

# El Morro Area Arts Council

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## NEWS

Second Quarter 2010

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Willow Basket Workshop with Samuel Suina

**Saturday, April 17**  
**9:30 am - 4:30 pm, \$25**



Samuel Suina, member of the Cochiti Pueblo, is a talented and experienced artist, author and instructor. He has worked at the Institute of American Indian Art and at NMSU. Sam tells us, "The basket weaving course will include storytelling and singing about the gift of the basket by the corn maidens to the Pueblo Indian people and to all that is living. The weaving of the basket will begin with harvesting of the sacred branches." Tools required for harvesting the willows are gloves and a sharp pocket knife and/or clippers. Once harvested, the branches will be cleaned off and placed in three piles according to length. Then come the four stages of weaving: the base, the "bird house," braiding and finishing. Sam teaches, "The art of basket weaving provides an opportunity and an experience that allows for our creative spirit to simply flow from us and to come alive in the form of a blessed basket." For more, go to [www.nmsu.edu](http://www.nmsu.edu), Samuel Suina, Willow Basket Making. Advance registration is suggested. The group will meet first where the willows grow, so call the Gallery (783-4710) for directions. Bring lunch, drinks and your own tools. Children must be 9 years old.

#### Young Artists Exhibition Reception

**Saturday**  
**April 10**  
**1:00 pm**

Come visit with and see the always colorful work of our young artists in this annual Gallery-wide show representing K-12 students from Zuni, Ramah, Pine Hill and area Home Schools. The creativity and enthusiasm of the students is inspiring! This Spring celebration of Student art will be on display at the Old School Gallery April 1 - 12.

#### OPEN HOUSE AND APPRECIATION RECEPTION

**Sunday, April 18th 3 - 5 pm**

Honoring **Paula Tripodi**,  
retiring EMAAC Executive Director, and  
celebrating the opening of the exhibition

#### **"Wind Tunnels & Wildflowers"**

photographs by **John Bettler**  
in the Artists' Quarter

#### Contact Improv Dance Series with VanGuard

**Thursdays, April 15, 22 & 29, 7 pm**

In this unique series of classes, VanGuard will introduce us to an approach to dance called Contact Improv. Three sessions make up the series, with the 3rd featuring live jazz by the Neher Brothers!

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for more  
info!

#### NEW ONGOING GROUP

#### Dream Tending with Liz Herron

**Tuesdays , 3 - 5 pm**  
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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Contact Improv Dance Series with VanGuard

Thursdays, April 15, 22 & 29, 7 pm  
\$15 for the 2-day workshop  
\$5 for 4/29 session.

Contact Improvisation is an engaging “full-body” contact approach to dance which began evolving in the 70’s. CI promotes a multi-sensory awareness, and is certainly a communal dance experience! VanGuard will also introduce Crane Style Qi Gong as part of the workshop. Wear layered, loose clothing, and be prepared to dance bare-foot. A special treat is offered the 3rd day of the series as Brian and Patrick Neher join VanGuard by performing live jazz as the backdrop to the dance improv session. (The Neher’s will be in Concert the next evening. *See below*).

VanGuard B. Gregory is a self-avowed Pagan Taoist Monk devoted to thriving sustainably, creatively & spiritually. An advocate of the role of Arts in Education, VanGuard holds both BFA & MFA degrees in dance. He has taught dance, creative process, and movement sciences in a wide variety of school and community settings.

### The Neher Brothers Jazz Nite

Friday  
April 30  
7:30 pm  
\$7

Multi-instrumentalist Brian Neher shares the spotlight with his world renowned bassist brother Patrick Neher, in an evening of instrumental jazz and multi-media presentation. Patrick combines computer generated visuals with his own brand of string bass improvisations. Patrick has been professor of string bass and a composer at the University of AZ for 25 years. Brian is a well known trombonist/flugelalist in the Oso Ridge area who has presented jazz concerts to the community. Both brothers are graduates of prestigious music schools with Masters degrees.

