



El Morro Area Arts Council News

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Second Quarter 2011

\$32,000

Let's Pay It Forward

Inter-Generational Dance Parties



with Soundscape Artist and DJ Munk-Hitirus

Friday, April 15
April Rain Dance

Friday, May 13
Dark Carnival

Friday, June 17
Pre-Solstice Twirl

Doors Open at 6:30 pm
\$5 - 10, sliding scale
Share what you can



Munk-Hitirus is a multimedia artist & El Morro Valley community member who specializes in electronic soundscaping, avant-garde performance, incense-making and the transpersonal arts. His work is influenced by his interest in comparative spiritual systems & the underground music scene of San Francisco. His performances explore a wide range of emotions using samples from the post-modern culture including styles of electronic music, trance, indigenous rhythms, pop, rock as well as dance favorites which he blends into a modern hodgepodge of nostalgia for the senses.

SORDID LIVES Goes to Gallup

By Del Shores

EMAAC is proud to announce that our last play production, "Sordid Lives", by Del Shores, will be performed at the El Morro Theater in Gallup on May 20th and 21st. With the help of businesses in Gallup, this event could prove historic. Not only will EMAAC benefit financially by it's success, but Gallup will have an evening event to attend, thus enriching our neighboring city. Please spread the word, and get your ticket early! This play is adult theme and contains adult language. Tickets are available at the El Morro Theater, EMAAC's Gallery or online thru Paypal. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

El Morro Area Arts Council *magically* sprang into life in 1997 out of a Vision shared by an amazing pool of creative, community spirited, artistic, ingenious and generous people. In 1998 our community created a beautiful Art Gallery & Community Center in a tired, old, run down school house in the middle of our remote desert home. New waves of inspiration & artistic expression began reverberating thru the hardy homesteaders of El Morro Valley, & we are still experiencing this inspiring wave of community spirit and creativity today in new & exciting ways. In 2006 our members made the bold financial commitment to begin purchasing and one day own the Old School Gallery building, **Free & Clear**. Now 5 years later **we are almost there**, 75% paid off, with only 25% or \$8000 remaining to be paid before our obligation is fulfilled and The Old School Gallery finally becomes ours. In 2011 amidst our enthusiastic optimism about the future, State and Federal Government funding is being drastically cut, for which we have long depended upon to help pay our \$50K annual budget for the mortgage, upkeep and operation of The Old School Gallery. Our expenses now exceed our income & at this rate we will quickly drain our "Rainy Day" cash reserve.

2011 - \$ 24K

2006 - \$ 0

The EMAAC Board of Directors believes that one of the best ways to cut spending & stop our deficit spending is to **Pay Off** our \$8000 mortgage on the Old School Gallery building, saving the \$404.24 monthly payment, & two more years of interest payments. To accomplish this we are planning a series of Community Fundraisers in 2011 including the Sordid Lives Play at the Historic El Morro Theater in Gallup, a new Recipe Supplement for the EMAAC Cookbook, a reprinting of 100 EMAAC Cookbooks for sale to newcomers and area visitors, and the return of our much loved **Cow Patties** to the stage. There are more fundraising ideas on the table, such as a Community Hayride - Cookout, and an outdoor theater play. If you have any fundraising ideas, please share them with Genevieve at 783-4710 or emaac@wildblue.net.

We feel confident that with the dependable creativity, ingenuity and generosity of our amazing community members that we will continue to thrive in these rough financial times, the Old School Gallery will finally be ours, and the creative life spirit of the El Morro Area Arts Council and our members shall survive and thrive for many prosperous years to come.

Keeping The Dream Alive

APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS

April Rain Dance - Friday, April 15th 6:30pm - See page 1

Violinist Zoya Tsvetkova Performing *Fool's Fantasia* (Bach) on the theme of "Carmen" Friday, April 1, 2011 - 7 pm \$7

Jessie Wagner's friend Zoya Tsvetkova will be visiting her and also performing for us at the Gallery. Zoya was born in Saint Petersburg, Russia. At the age of 4 she began studying the violin with her father and at the age of 6 she went to a music school to continue her studies. She has received numerous awards in both Russia and America, including the Grand Prize in the Dallas Symphonic Festival (2004) & also Grand Prize in the Hubbard Chamber Music Competition (2004). In 2004 Zoya was accepted to Boston University's College of Fine Arts where she studied with Yuri Mazurkevich. She has won the Undergraduate Prize twice in the Boston University's J.S. Bach competition (2006, 2008.) In 2009 Zoya won BU's concerto competition and made her Boston Pops debut under Keith Lockhart. Upon graduating with Honors in 2010, Ms. Tsvetkova has been an active performer with various groups in New England, including the Orchestra of Indian Hill, and the Rhode Island Philharmonic among others. She is a dedicated teacher at the Music Wizard school in Lexington, MA, and at her private studio.



