

# El Morro Area Arts Council NEWS

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

Gallery Hours are 11am-5pm, Friday through Monday

## ~~ OCTOBER SPECIAL EVENTS ~~

### ANNUAL ANCIENT WAY FESTIVAL EMAAC EVENTS

#### THE CHURRO AND THE NAVAJO with STACIA SPRAGG October 4, 3pm, \$5

This presentation features photographs and anecdotes documenting one Navajo family's journey to help save the Churro sheep, and, in the process, saving the family and Navajo culture. Stacia Spragg is a newspaper photographer interested in families and communities struggling to maintain cultural identity. She has covered projects in the Balkans, Cuba and Uganda.

#### ART SALON & EXHIBITION OPENING Sunday, Oct 5, 3pm, Free

Come join us for the opening of our newest show and listen to the artists discuss their work. Refreshments served. See Page 5 for exhibition details.

#### FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL

#### Saturday, Oct 11, 10am-2pm, Free

EMAAC's 5th annual celebration of the Fiber Arts. See demonstrations of spinning and weaving, exhibitions of hand-crafted items, and more. Baked goods and hot dogs for sale. Table space for vendors available. To sign up or for more information, call Sari Clark at 783-4438.

FOR OTHER ANCIENT WAY FESTIVAL EVENTS,  
*See Page 9*

#### EMAAC ANNUAL MEETING w/DINNER Saturday, Oct 25, 5:30pm, Free

Such a deal! This meeting includes Board member elections, the always-exciting Art Drawing, a fabulous Burrito Bar with beans, chili, and all the fixin's, and more! Tickets for the drawing (originally scheduled for Oct. 18th) will still be on sale (\$5 each, or six for \$25), so enter to win one or more of 35 works by your favorite local artists! (Need not be present to win.)



The Bell Tower goes up on newly-painted Old School Gallery.

#### HALLOWEEN DANCE Friday, Oct 31, 7pm, \$5

We decided it was time for another dance, and Halloween is it! Come in costume (or not) and dance to the local band "¿Oso What?" Refreshments available.

## ~~ NOVEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS ~~

### **WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP**

**with CAROL CASADY**

**Saturday, Nov 1, 10am-3pm, \$25**

No experience necessary for this class by the talented Ms. Casady. Materials are included in the cost. Bring a sack lunch. For more information or to sign up, call Carol (775-3044) or the Gallery (783-4710).

### **DRUMMING AND TRIBAL DANCE**

**Saturday, Nov 8, 7pm, \$1 donation**

Join in creating a rhythmic evening! Drum, dance or just listen. Instruments are always available for sharing.

### **2008 YOUNG WRITERS' CONTEST AND RECEPTION**

**Saturday, Nov 22, 1pm, Free**

The El Morro Area Arts Council and Writers Anonymous announce the 2008 Young Writers' Contest for area 4th-12th grade students. Categories are Fiction Short Story, Non-Fiction Short Story, Poetry, and Autobiography/Personal Narrative. Deadline for submissions is November 12, 2008. For entry forms and more information, call the Gallery (783-4710) or Sophia Farris (783-4831). And join us on Nov 22 for a Reception to honor the young writers!



We wish this were in color!



### **RAMAH FARMERS' MARKET GROWER/CRAFTER POTLUCK BRUNCH AND SEED EXCHANGE**

**Saturday, Nov 15, 11:30-1:30, Free**

Come meet the growers, artists, and produce customers that make the Ramah Farmers' Market happen! Bring seeds! Bring a dish! Beverages will be served.

#### **All community members welcome!**

- Tips & Tricks on how to grow for market from our local Ramah Farmers' Market growers.
- Bring seeds to exchange, or pick up some extra from our Seed for Need program.
- Bring your own local seeds that you have saved from your garden!
- Information on saving your own seed.
- Bring your leftover plant pots to give away.
- Meet the Growers – let them know what produce you would like to buy!
- Want to grow and sell produce or crafts at the Market? Find out how!
- Want to sell produce without leaving your garden? Participate in the Community Table!
- Much more!

For info call Jackie or Denis (783-4440) or Jesse (870-2750).