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### ANNUAL EMAAC EARTH DAY YARD SALE

Saturday, April 24  
10 am - 2 pm

Time for Spring cleaning, inside and out. and to support the Arts Council in this Annual fundraiser. It’s the best of all possible worlds! Donate items you no longer want, find cool new stuff that you do, and EMAAC makes some money in the process. Pitch in if you can and help us clean up the Gallery grounds and our adopted stretch of beautiful Scenic Highway 53. Please call the Gallery ahead of time to donate your items.

### MAY FESTIVAL & DINNER



Saturday, May 1  
3 - 7 pm - Dinner \$5

### EMAAC’s ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL AND CRAFTS FAIR

Let’s welcome Spring - at last!  
We’ll have **Drumming, Dancing, Arts and Crafts Booths, a Plant sale and Dinner**. Our traditional **Maypole Dance** will be held at 4 pm, with a \$5 per plate delicious dinner served at 5 pm.

If you are an Arts & Crafts vendor interested in setting up a booth at the fair, the cost is \$5. Please contact Jackie Rossignol at 783-4440 to sign up, or for more information.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### GOURD ART with Alice Bybee

Sunday, May 30  
1 - 4:30 pm  
\$25

Alice Bybee will repeat her popular gourd art workshop. New and returning students are welcome. Gourds will be provided, stains, beads, as well as tools to decorate, cut and clean your gourd. *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. Class is limited to 10 people. Sign up at the Gallery (783-4710).

Kids must be 13 and with an adult.  
Contact Alice (783-2443).

### OPEN MIC NIGHT!



Saturday, June 12, 7:00 pm, \$5

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!

Friday, June 18  
7 pm, Free

### Movie Night



Now Showing : "Diabolique" - the original French terror classic. The wife of the headmaster tires of his violent treatment of her, along with his philandering, and teams up with his mistress (Simone Signoret) to drown him and make it look like a suicide. When the body goes missing and sightings of the dead man are reported in town, the two women must uncover what happened to the body before they're found out! 1954. 1 hr 56 min. Refreshments on sale.



Friday &  
Saturday  
May 14 & 15  
7:30 pm, \$7

### "Love Letters" by A.R. Gurney

Featuring veteran  
actors:  
CARLISLE ELLIS  
&  
GEORGE DOBBS

This unique and imaginative theatre piece is comprised of letters exchanged over a lifetime between two people who grew up together, went their separate ways, but continued to share confidences. As the actors read their letters aloud, what is created is an evocative, touching, frequently funny but always telling pair of character studies in which what is implied is as revealing as what is actually written down.

### FULL MOON DRUMMING & DANCE JAM

Saturday  
June 26  
8 pm, Free

Let's drum up the Moon! Drumming, dancing, music begins at 8:00 pm around the bonfire at the Ancient Way Café, followed by an appearance by the full moon at about 8:50 pm! Bring your drums, rattles, flutes, voices or other musical instruments to join in this spontaneous music/dance event to welcome the Summer!

SPECIAL EVENT COMING IN JULY!

### Duo Guadalupe

"Violinist Ellen Chavez de Leitner and guitarist Roberto Capocchi come together as Duo Guadalupe to offer a Chamber Music performance of surprising nuance and intense feeling." Plan to attend when Duo Guadalupe visits the El Morro area for a concert **July 10 at the Old School Gallery**. Tickets will go on sale June 1. \$12.00 in advance; \$15.00 at the door.

## Gallery Notes

**Art Exhibition Opening  
& Appreciation for Paula Tripodi  
"Wind Tunnels & Wildflowers"  
Saturday, April 18th, 3:00 pm, Free**

Featured in the Artists' Quarter:

**"TEXTURA"**

Photography by

### John Bettler

"The pieces reflect my attempt to look closer at the beauty in naturally occurring patterns all around us. This is my first photography show."



**April 18th through July 11th, 2010**

Artists are encouraged to submit new work for each show. Themes are open to wide interpretation. Work for "Wind Tunnels & Wildflowers" needs to be delivered by **April 11**. Next show opens **July 18**. New work should be delivered to the Gallery and second quarter work picked up by **July 11**.