Knitted Sampler in the Round (Finishing or Continuing) April 10, Sun., 1:30 - 4:00 pm at the Gallery, Free

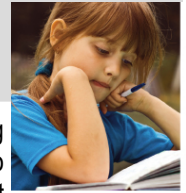
Join us for a finishing class in fun. This class is for anyone wanting to work on personal ongoing projects of any kind as well as those individuals who started Sari Clark's Sampler in the round. Under Sari's guidance we will continue our Sampler from where we left off.



New Hiking & Landscape Outing Group

Saturday April 9th, May 7th, June 4th, 9 am - Gallery Parking Lot, Carpool to hike location. Take a walk on the wild side with the new Hiking & Landscape Outing Group! All nature lovers, birdwatchers, herbalists & artists are welcome to join us. Kim Score will be organizing a monthly hike / landscape outing to explore and appreciate our amazing natural landscape. Kim is an avid woodswoman with over 15 years experience as a wildlife biologist and wilderness therapy guide. **Our first day hike will be walking a portion of the Continental Divide Trail** within the El Malpais Nat. Monument on Saturday April 9th. Please bring a day pack with adequate water, lunch, snacks and clothing. Artists bring your portable "art instruments". All needs and abilities will be accommodated. Call Kim (505) 240-3294 for more info & signup, or signup at Gallery. Future hikes decided by group consensus.

2011 Young Writers Contest Reception and Awards ceremony Saturday April 2nd, 2011 1:00 PM



Join us to honor the winners of the 2011 young writers contest as well as all of the students who entered the contest. Awards will be handed out at this time. Everyone is welcome! Refreshments will be served.



Paint Music with Jane Chilton Sunday, April 3rd, 1 pm

Come experiment together in painting to music. Jane Chilton, who has no teaching experience in this, will facilitate. This is not an instructional class, but is rather a group exploration in sound, feelings, and painting. Bring your own mediums (pastels, crayons, paints of any kind, whatever), several grounds (paper, canvas, board, etc - I'd recommend three or more sheets), and tools (brushes, fingers, etc). Also, if you have a piece of music you'd love to paint to, bring it (on CD) and we will divide the time according to how many pieces we end up with. Bring a yoga mat or blanket if lying down helps you get into the "groove". We'll listen, create and share our creations. FREE!!



Young Artists Exhibition Opening Reception Friday, April 29th, 3 - 5 pm

Come visit with & see the always colorful work of our young artists in this annual Gallery Exhibition for K-12 students from Zuni, Ramah, Pine Hill & area Home Schools. The creativity and enthusiasm of the students is inspiring! Visitors will cast their votes for "People's Choice Awards" for the artwork in each category. May 6 is the last day to cast your vote. The exhibition runs April 29th through May 15th.



Felting Workshop

Sunday, April 17, 1:30-4:00 pm, \$25.00 at the Gallery

The felting journey goes on. This quarter we will continue to build on our skills and techniques by creating a flat braided scarf which we will then felt. Time permitting I will have a smaller project lined up as well. Previous classes are not necessary, but are helpful. Materials will be provided. If you have felting equipment and materials from a previous class, please bring along. Children who have sincere interest must be 10 years old and accompanied by an adult. Call the Gallery (783-4710) to sign up. Questions call: Kate Wilson :783-4704 (pls leave msg) or email: akwilson@wildblue.net.

APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS Continued

Spring Festival
Sat. April 30, 1 pm - 6 pm



Celebrate the Renewal of Spring

Costume Parade - Dancers - Maypole Dance
Craft Booths - Seed Exchange - Plant Sale
Children's Theater, Games & Activities
Please wear a costume!