## ~~ DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS ~~

### **HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

**Saturday, Dec 6, 11am-3pm, Free**

Stop by the Gallery, visit with friends and do some holiday shopping with our fine local artists. Delicious baked goods will be for sale. If you would like to set up a booth, the cost is \$5. Please contact the Gallery (783-4710) to sign up or for more information.

### **HOLIDAY SING-ALONG**

**Sunday, Dec 7, 3pm, Free**

EMAAC's traditional gathering of neighbors to enjoy favorite carols and holiday songs. Everyone is welcome to share a special song or story. Bring a dessert for the refreshment table. Beverages provided.

### **OPEN MIC NIGHT**

**Saturday, Dec 13, 7pm, \$3**

This is the night we entertain one another with stories, poems, songs, dance and more! Performers – please sign up in advance at the Gallery or by phone to be sure of a spot on the stage, and please arrive by 6:30 to check in with the emcee. Step into the spotlight, or come applaud our incredible local talent!

### **SOLSTICE SURPRISE**

**Saturday, Dec 20, 5:30pm, \$3**

Celebrate the Solstice and experience a delightful evening of holiday instrumentals, songs, poetry, story telling, drumming, hors d'oeuvres, fruit cake ... and Ceili Dancing! All live and all local! A "ceili" is a community dance that requires no partner...and no experience!

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## ~~ ONGOING EMAAC EVENTS AND GROUPS ~~

### **NEW! TAI CHI CHUAN CLASS FORMING NOW!**

**Mondays, 6:30pm, \$50 per month**

Monika and Urs Gauderon teach a form of the ancient Chinese exercises which greatly improve balance, flexibility and overall well-being. Call Monika for information (775-3045).



Some members of the ongoing Tai Chi Chuan group break down the parts of one of the 108 moves in this form.

## ~~ MORE ONGOING EMAAC EVENTS AND GROUPS ~~

Unless otherwise noted, events are free and open to all levels of experience and meet at the Gallery.  
Participants in groups that meet at the Gallery are asked to donate \$1 per session.

### **~ LANDSCAPE OUTINGS ~ None held this quarter**

### **~ BOOK CLUB ~**

**Tuesday, Oct 28, 7:30pm**

Meeting only once this quarter, the group will discuss "Heyduke Lives" by Edward Abbey, at the home of Kristi Davis (783-4444). New readers always welcome!

### **~ VISUAL JOURNALS ~**

**led by Carol Casady**

**Saturdays, Oct 18, Nov 8, Dec 13  
2-5pm, Free**

A creative experience integrating visual and written forms, using a wide variety of techniques.

### **~ EL MORRO GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY ~**

**Third Thursdays, 7pm, Free  
Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18**

Beginning with learning the geology and natural history of the Zuni Mountains, this group formed to educate, share and take field trips locally and to neighboring areas of Arizona and New Mexico. Monthly programs in addition to discussion. Contact Philip Chambless for more info at 783-4383 or [chambless@wildblue.net](mailto:chambless@wildblue.net).

### **~ ART SMART ~**

**Resumes in October**

Homeschool parents and their young children meet to participate in arts, crafts and storytelling. This quarter they will meet one Thursday afternoon a month. For dates, call the Gallery (783-4710).

### **~TAI CHI CHUAN~**

**Mondays, 5 & 6:30pm, \$50 per month**

Taught by Monika and Urs Gauderon. For information, call Monika (775-3045). (See Page 3.)

### **~TAI CHI WITH REED~**

**Sundays, 9:30am, Free**

Except for November 16. Enjoy this beginning form of wellness tai chi. It's easy to learn! It's free! Join us when you can! For information, call Reed Anderson (783-4067).

### **~YOGA ON THURSDAYS~**

**~TUESDAY YOGA, TOO~**

**9:30am, Free**

These groups begin anew each time. Bring a mat, blanket and strap if you have them. Led by Bria Clark (mostly Tuesdays) and Jill Acheson (usually Thursdays).



### **~READERS' THEATER~**

**Second Thursdays, Oct 9, Nov 18, Dec 11,  
7pm, Free**

Join an open group of people who enjoy reading plays to one another....without rehearsals....usually without even knowing what play we will read. Scripts are chosen and made available by group members. So far we have read selections as diverse as "Vagina Monologues" and "Arsenic and Old Lace." Any suggestions?

