



El Morro Area Arts Council

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First Quarter 2010

The El Morro Area Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization which thrives on the sharing of creative ideas through programs, exhibitions and workshops, and supports a community - centered hub for traditional and contemporary arts!

JANUARY EVENTS

MindBodySpirit Winter Renewal Fair



Saturday, January 9, 9 am - 4 pm, \$10

Come learn about the surprising richness of wellness resources available in our area. The Fair includes a series of 45-minute presentations by local practitioners who will introduce you to Reiki and other forms of energy work; to Tai Chi, Chi Kung, and Yoga; to healing touch and other types of massage and body work; and to the arts of Tarot, dream work, astrology and other forms of divination and self exploration. A light lunch will be provided at noon. Lunch is **\$5 extra**. Thanks to Sharron Dishong, we'll hold the fair in the new Yurt in the SW corner of the Ancient Way Campground. Space may be limited, so please sign up in the Gallery or call us at 783-4710.

The MindBodySpirit series will continue through January and February when you can choose from more in-depth workshop sessions with these and other wellness practitioners. Please note on the calendar other scheduled dates on Tuesdays & Thursdays. More information about the workshop titles and presenters will be available at the January 9th event and by way of posters. These workshops will also be held at the Ancient Way Campground Yurt. A lunch will be available at 11:30, after Yoga, with workshops being held from 1 to 3 pm.



Featured in
the Artists' Quarter:

Winter Exhibition Opening Reception

January 10, 3 - 5 pm, Free

Collestipher Chatto

"DREAMTIME"
through March 28, 2010

Ramah Farmers' Market Movie Night

Saturday, January 23, 5:00



"The Real Dirt on Farmer John"

Called everything from devil worshipper to winningly eccentric, "I love glitz. I love glitter. I love glamour," says John Peterson. *The Real Dirt on Farmer John* is a 2005 documentary about the life of a Midwestern farmer. It has won awards at over 30 film festivals. "A flamboyant, cross-dressing, hippie-loving, third-generation farmer-- saves his farm...by being different." -J. Tanzer, offoffoff.com. Get the scoop on the man behind the tractor and the Dr. Seuss hat by joining us at the Old School Gallery. Plan to come over to the Ancient Way Café after the movie for a meal or just pie and coffee and let's talk about this amazing film together!



FEBRUARY EVENTS

Valentine's Dance, Dance,

Saturday, February 13, 7:30 pm, \$7

Bring your sweetheart and your dancing' shoes, and be prepared to kick up your heels to the music of our favorite rockin' local band

MOON PI

Experience the debut of the Gallery's new sound system.
Delicious Desserts and Refreshments on Sale!



Saturday, February 27, 7:00 pm, \$5

OPEN MIC NIGHT!

It's your night to shine! Step into the spotlight. Share your talent. Or just come to see what your neighbors are up to. It's our favorite night at the Gallery. An evening of (mostly) local poets, singers, dancers, storytellers, and ...who knows! If you'd like to perform, please sign up at the Gallery ahead of time—if possible, and arrive early to check in with the evening's Emcee!



St. Patty's Day Ceili Dance Special

Wednesday
March 17, 7:00 pm

Another chance to dance! The Wednesday night Ceili (Irish) Dance Group will host a St. Patrick's Day Irish Community Dance and Celebration, happening in the Belly Button ballroom at the home of Pam Davis and Will Stripp. Please call the Gallery for more information.



MARCH EVENTS



The Sons of Others

Saturday, March 13, 7:30 pm, \$10

Experience the Roots of Bluegrass!
Don Grieser on Mandolin
Gregg Daigle on Guitar
Justin McLaughlin on Bass.

"Chanoyu: the Japanese Tea Ceremony."

Saturday, March 20, 6:00 pm, Free

In Celebration of the Spring Equinox Birthday of the Bodhisattva Kuan Yin, the public is invited to join with Karida El Morro Buddhist Sangha

The evening begins at 6:00pm with a vegetarian potluck (dairy & eggs OK). The potluck will be followed at 7:00pm by a talk, slide presentation, and demonstration by Roger Irwin. Come join us for an evening of Buddhist meditation. Please call Fran Anderson at 783-4067 or Roger Irwin at 783-4127 so we know how many to expect.