Benefit Dinner 5:00 pm (\$5.00)

At the Old School Gallery. Call 783-4710 to reserve space for your craft booth (\$5.00) For more info or to participate or volunteer call Candace 775-3773, Jackie 783-4440 or Genevieve at 783-4710

MAY SPECIAL EVENTS

EMTC Finishing Get-Together / Planning Meeting
Sunday, May 1, 1:30-4:00 PM, at the Gallery, Free

Bring an unfinished project to work on while we plan for the next quarter. It's a great time to get help if you're stuck or just need a little nudge to keep going. It is so inspiring and encouraging to watch others finish their projects and such a thrill to finish one of your own. While your hands are busy we can be discussing what we want to do next quarter. If you are unable to attend the planning meeting but would like to request a new class, please call Kate Wilson: 783-4704 (please leave message) or email: akwilson@wildblue.net

Young Artists Exhibition Awards Ceremony
Friday, May 14th, 5 pm

A reception to honor all the students who entered the exhibition. The *People's Choice Awards* will be handed out at this time to the winners. Everyone is welcome: Students, teachers, friends and Family!



Spinning Get-Together
Sunday, May 15, 11 am - 3 pm - Free / \$5.00



Beginners are welcome at this informal spinning get-together. If you have not attended our previous spinning classes, instruction will cost \$5.00. You can learn to spin on a drop spindle or spinning wheel. Some materials are available for free as well as wool for purchase. You are welcome to bring some other fiber project you want to work on instead of spinning such as knitting, quilting, or other. Enjoy the camaraderie. We will have a potluck lunch so please bring a dish to share. Meeting at Jackie Rossignol's home. For questions and directions call Jackie (783-4440).

EMAAC Annual EARTH DAY Yard Sale
and Our Adopted Highway 53 Cleanup
Saturday, April 16th, 10 am - 4 pm

Time for Spring cleaning, inside and out... and to support the Arts Council in this Annual fundraiser. It is 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 at 783-4710, ahead of time to donate your items or drop off at the Gallery on Saturday, April 2nd & 9th.**

Auditions - Street Car Named Desire

Sat & Sun. April 16 - 17, 7 pm

Dark Carnival Dance - Friday, May 13, 6:30 pm - See pg 1

Art of Making Herbal Tinctures & Remedies
Wednesday, May 11th from 6 to 8 p.m. \$8

Come join Amy to learn the art of making Herbal Tinctures and basic Herbal Remedies, Wednesday May 11th from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 per person to cover supplies and the use of the Old School Gallery. For questions email moondanceranchent@yahoo.com or call 480-203-3815



REVERSIBLE QUILT with Susan Ackerman

May 21st, June 25th, July-TBA 9:00 am until Noon

Join me in May to begin this 3 part class. Over the next three months we will create a Reversible Quilt utilizing the "Quilt as You Go" technique. We will meet once a month for the next three months to put this amazing quilt together. On our first class (May 21st) we will be making our blocks and quilting each block. You will not be able to complete all 35 blocks during the class so there will be homework to get ready for the second class in June. In the second class (June 25th) we will start putting the blocks together using the "Quilt as You Go" technique and the third class (July TBA) we will add the borders on your quilt. There will be homework each month to get ready for the next class. Class cost \$45 includes the pattern. Space is limited so you will need to pay before the class to receive your supply list and you will need to start cutting your fabric out before the first class begins. Skills: Quilting/sewing experience. You will need to bring your sewing machine to class and be able to sew an accurate 1/4 inch seam and have rotary cutting experience. Most quilters have an attachment that allows accurate 1/4 inch seams. Register at the Old School Gallery and receive your directions and supply list. Call me with any questions 783-4475

JUNE SPECIAL EVENTS

Pre-Solstice Twirl - Friday, June 17th, 6:30 pm - See pg 1

Knitted Sock Workshop

Sundays, June 5, 12, 26, 1 pm - 4 pm, - \$5 per class



Join experienced sock knitters, Susan Haygood and Judy Malys, at the Old School Gallery, as they teach this much anticipated sock workshop. You must have strong skills in knit & purl stitches. Children must be at least 13 yrs. old and accompanied by an adult. You will need to purchase supplies

before the class starts. The class fee be donated to the Gallery. Please sign up at Old School Gallery 783-4710 Questions? Email: Susan Haygood bysusanhay@yahoo.com or Judy Malys, heyjude4804@gmail.com