~~ OLD SCHOOL GALLERY NOTES ~~

Rachel Schali watercolor "Sunset" currently exhibited in the Artists Quarter.



**COMMENTS FROM RACHEL SCHALI**

The show is all watercolors--a new medium for me. It is a material where layers of light and color build and are exposed at the same time. The paintings are about the land in this area. They include Arches in Utah, Ouray in Colorado, and northwest New Mexico. The paintings are from photographs mostly taken by my son Elijah and myself. Before I moved to this area from California I was asking an acquaintance where they like to meditate in New Mexico. I was thinking in terms of a town or a building. They said, "The land is spiritual in New Mexico." I asked, "Where?" thinking about a specific place I should go. They said, "Everywhere there is land." That conversation came back to me while making these paintings. Enjoy!

--Rachel

**CURRENT EXHIBITION  
OCTOBER 5 THRU JANUARY 4**

**"INSPIRED BY \_\_\_\_\_"**

*(Each artist's choice of musical composition)*

**AND IN THE ARTISTS QUARTER  
WORK BY RACHEL SCHALI**

**SALON  
AND EXHIBITION OPENING  
Sunday, October 5, 3pm, Free**

**NEXT QUARTER EXHIBITION**

**Theme: "New Beginnings"**

**Opening Reception: January 11, 2009**

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 January 4 (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 (505-870-6245).

**LOOK CLOSER.....**

and you'll see that the Gallery lighting has been upgraded and reconfigured, with can lights that match and bulbs that show artists' work to its best advantage!



~~ EMAAC OCTOBER CALENDAR ~~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9:30am Yoga	3	4 3pm The Churro & The Navajo
5 9:30 Tai Chi  3pm Art Salon and Opening	6  5 & 6:30pm Tai Chi Chuan	7 9:30am Yoga	8	9 9:30am Yoga  7pm Readers Theater	10	11  10am-2pm Fiber Festival
12 9:30 Tai Chi	13  5 & 6:30pm Tai Chi Chuan	14 9:30am Yoga	15	16 9:30am Yoga  7pm Gem & Mineral Society	17	18  2-5pm Visual Journals
19 9:30 Tai Chi	20  5 & 6:30pm Tai Chi Chuan	21 9:30am Yoga	22	23 9:30am Yoga	24	25  5:30pm EMAAC Annual Meeting and Potluck
26 9:30 Tai Chi	27  5 & 6:30pm Tai Chi Chuan	28 9:30am Yoga  7:30pm Book Club	29	30 9:30am Yoga	31  7pm Halloween Dance	

~~ EMAAC NOVEMBER CALENDAR ~~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>1</p> <p>10am-3pm Watercolor Workshop</p>
<p>2</p> <p>9:30am Tai Chi</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5 &amp; 6:30pm Tai Chi Chuan</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30am Yoga</p> <p><i>Election Day</i></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am Yoga</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>2-5pm Visual Journals</p> <p>7pm Drumming &amp; Tribal Dance</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:30am Tai Chi</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5 &amp; 6:30pm Tai Chi Chuan</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30am Yoga</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am Yoga</p> <p>7pm Readers Theater</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:30-1:30 Growers/Crafters Brunch and Seed Exchange</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5 &amp; 6:30pm Tai Chi Chuan</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30am Yoga</p> <p>7pm EMAAC Board Meeting</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30am Yoga</p> <p>7pm Gem &amp; Mineral Society</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1pm Young Writers' Reception</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:30am Tai Chi</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5 &amp; 6:30pm Tai Chi Chuan</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30am Yoga</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30am Yoga</p> <p><i>Thanksgiving</i></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:30am Tai Chi</p>						