Workshops

"An Interwoven Community for the Fiber Arts"



El Morro Traditional Crafters

Spinning—New & Continued with Sari Clark

An informal spinning get-together. First time instruction will cost \$5. Some materials are available for free to get you started. Wool is available for purchase. Children must be 13 and with an adult. **Sari (783-4438)**

Sunday, Jan. 24 1:30 - 4:00 pm, Free /\$5

El Morro Traditional Crafters Planning Meeting

We welcome everyone's participation in planning workshops and classes for next quarter. If you cannot attend, call and leave your requests and feedback. **Kate Wilson (783-4704)** Please leave a message.

Sunday, Feb. 7 1:30 - 4:00 pm, Free

Gourd Art

Sunday, February 21, 1:30-4:30 pm
\$25 for materials

Alice Bybee has taught gourd art at arts & crafts Stores in Abq. She was Director of the NM Gourd Society. Gourds will be provided, stains, beads and findings. Also provided are tools to decorate, cut and clean your gourd. Books will be provided to peruse for ideas. How do you want your gourd to look, where will it be placed in your home, what colors/styles do you want to use? We'll have handouts on growing gourds at home. Most materials will be provided. **YOU NEED TO BRING: disposable face mask, latex/rubber gloves, pencil & eraser, apron.** You may want to bring: feathers, stencil/design, wood burning tool, paint/brush, leather, pine needles, beads, etc. **Cass is limited to 10 people. Sign up at the Gallery (783-4710).**



Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop

Sundays, February 28 & March 7
1:30 - 4:30 P.M. \$15.00 (Includes Supplies)

Ukrainian Easter Egg art, or "pysanky" is an ancient pre-Christian tradition. Traditionally, women created these jewel-like works of art with eggs, vegetable dyes and beeswax during Lent, at night, after the farm chores were done. Come learn this ancient art and help keep it alive. Workshop includes your own personal kit to take home with you, and includes a beeswax pen, or "kistka", beeswax, and dye packets. A traditional craft requiring no experience, it can be adjusted for every skill level. Bring at least 3 chicken eggs, preferably white. For more info and to sign up call Jackie at (783-4440). Please sign up ahead of time so the kits can be ordered. **No one turned away for lack of funds.**

Felting

Sunday, Mar. 28 1:30 - 4:00 pm \$25.00

We are beginning a journey in felting. With a class each quarter we'll gradually build on the skills and techniques of felting, starting with simple projects & moving into more complex ones. You don't need to attend every class, but it is helpful. Materials provided. The fee will be for each class taken so you can budget for future classes. Kids who have an interest must be 10 & with an adult. Sign up at the Gallery.).

Art Exhibition Information

Opening Reception
"Dreamtime"

Sunday, Jan. 10th
3:00 pm, Free

Featured in the Artists' Quarter:

Collestipher Chatto

Through March 28th.

The Annual Student Art Exhibition

opens April 1 and runs through April 12.



Next Quarter's Theme
"Windtunnels & Wildflowers"

With work in the Artist's Quarter by Margaret Sage

Artists are encouraged to submit new work for each show. Themes are open to wide interpretation. Work for "Dreamtime" needs to be delivered by **Jan. 3**. Next show opens **April 18**, after the Student Exhibition. First quarter work should be picked up by **March 28**, & new work brought in by **April 11**.

Ceili Dance Wednesdays, 7 pm

Come learn traditional Irish dances! They are easy to learn and their follow-the-leader pattern lends itself to being able to pick it up on your very first attempt! Join us on Wednesday evenings for a fun time, and great exercise too! All are welcome. These community dances are meant for all ages! For more info and location, please contact Jackie (783-4440)

Yoga Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:30 am

These groups begin anew each time. Bring a mat, blanket and strap, if you have them. Led by Bria Clark (most Tuesdays) and Jill Acheson (most Thursdays). For more information, call the Gallery (783-4710)

Visual Journals

Saturdays, Jan. 16 , Feb. 20 , and
Mar. 6, 2 - 5 pm

This group for adults gathers on the scheduled days and most Saturdays when the Gallery is not otherwise reserved. This is a free-spirited group finding new ways to express themselves and everyone is welcome. For details call Carol Casady (775-3044)

Art Smart

Call the Gallery for
dates & times

Elementary school age kids and their parents meet for arts and crafts, playtime and a story..

Tai Chi Chuan

Mondays, 5:00 pm
\$50/month



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

Sundays,
9:30 am

Tai Chi with Reed

Beginning January 10th. Enjoy this beginning form of wellness Tai Chi. It's easy to learn! It's free! Join us when you can. For more information, call Reed Anderson (783-4067)

Ongoing Events & Groups

Unless otherwise noted, these programs are free, open to all levels of experience and meet at the Gallery. Participants at the Gallery are asked to donate \$1 per session when possible to help us with basic operational costs. *Thank You!*

Readers' Theater

Thurs. Jan. 21 & Fri. Mar. 26, 7 pm

This group enjoys reading plays to one another...without rehearsals... just for fun! Scripts are chosen and made available by group members. Read a part or just listen. March 26 will be an open public dramatized reading!