Knitted Sock Workshop Supplies: 2 skeins of Cascade Fixation yarn of the same dye lot. Cost range \$4.60 (solid), \$5.50 (variegated). Susan & Judy agree this yarn will be the easiest to learn sock knitting as well as the most forgiving due to its elasticity

Wooden double pointed needles: size #2, 6 inches in length, set of 5 needles (Wooden needles are less slippery than metal needles and therefore, will be easier for learning sock knitting). eknittingneedles.com has them starting at \$3.99. Yarn Sources: Village Wool in Albuquerque - www.villagewools.com - www.yarnbarn-ks.com - www.paradisefibers.net www.yarnmarket.com



Open Mic Nite
Saturday, June 25th
7:30 pm, at the Gallery - \$5

Our Favorite evening at the Old School Gallery is on an Upswing! At our last memorable Open Mic there were 20 local entertainers, including Elvis Presley, a Children's Dance Act, a Kids Chorus, a Peace Song Sing-a-long, an 8 Dancer Dancing Ring, a visiting Fire Dancer, a Soap Opera and a **SURPRISE** Appearance by Tammy Wynette in Drag, singing her new Liberation Song! and Much More Local Talent! Be sure to join us in the audience or on the stage, at our next El Morro Valley Variety Show.



Readers' Theater - Stage Play
Fri, June 24th, 7 pm - Dessert Happy Hour
Curtain at 8 pm (\$5 suggested donation)

The Readers' Theater Group will be performing a stage play for the public. The play title and brief overview will be distributed via email and posters. The doors will open at 7 pm for dessert happy hour. Curtain is at 8 pm. \$5 suggested donation. The Readers' Theater Group meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, at the Ancient Way Café. Everyone is welcomed to join. Call Redwulf at (505) 783-4612 for more information



A New Wave of Creative Energy

The Old School Gallery & El Morro Area Arts Council are mirrors of the minds of the friends & neighbors in our vibrant, creative, artistic community. As some of our original founders have stepped back or are moving on to new chapters in their lives, we miss them and their creative energy that has sustained EMAAC for this long. As newcomers arrive they bring a new wave of creative energy into our community with new hopes, dreams, ideas, visions, talents, & aspirations that chart a new course for our dynamic, ever changing organization. When interest & attendance of our events seems to slowly be losing steam... fresh new ideas begin taking shape, breathing a fresh, renewing breeze of new energy & life into the many creative offerings of The Old School Gallery.

The new programming committee, under the leadership of Reed Anderson invites & encourages you to bring your creative ideas to our monthly Programming Committee Meetings on April 10th, May 8th, & June 12th. Help us create a new, exciting, inspiring, appealing lineup of events, workshops, festivals, shows, plays, potlucks, activities, dances, movies, games, exhibits, celebrations.... and on and on and on.

This quarter we are excited by the *New Wave of Creative Energy* flowing into the monthly "Inter-generational" Dances, Zumba Classes, Nei Gung Classes, Readers' Theater Play, Painting Music, the new Hiking & Landscape Outings, The Fellowship of the Dancing Ring, Sunday Afternoon *Free Tea Dance* & Drumming Circle, **The Dream Weavers Circle*. All of this exciting, creative new energy is flowing from you... our members young & old, newcomers and old timers alike... Please keep it flowing & we'll all enjoy the ride & show, going with the flow, keeping the dream alive! ** more information on The Dream Weavers Circle forthcoming via email & posters*

Where Dreams Take Wing and Fly



ONGOING EVENTS and GROUPS

Tai Chi with Reed

Sundays
9:30 am



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 at 783-4067

Tai Chi Chuan



Mondays, 5 pm
\$50 / month

Taught by Monika and Urs Gauderon. For information, call (505) 775-3045

Nei Gung

Fridays, 10 -11 am
\$10 per class

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 and Jill Acheson. For more information, call the Gallery at 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 & location, please contact Jackie at 783-4440.