### ***Student Art Exhibition***

April 1 through April 12, 2010

**Young Artists Reception  
Saturday, April 10th 1:00 pm, Free**

If you've seen previous Student Art Shows at the Gallery, you know you don't want to miss this Gallery-wide show featuring the artwork of the area's young and talented artists. This is a chance to be inspired by the incredible creativity that comes naturally to children and that many older artists aspire to! Come support the developing talents and work of K-12 artists, and the teachers and parents who encourage them.

**Next Quarter's Theme**

***"Surviving & Thriving"***

**Opening July 18, 2010**

With work in the Artist's Quarter by  
***Charles Mallery***

### **EMAAC REMEMBERS...**

two members of our community and creative artists who passed away this last year. You and your families are in our thoughts.

**JIM KOELBEL**

**DREAM EAGLE**

**Spring Gallery Hours  
Thurs. - Mon. 11 am to 5 pm  
505-783-4710  
email: [emaac@wildblue.net](mailto:emaac@wildblue.net)**

### **SIGNATURE PROJECT**

The ad hoc committee working on a design for the use of the five acres surrounding the Old School Gallery (our "Signature Project") has met twice and brainstormed purpose, media, themes and funding. Next step will be creation of a detailed map of the land with measurements, landmarks, landforms, and contours, including features that must be accommodated (i.e. parking area). Our next meeting is at the Gallery on **Saturday, March 27, at 10:00 a.m.** Everyone (**especially artists**) who would like to participate in this exciting and creative process is encouraged to attend or call Harriet to discuss (783-4441).

### **ARTISTS NOTE**

EMAAC is computerizing our artists' records and inventory. Each artist will have personal inventory and reconciliation information. We welcome all artists' input into this new system. Please email [emaac@wildblue.net](mailto:emaac@wildblue.net) or talk with a Docent with suggestions and ideas for the best possible system. If you can help with a physical inventory of artwork sometime in the next couple of months, let us know!



# Ongoing Events and 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!*

## El Morro Traditional Crafters

*"An Interwoven  
Community  
for the Fiber Arts"*



### Rug Braiding —with Jackie Rossignol

Sunday, April 11 1:30 - 4:00 pm, Free

Beginners who want to learn this fun craft or those who have taken previous classes and are ready for more advanced techniques are welcome to come. Jackie Rossignol will show how to cut and piece fabric strips, then braid and stitch them into one-of-a-kind rugs, placemats or trivets. Bring old fabric, scissors and/or rotary cutter w/mat, needle and thread. You may bring a sewing machine if you want but it is not necessary. Children must be 13 yrs., with an adult. Please sign up in advance (783-4710). Call Jackie (783-4440) with questions.

### Willow Baskets with Samuel Suina

See page one.

Sunday, April 17,  
9:30 am - 4:00 pm, \$25

### El Morro Traditional Crafters Planning Meeting

Sunday, April 25, 1:30 - 4:00 pm, Free

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.

### Tanning with Scott & Charla Seciwa-Koons

Sat. & Sun. May 15 & 16 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, \$40

The first tanning workshop (March, 2009) was so successful that it was requested we have another!

The art of tanning in the traditional way will be taught, from taking the skin and making it into something useful. Animal skins and tools will be provided or you may bring a hide you want to tan. Provide your own lunch, snacks and drinks. The class will be outside all day, so dress accordingly. Children must be at least 10 years old and accompanied by a parent. We must have at least six people for the class so please call the Old School Gallery (783-4710) to sign up. For info and directions, call Scott Koons (505-495-8083).

### Felting Workshop

Sunday, May 23, 1:30 - 4:00 pm, \$25

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 and 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. Children who have an interest must be 10 years old and with an adult. Call the Old School Gallery (783-4710) to sign up. Questions call: Kate Wilson (783-4704).