~~ EMAAC DECEMBER CALENDAR ~~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  5 & 6:30pm Tai Chi Chuan	2 9:30am Yoga	3	4 9:30am Yoga	5	6  11am-3pm Holiday Crafts Fair
7 9:30am Tai Chi  3pm Holiday Sing Along	8  5 & 6:30pm Tai Chi Chuan	9 9:30am Yoga	10	11 9:30am Yoga  7pm Readers Theater	12	13  2-5pm Visual Journals  7pm Open Mic
14 9:30am Tai Chi	15  5 & 6:30pm Tai Chi Chuan	16 9:30am Yoga  7pm EMAAC Board Meeting	17	18 9:30am Yoga  7pm Gem & Mineral Society	19	20  5:30pm Solstice Surprise
21 9:30am Tai Chi	22  5 & 6:30pm Tai Chi Chuan	23 9:30am Yoga	24	25 9:30am Yoga  <i>Christmas</i>	26	27
28 9:30am Tai Chi	29  5 & 6:30pm Tai Chi Chuan	30 9:30am Yoga	31			





**2008 ANCIENT WAY FALL FESTIVAL  
October 4, 5, 11 and 12**

Now part of the Ancient Way Arts Trail designated by the Department of Cultural Affairs, this year's Ancient Way Fall Festival promises a fun and interesting variety of events from Gallup to Zuni, thru Ramah, El Morro and Grants. [www.ancientwayartstrail.com](http://www.ancientwayartstrail.com) has a complete calendar of activities.

**RAMAH FARMERS MARKET  
3RD ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL  
Saturday, Oct 4, 10am-2pm  
Harvest Home Benefit Brunch  
Harvest Table Competition & Auction  
Pie Contest and Auction  
Giant and Weird Veggie Contests  
Beautiful Chicken Contest**

Not only are there weird and wonderful exhibits and contests, there are lots of RULES. To enter anything, or for your own entertainment, get a copy of the rules: email ([ramahfarmersmkt@yahoo.com](mailto:ramahfarmersmkt@yahoo.com)) or call Jackie (783-4440), or get thee to the Farmers Market.

**RURAL BOOKMOBILE WEST  
Wednesdays, Oct 8, Nov 5, Dec 3  
El Morro Natl. Monument: 9:15-10:45am  
Ramah Post Office: 2:45-4:15pm**

**ANCIENT WAY CAFE**

**October 4 & 5, 10am-4pm**

Ancient Way Cafe & El Morro Rv Park will be celebrating Fall Festival with fetish carving and silversmithing demonstrations by Zuni artists Dickie & Georgia Quandelacy. Blacksmith demonstrations will also be held. Ancient Way Cafe's famous BBQ Brisket and Baby Back Ribs will be served all day. Yum!

**BIG NEWS FROM A LITTLE ENTERPRISE**

The El Morro Feed and Seed is open every Thursday afternoon from 1pm-6pm. It carries a full line of feed for horses, goats, sheep, cows, ostriches and llamas! AND....feed for wild birds, puppies, cats and dogs. AND....Announcing the opening of Maxine's Roadhouse - a spacious (700 sq ft), cozy and CLEAN rental with full kitchen and fenced, private back yard. It sleeps up to five (one double bed, one single bed and a fold-out futon sofa). Located right next to the Old School Gallery, Maxine's features incredibly great rates for local folks, their friends and families.

**"SLOW FOOD" EVENING AT  
INSCRIPTION ROCK TRADING & COFFEE  
Saturday, Oct 18, 5pm, \$20**

Combining the local food and beverage expertise of Inscription Rock (Hors d'oeuvres and Soup in a Breadbowl), Ramah Farmers Market (Winter Garden Salad), Guadalupe Vinyards of San Fidel (assorted wines), and Set to Perfection (gourmet desserts), this is the definitive El Morro area answer to fast food! PLUS, diners will be treated to the music of Jonathan Lee Pickens and Friends. Make reservations early and wear seasonally appropriate clothing for this unique night!

## ~~ EMAAC MEMBERSHIP NOTES ~~

### **SPECIAL THANKS AND APPLAUSE TO:**

Dorn Crowe for building the bell tower for the Gallery!  
Tony Osborn and James Cangro and family for helping to  
install the bell tower...looks great, doesn't it?  
Jackie Rossignol for hosting the Garden Tour!  
Applause, applause to the Cow Patties  
for a great concert and successfully raising over \$1200!  
Leslie DeLong and the National Park Service  
for the donation of 5 picnic tables!  
New Mexico Technet Computer Reruns Program of  
Albuquerque for donating two computer systems!  
Curt Anderson and Phil Alonzo (Awesome  
Painting--775-3376) for a great paint job on the Gallery!  
Carol Casady for beautiful new signage painted on the  
side of the Old School Gallery!  
Lesley Moosman and Susan Mayne  
for organizing the Summer Youth Arts Program!  
Herman Van Diepen for a donation to EMAAC  
from the proceeds of his moving-away sale!