ZUMBA

Saturdays, 9:30 am



What is Zumba??? It's a blast! Exercise in disguise. Feels so good you'll want to do it every day! Latin-based cardio dance fitness workout designed for everyone. FREE !! 783-4710 for more info - Starts April 9th

Visual Journals

Most Saturdays
at 1 - 4 pm

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)



Readers' Theater & Directors' Group

Readers' Theater 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7 pm
Directors' Group, 2nd Tuesday, 6 pm

Readers' Theater has regrouped. We will read scripts throughout the quarter and present a Reader's Theater Stage Play on Friday, June 24 at 8 pm. We are looking for local playwrights to submit their work for reading.

The Directors' Group (Theater Committee) meets one hour before at 6 pm on 2nd Tuesday of the month. Contact Redwulf (505) 783-4612 for more info. Everyone welcome to participate.

NOTE: Both groups are now meeting at the Old School Gallery

Poetry Group

Most Sundays at 11 am

Poets at all levels of development meet to share poetry and support each other. Call Jack at 783-4007 for location and more information.



Book Club

NOTE NEW DATE - Beginning in April:
We meet on Third Tuesday of each month

Tuesday, April 19 - 7:30 pm

Half of a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

This novel is set in 1960's Nigeria, during the civil war to form the independent nation of Biafra. It depicts the war's impact on peasants and intellectuals alike. Meet at the home of Jill Acheson. Call for directions, 783-4803

Tuesday, May 17 - 7:30 pm

As Meat Loves Salt by Mary McCann

This historical novel is set in the 17th century English Revolution. Meet at the home of Pam Davis. Call for directions, (505) 870-6245

Tuesday, June 21 - 7:30 pm

The Piano Teacher by Janice Y. K. Lee

This novel follows two love affairs in mid-20th century Hong Kong, during the Japanese occupation, a little known time of Chinese history. Meet at the home of Caroly Jones. Call for directions, 783-4864

Unless otherwise noted, Ongoing Groups meet at the Old School Gallery & are FREE, open to all levels of experience. Participants at the Gallery are asked to donate \$1 per session, when possible, to help with basic operation costs. *Thank You!*

ARTIST AND GALLERY NOTES

Young Artists Exhibition Opening & Reception
Friday, April 29th, 3 - 5 pm



Come and support the young up-and-coming student artists from the El Morro, Ramah, Pinehill, and Zuni areas. Votes will be cast for "People's Choice Awards". Anyone visiting the Gallery can cast a vote for their favorite artwork in each category until May 6. The exhibition runs April 29th through May 15th.

Art Exhibition Opening & Reception
Sunday, May 22, 3 - 5 pm

Free For All



May 22 - August 7

Featuring The Art of Stanley Giser

Old School Gallery's Art Exhibition Schedule

- Sunday, April 24: Last Day to pick up art from the first quarter Exhibition. **Note:** Please do not deliver new pieces to the gallery until May 15 or 16.
- Sunday, April 24: All Student art work due at the gallery, including from home schooled students.
- Friday, April 29: Young Artists Exhibition Opening and Reception, 3 - 5 pm. Exhibition runs from April 29 - May 15.
- Monday, May 16: Young Artists Exhibition comes down
- Monday, May 16: 2nd Quarter Art due at Gallery (Theme is loosely interpreted "Free for All")
- Sunday, May 22: 2nd Quarter Art Exhibition "Free for All" Opening Reception, 3 - 5 pm. Exhibition from May 22 - Aug 7
- Sunday, August 7: Last Day to pick up Art from the second quarter Exhibition and submit Art for third quarter Exhibition
- **Third Quarter Art Exhibition theme is "Light & Shadow"**



Young Artists Exhibition Awards Ceremony
Friday, May 14th, 5 pm

A reception to honor all the students who entered the exhibition. The People's Choice Awards will be handed out at this time to the winners. Everyone is welcome: Students, teachers, friends and Family!

Docent's Free Dinner Drawing Winner!!

Congratulations to Judy Malys! Judy's name was picked in the quarterly drawing for a free dinner for two at the Ancient Way Cafe. Everyone who had volunteered their time to docent at the Gallery in the previous quarter had a chance to win the free dinner. Lucky Judy and Bill, you know the dinner was delicious!! Who will be the next winner???