### Intarsia Knitting Class

Sunday, June 13, 1:30 - 4:00 pm \$10.00

Mara Stone, an experienced knitter and instructor, is offering a one day class teaching the technique called "Intarsia". She often teaches knitting at Village Wools in Albuquerque. Mara explains, "Intarsia is a method of knitting large areas of color in a garment or afghan. For example, ... when knitting a dinosaur on the front of a child's sweater or many flowers on a woman's sweater. The yarn is not carried across the row as it is in fairisle knitting, but either small butterflies of yarn or bobbins are used." This class is for experienced knitters.

Materials you need to bring: at least three colors of worsted weight yarn and a set of size 6 or 7 needles to learn technique. Mara will provide bobbins and knitters' graph paper. Call the Old School Gallery (783-4710) to sign up. If you have questions you can email Mara Stone at: [snmstone@nedcomm.nm.org](mailto:snmstone@nedcomm.nm.org).

### Spinning Party at Sari Clark's House

Sunday, June 27, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Free

Come have some fun spinning at this informal get together. Beginners and those just curious about spinning are welcome. If you took the beginning spinning classes in 2009 and have put your spindle down since then, we strongly encourage you to come and give spinning another try. Once you get past the beginning frustration, spinning is a most relaxing and mesmerizing craft. We will enjoy a potluck lunch when we break from spinning so please bring a dish. You will need to call Sari Clark for directions (783-4438). Carpooling is an option.

**NEW!**

## Dream Tending

**Tuesdays  
3 - 5 pm  
\$10**

Join us as we explore the images and stories revealed through our dreams in a safe and supportive environment. Using group projective dream techniques, free association, storytelling, writing and art, we will learn more about the inner workings of our soul life. Taught by Liz Herron. (783-4545)

## Yoga

**Tues. & Thurs. 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)

## Ceili Dance

**Wednesdays, 7 pm**

Come learn traditional Irish dances! All are welcome. These community dances are meant for all ages! For more info and location, please contact Jackie (783-4440)

**Most Saturdays  
2 - 5 pm**

## Visual Journals

This group for adults gathers on most Saturdays. 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**



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)

# More Ongoing Events & Groups

## Readers' Theater

**Thursdays, Apr. 8, May 6, June 10, 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.

## Book Club

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

**Buffalo Boy and Geronimo by James Janko**  
*Tuesday, April 27th*

Local author James Janko will join us to discuss his debut novel. The author was a medic during the Vietnam War and writes about the war's toll on villagers in the countryside. The meeting will be held at Jill Acheson's home.

For directions call 783-4803.

**The Beak of the Finch: A Story of Evolution in  
Our Time by Jonathan Weiner**

*Tuesday, May 25th*

The author follows the scientists who have studied Darwin's finches in the Galapagos Islands and develops a new understanding of life itself. The meeting will be held at Johanna Cooper's home in Zuni. Call 1-505-782-2273.

**The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of  
Those Who Survived the Great American  
Dust Bowl by Timothy Egan**

*Tuesday, June 22nd*

Families who lived through the dustbowl of '35 come alive through portraits. The author sets the Dust Bowl into the context of the Depression and the farming practices that led to it. At Pam Davis' home. Call 505-870-6245.

# April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Yoga 9:30 <b>YOUNG ARTISTS EXHIBITION</b>	2	3  Visual Journals 2 pm
4	5	6 Yoga 9:30	7	8 Yoga 9:30	9	10
Easter Sunday	Tai Chi 5:00	Dream Tending 3 pm	<i>Ceili 7:00</i>	Readers' Theater 7 pm		Young Artists Reception 1 pm
11 Tai Chi 9:30	12	13 Yoga 9:30	14	15 Yoga 9:30	16	17
<b>Rug Braiding</b> 1:30-4:00	Tai Chi 5:00	Dream Tending 3 pm	<i>Ceili 7:00</i>	<b>Contact Improv</b> 7 pm	<i>Free Spirit Fundraiser</i> 7 pm	<b>Willow Baskets</b> 9:30 - 4 pm
18 Tai Chi 9:30	19	20 Yoga 9:30	21	22 Yoga 9:30	23	24
<b>Art Opening</b> 3 pm	Tai Chi 5:00	Dream Tending 3 pm <i>Board 7:00</i>	<i>Ceili 7:00</i>	<b>Contact Improv</b> 7 pm	<i>RFM Seed Exchange</i> 5 pm	<b>Yard Sale</b> 10 - 2
25 Tai Chi 9:30	26	27 Yoga 9:30	28	29 Yoga 9:30	30	
<b>EMTC Planning</b> 1:30-4:00	Tai Chi 5:00	Dream Tending 3 pm <i>Book Club 7:30</i>	<i>Ceili 7:00</i>	<b>Jazz Contact Improv</b> 7 pm	<b>Neher Brothers Jazz</b> 7:30 pm	

