit in the Artists Quarter, call Pam Davis (870-6245).

CURRENT EXHIBITION

JULY 5 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28
"AMBIENT TEMPERATURE"

AND IN THE ARTISTS QUARTER
WORK BY LISA de St. CROIX

OPENING SALON AND BRUNCH Sunday, July 6, 11 am

(Donations appreciated)

COMMENTS FROM LISA de St. CROIX

In this series of paintings "Emergence," I am working to bring the unconscious to consciousness. As I look within, archetypes and shape-shifting reveal my internal drama of transformation. Through this exploration of my psyche I see my personal mythology becoming a universal quest



"Shedding my old self" by Lisa de St. Croix

~~ EMAAC JULY CALENDAR ~~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 11-3 SYAP	2	3 9am Yoga 11-3 SYAP	4	5
6 11am Salon/ Brunch	7	8 11-3 SYAP	9	10 9am Yoga 11-3 SYAP	11	12
(no Poetry Group)	5pm Tai Chi			7pm Readers' Theater		7pm AJ Rice and Friends
13 9am Landscape Outing	14	15 11-3 SYAP	16	17 9am Yoga 11-3 SYAP	18	19
10:30am Poetry Group	5pm Tai Chi	7pm EMAAC Board	7pm El Morro Gem & Mineral Society	7pm Tulku Evening		7pm Movie Night
20 10:30am Poetry Group	21 5pm Tai Chi	22 11-3 SYAP 7:30pm Book Club	23	24 9am Yoga 11-3 SYAP	25	26 2pm Visual Journals
27 10:30am Poetry Group Noon SYAP Picnic	28 5pm Tai Chi	29	30	31 9:30am Yoga		

~~ EMAAC AUGUST CALENDAR ~~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 9am Tai Chi 10:30 Poetry Group	4 5pm Tai Chi	5	6	7 9:30am Yoga	8	7pm Adventures with Ed
9am Garden Tour 9am Tai Chi 10:30 Poetry	11 5pm Tai Chi	12	13	14 9:30am Yoga	15	16 5:30pm BBQ/ Auction
9am Tai Chi 9amLandscape Outing 10:30 Poetry Group	18 5pm Tai Chi	7pm EMAAC Board	20	21 9:30am Yoga	6:30pm Theatre Night	23 2pm Visual Journals
9am Tai Chi 10:30 Poetry Group	25 5pm Tai Chi	26 7:30pm Book Club	27	28 9:30am Yoga	29	5:30pm Cow Patties Supper& Concert
31 9am Tai Chi 10:30 Poetry Group						

~~ EMAAC SEPTEMBER CALENDAR ~~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 9:30 Yoga	3	4 9:30 Yoga	5	6
	5pm Tai Chi					
7 9am Tai Chi 10:30am Poetry Group	8 5pm Tai Chi	9 9:30 Yoga	10	11 9:30 Yoga	12	13 7pm Open Mic
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21 9am Tai Chi (no Poetry Group) 10:30 Pastel Workshop	22 5pm Tai Chi	23 9:30 Yoga 7:30pm Book Club	24	25 9:30 Yoga	26	27 2pm Visual Journals 7pm Drumming /Tribal Dance
28 9am Tai Chi 10:30am Poetry Group	29 5pm Tai Chi	30 9:30 Yoga	Ancient Way Oct 4, 3pm, Oct 5, 4pm, Oct 11, Fiber	first two weeks in Fall Festival and "The Navajo & C Quarterly Art Ext Arts Festival ery (783-4710) to	l Arts Tral Fesvti hurro Sheep" p nibition Opening	resentation

~~ WRITERS' CIRCLE ~~



EMAAC MEMBER BETH McDONALD NAMED ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE IN ASPEN

Selected for her poetry by judges for the San Juan National Forest Artist-In-Residence Program at the Aspen Guard Station, Beth McDonald will spend July 6-20 in Aspen concentrating on her writing skills. The goal of the program is to enhance public awareness of natural and cultural resources on public lands through creative venues. Congratulations, Beth!

Students attending Young Writers Seminar June 16 thru 18 at the Old School Gallery with Angela Williams, guest instructor



Lynx

A dark, large shape blurs fast across the road. A cat? I ask myself. That big? That fast?

And then, behind the first, a second lynx flows through the junipers across the road, then stops. I stop the car. The fire of eyes, ears pointed, markings black and bristling life, stir up the wilderness beside the road.

Dry hillsides, soaked with early morning sun, shine with the lynx's pools of yellow eyes. The junipers stand bristling, tense, alert to any movement signaling response. Above the hills cliffs rise and listen, poised into a moment bunched into a spring of muscles hidden deep inside red stone.

I hold my breath. The lynx waits, stillness stirred into the morning sun, the hillsides, cliffs.

And then, indifferent to the road, my car, the self inside the car, it moves; is gone.