Book Club

Fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm
New readers welcome!

Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout

Tuesday, January 26th

This book won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for fiction, and is set in small town Maine. Detailing the lives of the residents of Crosby, Maine, the stories are held together by the larger-than-life character of a retired schoolteacher. Meeting at Vicki Giannangelo's home. (783-4412)

Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson

Tuesday, February 23rd

A prize-winning Norwegian novel conveys a profound sense of time passing, the consolations of landscape, and a wonderful prose style. The story flows from the present to the time of German occupation in Norway. Meeting at Kristi Davis' home. (783-4444)

Infidel by Ayaan Hirsi Ali

Tuesday, March 23rd

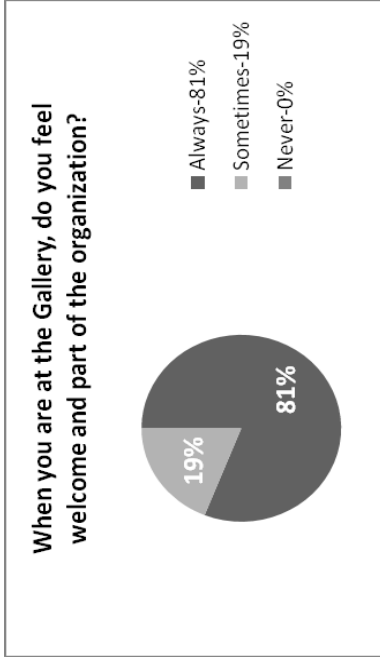
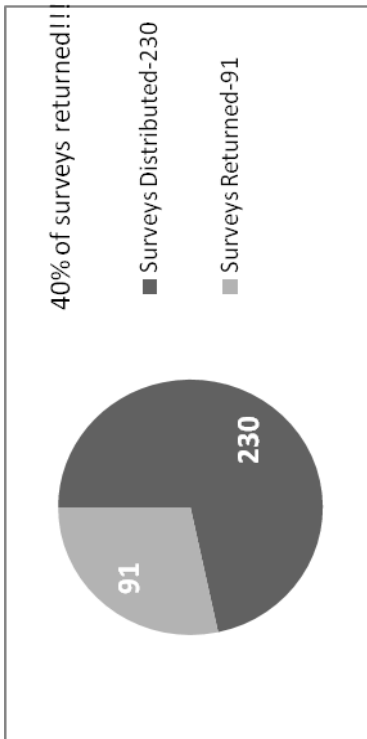
In this best seller, the author tells her life story, from her traditional Muslim childhood in Somalia, Saudi Arabia, and Kenya, to her intellectual awakening and activism in the Netherlands, and her current life under armed guard in the West. Meeting at Caroly Jones' home. Call for directions. (783-4864)

Survey Results

EL MORRO AREA ARTS COUNCIL

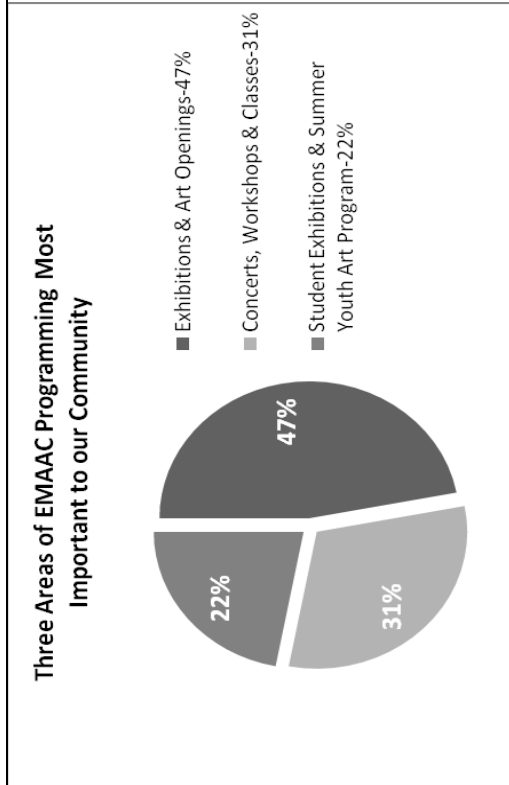
Membership Survey Results (Selected) - November 2009

Survey Sections: Programming, Volunteer Involvement, Artistic Interests, Exhibiting Artists



Of the 91 survey responses, 41 (45%) were from member artists who have exhibited at the Gallery.