This Quarter's Featured Artist - Stanley Giser

I am delighted to have this opportunity to share my folk art. I find a great deal of joy in the creative process and hope to pass that joy along. I have no formal training and little ability in the arts of perspective or drawing. I feel that lacking those "refinements" should not be a barrier to artistic expression. If we are willing to interact with color, shape and space then we are creating art. The best payment I can receive is having my work enjoyed in people's homes or yards. With that in mind the majority of the work will be free and distributed when the show closes. There will be a box where you can leave a note saying you want a particular piece, hopefully why you like it and your name and phone number. If you feel moved to make some kind of payment it will go entirely to the gallery. Stanley Giser

Artist Commissions

Artists will receive a 75% commission instead of a 65% commission on work sold at the Gallery, if you

1. receive docent training and serve as a docent at the Gallery a minimum of six (6) hours per quarter OR
2. are an active member of the current EMAAC Board of Directors OR
3. chair an EMAAC committee OR
4. submit and have accepted by the EMAAC board an equivalent volunteer activity.

YES... YOU!! You are invited to join the "Docent Team" at the Gallery! A Docent greets visitors to the Gallery, completes the Daily Activity Form, makes sales, and accepts new artwork for the Gallery. Our volunteer "Docent Team" keeps the Gallery open on weekends. Join the team!! A Docent Gathering is scheduled at the Gallery on Sat. May 7, from 10 am to about noon. New volunteer Docents (That's you!) will be trained in the docent ways & experienced Docents will share their docent experiences. Delicious snacks will be served. It's FREE! Please sign up at the Gallery or call 783-4710 to get your name on the list. **See you there!**

Community Events

Ramah Farmers' Market
 Movie Night
 Friday, April 8th - 7 pm

Genetic Chile The Movie

Winner of the New Mexico
 Filmmakers Showcase
BEST DOCUMENTARY



FREE!! One hour film directed by New Mexican director Chris Dudley describes how corporate development of genetically modified organisms is changing our traditional foods here in New Mexico, threatening small, traditional farming, unleashing unpredictable effects on the natural environment and introducing significant food safety issues. Come and see this local, award winning documentary! For more information see www.genetic-chile.com

Nei Gung - offered by Urs Gauderon
 Fridays at 10-11am, starting April 8th. Cost: \$10/lesson

The Nei Gung system consists of 18 soft, gentle, flowing, easy to learn movements that are used for the development of internal energy. No muscular extension is required and the slow tempo makes the movements especially good for the elderly and physically handicapped. Working with the joints, Nei Gung slowly & gently develops flexibility, balance, and a sense of serenity. The movements use healing energy to help with chronic ailments such as high blood pressure & weight problems. Urs will offer Nei Gung for 8-12 sessions, but may extend the class if people are interested. Call 775-3045 for more info.

NM LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE WEST

Our Local Library On Wheels - Wednesdays
 April 6, May 4, June 8

El Morro National Monument	9:30 - 10:45
Pine Hill - Market	11:30 - 1:00
Ramah - Post Office	2:45 - 4:15

Growers and Craft Makers Spring Pot Luck Brunch & Seed Exchange Saturday, April 23, 2011 11:30am - 1:30pm

All Community Members invited. Bring a dish for the Potluck! All Ramah Farmers Market Vendors (Produce, Baked Goods & Craft) need to be present for the first Ramah Farmers Market Association meeting. All market volunteers, please come!

SEED EXCHANGE! Come check out all the seeds we brought back from the Dixon Seed Exchange! There is a wide variety of locally grown and locally adapted seeds from Dixon and El Guique, NM. We have chile seeds available grown in the heart of NM chile country – non GMO. Seeds will also be available from the local Ramah area (some of them collected locally as part of our local food sustainability initiative), and (still good) seed from last years exchange. Bring your vegetable seeds! – especially those saved in your own garden. If you do not have any seeds to exchange, come anyway and we will give you enough to get you started in gardening locally. Next Seed exchange will be at the Ramah Farmers Market Memorial Day Weekend Plant Sale.

Gathering 1st & 3rd Sundays 4pm



Join a Circle of Friends moving & dancing in Synchronicity and Harmony to Beautiful Music of every kind, floating through the air, high on a Stone Ridge, with El Morro Valley & the Zuni Mountains as your breathtaking backdrop. All Ages, shapes, sizes, dancing levels, just For Fun, Health, Natural Highs, Artistic Expression, & shared Theatrical Performances for our friends. Signup at Gallery or call 783-4824 for directions, more info.