# May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           May Festival 3 pm         </div>
2 Tai Chi 9:30	3  Tai Chi 5:00	4 Yoga 9:30  Dream Tending 3 pm	5  <i>Ceili 7:00</i>	6 Yoga 9:30  Readers' Theater 7 pm	7	8  Visual Journals 2 pm
9 Tai Chi 9:30  Mothers Day	10  Tai Chi 5:00	11 Yoga 9:30  Dream Tending 3 pm  <i>Board 7 pm</i>	12  <i>Ceili 7:00</i>	13 Yoga 9:30	14  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           Love Letters 7:30 pm         </div>	15 <i>Tanning (in Zuni)</i>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           Love Letters 7:30 pm         </div>
16 Tai Chi 9:30  <div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 2px;"> <i>Tanning (in Zuni)</i> </div>	17  Tai Chi 5:00	18 Yoga 9:30  Dream Tending 3 pm	19  <i>Ceili 7:00</i>	20 Yoga 9:30	21	22  Visual Journals 2 pm
23 Tai Chi 9:30  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <i>Felting 1:30-4:00</i> </div>	24  Tai Chi 5:00	25 Dream Tending 3 pm  <i>Book Club 7:30</i>	26  <i>Ceili 7:00</i>	27	28	29 <b>AWAT Festival</b>  Visual Journals 2 pm
30 <b>AWAT Festival</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <i>Gourd Art 1:00-4:30</i> </div>	31  Tai Chi 5:00					



# June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Yoga 9:30  Dream Tending 3 pm	2  <i>Ceili 7:00</i>	3 Yoga 9:30	4	5  Visual Journals 2 pm
6 Tai Chi 9:30	7  Tai Chi 5:00	8 Yoga 9:30  Dream Tending 3 pm	9  <i>Ceili 7:00</i>	10 Yoga 9:30  Readers' Theater 7 pm	11	12 Visual Journals 2 pm <b>Open Mic 7 pm</b>
13 Tai Chi 9:30  <b>Intarsia Knitting 1:30-4:00</b>	14  Tai Chi 5:00	15 Yoga 9:30 Dream Tending 3 pm <i>Board 7 pm</i>	16	17 Yoga 9:30	18  <b>Movie Night 7:00 pm</b>	19  Visual Journals 2 pm
20 Tai Chi 9:30  <i>Fathers Day Brunch @ I. Rock</i>	21  Tai Chi 5:00	22 Yoga 9:30 Dream Tending 3 pm <i>Book Club 7:30</i>	23  <i>Ceili 7:00</i>	24 Yoga 9:30	25	26 <b>Full Moon Drumming 8 pm</b>
27 Tai Chi 9:30  <b>Spinning Party at Sari's 11-2</b>	28  Tai Chi 5:00	29 Yoga 9:30  Dream Tending 3 pm	30  <i>Ceili 7:00</i>	<b>Coming up in July!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer Youth Arts Program</li> <li>• DUO GUADALUPE Saturday, July 10th (Tickets on sale 6/1) SEE PAGE 3</li> <li>• Summer Art Opening</li> </ul>		
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## Ancient Way Healing Arts Center