81% of respondents said that they always felt welcome at the Gallery and part of the organization. 0% said that they never felt welcome.



Highest Attended EMAAC Programming ("Always" or "Sometimes")
 Exhibitions - 74%; Art Openings - 72%; Concerts - 69%; Workshops/Classes - 64%

Is the number of events/classes offered "just right", "not enough" or "too many"? 77% said "just right", 20% "not enough" and 3% "too many"

What do you think are reasonable program/event admissions?

Open Mic - \$5; Concerts - \$5 to \$15; Theatrical Productions - \$10-\$15

Give one suggestion for creative use of our building and five acres:

Significant support: sculpture garden, picnic/play area, garden/gardening, outdoor sales/fairs/flea markets.

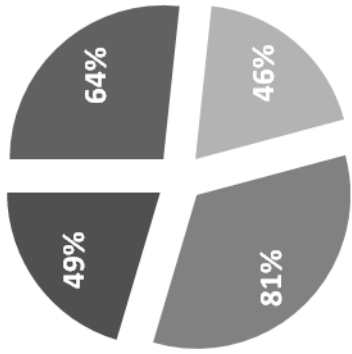
Give one suggestion to increase our fundraising and to improve PR:

The responses were diverse, creative and will be followed up.

What new programs/activities/workshops would you like to see at EMAAC?

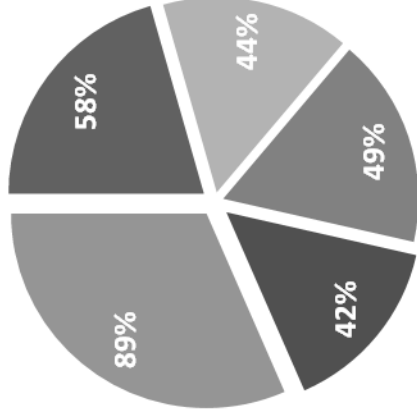
Gardening, cooking, hikes and natural history.

Do you describe yourself as?
(Check all that apply)



- Creative artist-64%
- Student of art-46%
- Appreciator of art-81%
- Collector/purchaser-49%

What are your artistic interests?



- Develop/enhance my skills-58%
- Share work with others-44%
- Enhance my appreciation of art-49%
- Sell my work-42%
- Support artistic community-89%

Have you volunteered for EMAAC?

Sixty percent said that they had volunteered, mostly as Docents, making and serving refreshments, Board members and teaching classes.

How did you feel about the experience and what is one thing that would have improved your volunteer experience?

Respondents universally felt good about the experience. Many asked for more to do and more training.

What art forms are the most important to you? Five categories received a significant response: Painting, Fiber, Wellness, Performing Arts (i.e. drama and music) and Pottery.

What new art forms would you like to see exhibited for sale? Thirty-two responses included stained glass, sculpture, “found” art, “walk through” art, more impulse items, herbs/teas/salves and fiber fashions.

Have you shown your work at the Gallery? Of the 41 exhibiting artist respondents, 83% said “yes”.

What one thing could we do to improve your experience? The 18 suggestions from exhibiting artists included internet sales, pristine gallery space, Saturday workshops, more homey gallery space, a sign saying “Art opening in progress” and more hand outs for visitors.


Please rank the following “top three” current and potential EMAAC services in order of importance to you.

The three highest rankings from exhibiting artists were gallery space, workshops/classes for artists and advertising.

January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Tai Chi 5:00	5 Yoga 9:30	6 Ceili 7:00	7 Yoga 9:30	8 Docent Meeting 1:00-4:00	9 Mind Body Spirit 9 - 4
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February 2010

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Membership Notes

Welcome New Members!

Pati Hays - California
Hank & Marge Bulger - Grants
Olorin - Candy Kitchen
Rudy & Margaret Araza - Ramah
Davey Bar-Shimon - Ramah
Kirk Shoemaker - Ramah
Char Toole & Frank Gorden - Pine Hill
Brianna Clark - El Morro

From the Executive Director

I'd like to express a welcome and thanks to our new and returning Board members, and to all of you have renewed your memberships! As we pass the Winter Solstice, we're looking forward to the New Year at EMAAC. So many of you took the time to respond to our survey, and, as a result, we've been inspired with new ideas and goals for 2010. Stay tuned!