### **BEST THOUGHTS TO THE MAYNE FAMILY**

Susan, Scott and Rose Mayne received second degree  
burns in an accident at their home on September 12. As  
of this writing, they are all three in good spirits and  
receiving good care at UNM Hospital in Albuquerque.  
Send cards to the Mayne home at HC 61, Box 5032,  
Ramah NM 87321. Donations to help the family during  
this rough time can be dropped off or mailed to the  
Gallery (PO Box 296, Ramah 87321).

### **EMAAC WILL MISS FLORA NEUBERT, "The Soap Lady"**

Longtime EMAAC friend Flora died in mid  
September. A celebration of her life will be held  
here sometime in the spring. Cards to the family  
may be sent to Nancy Busch, 4644 Franklin Road  
SW, Los Lunas, NM 87031.



The Cow Patties fill the EMAAC stage with outrageous good fun!

## ~~ EMAAC MEMBERSHIP NOTES ~~

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER**

The summer was slow visitor-wise, but Board members and volunteers have worked hard on building improvements as you can see by the bright new colors and bell tower on the Old School. On the inside, we've begun lighting upgrades to better illuminate our wonderful art, especially on the stage, where additional lights will also improve performance events. By the spring we hope to have a computer set up in the Gallery for visitors to easily access artist bios and art samples, as well as other interesting Arts Council information.

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the Cow Patties Concert such a success. It is the perfect example of the best the Arts Council has to offer. Many of us had an opportunity to participate in a creative performance art that involved singing, dancing, theater, and playing music. We provided wonderful entertainment to our community, and we raised over \$1200 for improving Gallery lighting and sound to make art and entertainment here even better in the future.

And, if you see Harry Hutton around, please thank him for serving on the Board the past three years. He has been especially helpful to me as Treasurer, paying attention to all the budget details that are essential to the operation of the Arts Council.

---Paula

### **WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

Sharon Allen, Ramah

Robert & Connie Gallegos, Grants

Bruce Lowney & Donner Stoner, El Morro Area

Ava & Bob Peets, Grants

Krisell Renick, Pine Hill

Zak Rutledge, Albuquerque

### **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

After years of service, Harry Hutton is stepping down from the Board. The commitment and energy he gave to EMAAC will be sorely missed. THANKS Harry!

I would like to recognize the other Board members who gave so much but will now be leaving. Thanks to you; Lee Haygood, Beverly Moody, Sari Clark, and Donald Sharp. Pam Davis and I have agreed to continue our roles as Vice President and President. Other Board members that are staying on are: Eden Gloria, Danny Heim, Alicia McCabe, and Walker Pickens. The list of new Board nominees is still being compiled, but I feel confident that the October 25th meeting will welcome in fresh faces to continue the work of keeping the Old School Gallery going and growing.

As Always, Tony Buchen

### **EMAAC INFORMATION**

El Morro Area Arts Council

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Phone: 505-783-4710

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Website: [www.oldschoolgallery.org](http://www.oldschoolgallery.org)

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Board of Directors:

Tony Buchen, President (783-4711)

Pam Davis, Vice President (870-6245)

Executive Director: Paula D. Tripodi

## ~~ EMAAC MEMBERSHIP FORM ~~

*El Morro Area Arts Council is a vibrant organization that celebrates diversity, thrives on the sharing of creative ideas through programs, exhibitions and workshops, and supports a community-centered activity hub for traditional and contemporary arts. EMAAC membership is open to all artists and individuals who share our love of the arts and the El Morro area community. JOIN US!*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

\_\_\_\_\_ Student (\$10)                      \_\_\_\_\_ Friend of EMAAC (\$30-\$99)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$20)                    \_\_\_\_\_ EMAAC Champion (\$100-\$249)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$25)                        \_\_\_\_\_ EMAAC Sponsor (\$250 or more)

**Mail this form, with your comments and suggestions, to EMAAC, P.O. Box 296, Ramah, NM 87321.**

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