Announcing the formation of the Ancient Way Healing Arts Center, RedWulf, Standing Feather, Elizabeth Herron and the Ancient Way Café invite you to participate in a variety of Healing Arts offerings:

- **Reiki Clinic** every Friday - 8 am to noon
- **Reiki Classes** - March 31 & April 28
- **Community Drum & Healing Circle** 1st & 3rd Sundays each month - 2:30 pm
- **Dream Group** - Tuesdays 3 pm (Gallery)
- **Animal Spirit Workshop/Retreat** May 7-9

*“Creating a sacred space to celebrate life & strengthen our families & communities.”*

Call Liz at 783-4545 or the Café at 783-4612

## Ramah Farmers Market

**Friday, April 23  
Potluck 5 - 7:30 pm**

SPRING Grower/Craft Maker Pot Luck Supper & Seed Exchange at the Old School Gallery. *All Community Members Invited.* Bring a covered dish or dessert! Seeds available from the Ramah area, Seeds of Change, and the Dixon Seed Exchange. Bring your seeds! If you don't have any, come anyway and pick some up!

## El Morro Valley Coop

The proposed **El Morro Valley Food Cooperative** is moving forward and working with an attorney to prepare our legal documents. A grant is in the works but funds are needed now to move forward quickly. If you are interested in making a contribution or have questions please contact Kate Brown at [k8brown@yahoo.com](mailto:k8brown@yahoo.com).

## Fathers Day Brunch

**Sunday, June 20  
11:00 am**

A Fathers Day Brunch will be held at Inscription Rock Trading. Featuring accompaniment by Johanna Hartwig on harp. 783-4706 for reservation information.

# Community Notes

## Ancient Way Arts Trail Festival

**Saturday &  
Sunday, May 29 & 30**

Sites along the Arts Trail are gearing up for the Spring Festival. Get a glimpse of historical travel on May 29, as Horse Drawn Wagons travel from Inscription Rock Trading to **El Morro Monument**, with live period music at Noon near the Monument watering hole. At 6:30 pm Inscription Rock Trading will feature Jonathan Lee Pickens & Friends in a “**Music Beneath the Mesa**” event. **The Gallery** will have an Open House and feature Arts activities both days. Saturday the **Visual Journals Group** meets at 2 pm, and Sunday is a **Gourd Art Workshop** at 1 pm.  
[www.ancientwayartstrail.com](http://www.ancientwayartstrail.com)

**Monday, April 26  
10 am - 1 pm, \$25**

## Internet Resources for Artists Seminar

This workshop, sponsored by the Global Center for Cultural Entrepreneurship, focuses on Internet tools you can use to promote your artwork. We'll help you see the pros and cons of setting up a Website, Facebook page, or Blog, and show you some easy to use business, and e-commerce tools. Sign up at least one week in advance by calling Christy or Carla at 505-270-6049 or by emailing us at [CRachkowski@gmail.com](mailto:CRachkowski@gmail.com).

**Friday, April 16, 7 pm, \$25**

## Fundraiser!

**Free Spirit Therapeutic Horesback Riding** will host an evening Dinner and Acoustic Music Fundraiser at the Old School Gallery. Proceeds benefit the group who provide services to all kind s of people with disabilities. With music by Mario Baeza and a Red Chile Stew dinner, you'll have a wonderful evening and be supporting a great cause. Call Jean Proper for info. 783-4553.

**NEW!**

## EL MORRO AREA ARTS COUNCIL

Find us on

**facebook**

Computer and internet enthusiasts can now meet other EMAAC members, friends, and visitors in our new *Old School Gallery Facebook Group*. **It's FUN** to share photos, news and announcements, comments, discussions, interesting web links, digital art and more. Please join us at: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=332998613463> or email [kirkshoe@enchantedlands.org](mailto:kirkshoe@enchantedlands.org) for guidance on how to join our Group. And coming soon to our main website, you will be able to join or renew your membership online.