Docent Meeting/Training

Friday January 8th, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Come one, come all! This meeting is for all current docents, those who have been docents in the past, and all those volunteers who would like to docent. We will meet at the Gallery, and refreshments will be served. Artists, if you docent for six hours a quarter, you get a 10% bonus (75% instead of 65%) on your Gallery Sales. Join us on January 8th! Please call Barbara Duncan (783-2460) or email baliceduncan@gmail.com if you plan to attend. See you there!

Yard Sale Coming

A reminder that EMAAC's Annual School Yard Sale will be held for Earth Day in April. Please be saving up your good "recyclable" items. Limited storage space is available at the Gallery now.

From the President

Dear Friends,

I am honored to serve with this year's fine roster of Board members.

The Board assembled for a day-long Retreat Nov 18 to set this year's goals. We have a major asset to work with: the 2009 Membership Survey Results. By day's end we had set both short-term and long-range goals for programs, finance, Gallery, and public relations.

We agreed on shared values in how we will treat each other and EMAAC members and friends: be inclusive and welcoming; be respectful and kind to one another; be patient with our differences; spread love in all directions and speak truth to each other. A report on the Retreat is available at the Gallery.

A complete tabulation of the Membership Survey responses is also available. Pages 5 & 6 of this newsletter gives a summary of the results. 91 members sent in thoughtful responses with many ideas to improve our programs and services. Perhaps most intriguing were answers about creative use our 5 acres of land around the Gallery. There is significant support for a Sculpture Garden/Nature Trail/Wildflower Garden/Picnic Area. If you would like to be involved in making part or all of these ideas into reality, let me know and you will become part of a group that is now forming for that purpose. (Meeting 10am on Feb. 6th.)

Have a safe and peaceful winter, Harriet

More thanks to our special
Business Campaign Donors
who didn't make it into our last issue of the
NEWS:

Paula Jacobs Photography

The Ice Caves

The Ancient Way Café

Susan Carter

Patricia Valdivia, D.D.S.

More Notes ...

WANTED!

- Docents
- Help painting Gallery ceiling January 5th or 6th
- Members with ideas for uses of our 5 acres of land.
- People to put up posters each month
- Help with inventories of art and Gallery supplies
- People to serve on the Gallery Committee

The Ancient Way Cafe will donate \$1.00 for each meal served, to EMAAC during the month of January. That's breakfast, lunch or dinner. So come out to enjoy the fine cuisine and warm hospitality at the Ancient Way, **and** contribute to the Arts Council at the same time! Thank you Sharron, Maqui and the Ancient Way staff, our excellent neighbors! Call them at 783-4612.



EMAAC Audio Geeks, Cow Patties, Donors Make Beautiful Music!
Improving the Gallery's public address system (originally installed in 1998) has been an EMAAC goal for some time. Thanks to the efforts of the "Audio Geeks" (Dan Coyle, Jon Pickens, Bob Schafer, Don Grieser, George Steigerwald), space and programmatic needs were analyzed and new system components are now on hand. Installation will take place after the holidays. The \$3500 state-of-the-art system has been funded by a Cow Patties concert in September and special donations by members. Thanks to all who have graciously and generously given time, expertise and funds for this giant step forward! Listen up!

Thank You!

(In no special order and not including Board members) George Dobbs, George Steigerwald, Dan Coyle, Jon Pickens, Don Grieser, Bob Schafer, Jerry Ackerman, Jeff Alford, Eden Gloria, David Kessler, Harry Hutton, Sari Clark, Rye Creek Band, Tim Amsden, Lucia Amsden, Dana Letts, Inscription Rock Trading & Coffee, Fran Anderson, Lesley Moosman, Dick Knowles, Chris Loeffler, Sandy Rupnow, Jill Acheson, Nita Davis, Walker Pickens, Felicia Samson, Claire Knowles, Melody, Carolyn Cook, Ancient Way Café, Caroly Jones, Charley Mallery, Rebecca Allina

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Please note:
WINTER GALLERY
HOURS thru February

Friday-Monday 11 to 5

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EMAAC MEMBERSHIP FORM

The 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 Community. Join us!

Name _____ Date _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Email _____ Website _____

Membership Level

<input type="checkbox"/> Student (\$10)	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend of EMAAC (\$30 - \$99)	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$20)	<input type="checkbox"/> EMAAC Champion (\$100 - \$249)	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$25)	<input type="checkbox"/> EMAAC Sponsor (\$250 or more)	

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Mail this form, along with any comments or suggestions, to:
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