The wilderness begins to breathe again.
--Tom Davis

~~ EMAAC COMMUNITY NEWS ~~

RAMAH FARMERS' MARKET Saturdays, 10am-1pm, June 28-Oct 6

Fresh local produce sold directly from the growers to you! The Market offers an array of greens, herbs, and other vegetables as well as free seeds, homemade baked goods, cut flowers, local arts and crafts and more. Soil testing is available for \$5. Bring one cup of your garden soil and learn your own personal N-P-K and pH. RFM, located next to the Enchanted Swiss on Route 53 west of Ramah, is a great place to meet, greet and and get good stuff to eat! For information on booths, contributing produce to the Community Table or other info, call Jackie (783-4440).

RETREAT AT ZUNI MOUNTAIN STUPA July 18-20, \$75-\$100 sliding scale

Vairotsana Foundation NM is sponsoring a retreat with Tulku Orgyen Phuntsok and Lama Urgyen Tenzin at the Zuni Mountain retreat center near Grants. Beginning at 6pm on Friday through 7pm on Sunday, there will be Shower of Blessings teachings and practices as well as preparation of ritual items. Call 783-4320 or visit website www.zunimountainstupa.org to learn more or to register.

SO LONG, GOOD FRIENDS!

The EMAAC community is losing two great contributors and entertainers. **Herman van Diepen** has left for a new job in Hobbs, NM. A long time area resident, he always was quick to help out his neighbors. He served on the EMAAC Board and was often seen on stage at Open Mic night. Herman will be sorely missed.

A.J. (Tony) Rice has given us many evenings of pleasure with his masterful and eclectic guitar playing. Originally from Alaska, studying in Philadelphia and New York, A.J. had gigs across the country. He leaves to tour Germany and other European stops, with his ultimate destination Oulu, Finland. Bon Voyage, Tony!

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Patricia Valdivia, DDS, Grants

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Please give these donors your thanks and support!



Maypole dancers at the EMAAC May Festival

~~ EMAAC MEMBERSHIP NOTES ~~

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER

This past quarter's Ancient Way Arts Trail Festival celebrated the newly designated Arts Trail, the first in the state sponsored by New Mexico Arts. The Trail features art related sites like the Gallery along Highways 53 and 602 with a brochure and website. EMAAC helped celebrate the Arts Trail Spring Festival on May 31 and June 1: an Open House on Saturday, with artist Alicia McCabe demonstrating how she creates her popular ceramic "Petroglyph Ponies", saw over 75 visitors at the Gallery; Sunday we had fun with a Community Art Project, painting on a giant canvas from a giant palette created by Eden Gloria (see page 5). Kids, adults and guests from as far away as the Netherlands participated. Watch for the canvas on display some time soon. We had a great increase in sales at the Gallery this quarter. With the difficult economy, sales have been down overall, but May and June were excellent. And the successful Arts Trail weekend has shown that focused, statewide publicity can bring visitors to our area and benefit EMAAC. Artists – Our website is seeing increased traffic. If you don't have your own site, call me about creating a page for you on EMAAC's. We need photos of your art work for display at the Gallery. We plan to have a second computer for presentations of artist's work, a visual catalog of our art shows and programs, and information for visitors or customers who have interest in a particular artist. --Paula Tripodi

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Thank you to those who held fundraising events for the Arts Council – the Poetry Group, "Pretend 2 Believe," CJ Grimes, and everyone who helped with our Annual Yard Sale and the May Festival Dinner. To everyone who contributes a dollar when you attending an ongoing class or group, thanks! General Operating Expense dollars are hard to come by and you help pay the utility bills!

BOARD PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I'm always amazed by the enthusiasm, commitment, and energy this community gives to the Arts Council. In these past three months we have had several successful fund raisers, great community events, a beautiful gallery show, and are now literally on the map with the Ancient Way Arts Trail. Truly, thanks to all those involved!

We are continuing with the long range plans for building improvements. Phase one of a new paint job should be completed soon.

Sadly, we have lost several board members including our Secretary. I urge you to consider coming on the Board.

The more people we have, the more we can get done.

Yours, Tony Buchen

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Judy Malys, El Morro Area
Gaylon Umbarger, Kansas City, MO
Wanda Wallace, El Morro Ranches
Susan Ehrlich & Michele Raby, Ft. Defiance, AZ
Robert & Justin Boeff, Ramah
Margaret Neher, Los Alamos
Maika, Grants
Emma Singleton, Grants

ANNUAL ART DRAWING TICKETS ON SALE NOW

The annual EMAAC Art Drawing fundraising is underway. Tickets are on sale at the Gallery and at the Ramah Farmers Market. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. The drawing, for work by EMAAC members, is held at the Annual Meeting, October 18. To donate work, please call Harry Hutton (783-4441). This is a great way to help EMAAC and add to your own personal collection.

~~ EMAAC MEMBERSHIP FORM ~~

<u>Name</u>		Date				
Address		Phone				
City/State/Zip		Email				
	<u>Members</u>	ship Level				
	Student (\$10)	Friend of EMAAC (\$30-\$99)				
	Individual (\$20)	EMAAC Champion (\$100-\$249)				
	Family (\$25)	EMAAC Sponsor (\$250 or more)				
Comments or sugg	gestions:					
Mail to EMAAC, P	O Box 296, Ramah, NM 87321, or	drop it by the Old School Gallery				

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