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

# Membership Notes

## From the Executive Director

Members and Friends,

It is not with regret, but definitely with some sadness that I announce my resignation as Executive Director. It is not a decision I've come to suddenly or easily. I've walked back and forth over the old creaking wood floors at the Gallery thinking long and hard about leaving. Circumstances and changes in my life the last couple of years have brought me to a point of realizing that, after 5 years with EMAAC, it's time to move on to something new. My place with the Arts Council has been more than a job and has been full of rewards. It has provided me the opportunity to learn and grow both personally and professionally, to get to know so many of the wonderful people in our community, and to play a valuable role in supporting the arts and the diverse creative energies and styles of the people here. I have always believed in the importance of the Arts, and I believe it even more strongly after spending so much time at the Gallery, seeing how art connects people, helps us to share our lives and relate to one another. I am grateful to have had the chance to work with all of you, board members and artists especially, and to have had the pleasure to meet so many interesting and talented performers, visitors and community members. But I'm ready to take a leap of faith and see what's next in my life. I know our current board and trusted members will continue to make EMAAC the wonderful organization that it has been for 12 strong years. My special thanks to Harriet for giving me the job in the first place, and for being here now to take on the responsibility again of finding a new Executive Director. Thanks to all of you who have been so supportive of me over the years, and for your enthusiasm and energy for the Arts Council. As far as I know, at the moment, I'll still be around! I hope to see you all soon!

*Paula*

**Farewell to Old Friends  
leaving the area!**

Jayne Murray  
Michelle Raby  
Sue Ehrlich

## From the President

March 7 thru 20 at the Gallery demonstrated the cultural diversity of our program offerings, with Ukrainian Easter Egg Class, Bluegrass Concert, Ceili Dance Party, Gourd Carving Workshop, Japanese Tea Ceremony, Yoga classes, Tai Chi classes, Visual Journal gatherings and a Board of Directors meeting. Pick any two weeks and you will find a similar feast of arts, education and entertainment selections.

A number of projects are in motion: the "Signature" project for creative use of our 5 acres of land; computerization of financial records and art inventory; and learning to use social networking technology to improve communications and public relations.

The Board of Directors has sadly accepted Paula Tripodi's resignation as EMAAC Executive Director. For five years she has been "Control Central" for everything that happens at the Gallery. Every member has been confident that Paula would answer questions, solve problems, find things, schedule events, pay the bills, and, in general, take care of us. Five years is a long time on a job so complex and demanding.

We honor her need to move on to new challenges and adventures. We appreciate her heart and soul commitment to our community, our organization and ourselves, and wish her success and fulfillment in new endeavors. Fortunately she will remain our friend and neighbor.

We will try to make this transition as smooth as possible for members and community. There will be a Search Committee and possibly an Interim Executive Director. The job description will be widely advertised.

At any time you may email ([harhar@wildblue.net](mailto:harhar@wildblue.net)) or call (783-4441) with me questions, issues or ideas.

Hope to see you at the Reception honoring Paula on Sunday, April 18. *Harriet*

## Welcome New Members!

Louie & Amy Garduno - Pine Hill  
James & Chandipor Janko - El Morro  
Angel Bennett  
& Brennan Stoelb - Pine Hill  
Roy Brisky - El Morro Ranches

## THANK YOU! *(In no special order and not including Board members)*

Kirk Shoemaker, Susan Haygood, Judy Malys, Will Stripp, Tim Amsden, Hank Bulger, Moonfire, Kurt Andersen, Liz Herron, Reed Anderson, RedWulf, Lucia Amsden, Urs Gauderon, Sari Clark, Gerry Ackerman, Barb Kelly, Mary Malone, Jill Acheson, Harry Hutton, Tricia Murphy, Alicia McCabe, Candace Lee, Sheri Carter-North, Danny Coyle, Jon Pickens, Bob Schafer, Eden Gloria, Dick Knowles, Eddie Torres, Bria Clark, Dan Lewis, Herman VanDiepen, Kate Wilson, Roger Irwin, Alice Bybee, Jackie Rossignol, Kate Brown, the "Belly Buton Ballroom", the Ancient Way Yurt & the Ancient Way Café.

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