Sunday Afternoon Free Tea Dance & Drumming Circle at Eagles Nest 3rd Sundays at 4 pm

What better way to unwind, relax and enjoy yourself on a Springtime Sunday Afternoon, than at the Free Tea Dance on the outdoor deck at Eagles Nest. Join your friends in a Naturally High place with breathtaking views, for a free cup of tea (iced or hot) and great dance music floating through the Fresh Air.. with dancing, drumming, communing with nature and a wonderful bunch of free spirited souls. Call 783-4824 or 783-4710 for more information & directions. FREE!!



Zuni Mountain Sanctuary Happenings

Beltain - May 1
 Summer Solstice - June 21
www.zms.org



WOLFSTOCK

1st Annual Music Festival

Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary - June 11th
 All day event with free camping included.

Tickets will be sold in advance on the website, and at the door for \$30.00 Several bands from Albuquerque/Santa Fe area will be playing. We are still looking for any local musicians that may like to perform. Further details at

www.wildspiritwolfsanctuary.org

WOLFSTOCK

1 DAY
 of PEACE
 WOLVES
 & MUSIC



Membership Notes

From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Living in rural New Mexico, I am often struck by the creative approaches that people take to survive here. Whether it is building a home out of salvaged materials, drawing upon native lore to plant a garden in high-desert conditions, or consolidating our resources to make magic happen, at times we have all had to draw upon our creative will to get things done. Throughout this bitterly cold winter, I have been warmed by the love, support, and courage of our community when faced with hard choices- we have turned lemons into lemonade! I applaud the courage of our current Board of Directors; when faced with financial difficulties, they chose to step up with creative fundraising strategies rather than draw upon our financial reserves to make ends meet. I heartily thank all those members who chose to renew their membership these winter months, often with donations above and beyond their normal contribution, which kept us afloat in the face of grant fund reductions. I am inspired by our community members who are creating new and innovative programming with the support of EMAAC, which is drawing fresh people and ideas. The positive energy I see from those of you who are bringing new programming, events, and workshops is truly vibrant! El Morro Area Arts Council is alive and growing, thanks to all of the amazing people in this community who have come together to make it all work.

In solidarity, Genevieve

Welcome New EMAAC Members!

Dye Samuel Dye	Anita Gonzales
Jean Proper	Ann and Monroe Walker
Deer Roberts	

Thank you  Jeff Alford, Dana Letts, Leslie Moosman, Maqui, Red Wolf Dancing Bare, Standing Feather, Jill Acheson, Louie & Amy Garduno, Carol Casady, Jerry and Susan Ackerman, Roy Brisky, Barbara Duncan, Susan Haygood, Cindi Pat, Candace Lee, Judy Malys, Alicia McCabe, Rose von Raven, Tim & Lucia Amsden, Harry Hutton, Harriet Lawrence, Carrie Zwerg, Deer Roberts, Pam Davis, Jackie Rossignol, Jesse Wagner, Kate Wilson, Genevieve Humenay, Felicia Samson, Chris Marlow, Elizabeth Fowler, Josie & Jim Parry, Urs & Monika Gauderon, Susan McNabb, Kristi Davis, Brianna Clark, Caroly Jones, Joanne Snowdon, Sari Clark, Dessert Donators, Eden Gloria, Pam Pickens, Sharon Dishongh, Will Stripp, Jon Pickens, Reed & Fran Anderson, Maqui, Kirk Shoemaker, Lionwood Construction and Oso What Band? and all of our generous financial Contributors.

From the President

Happy Spring to Everyone,

We have made it through another winter. Our dreams that we created this winter are about to spring into reality. We have quite a task ahead of us. Due to government cut-backs, we have the opportunity of finding creative solutions to keep our Art Gallery alive. Eden and the Theater Committee will be bringing Sordid Lives to the stage at the El Morro Theater in Gallup. This promises to be a successful adventure and open up the possibilities for the future. We also are brainstorming on how to finish paying off our mortgage so that we can free up the \$400 monthly payment. We have so many new workshops and ideas. The students' art show will have the winners chosen by the viewers, so I encourage everyone to come view the student's art and cast your vote. Creative thinking is blooming abundance, so let's plant more seeds of change. And last but not least, it looks like the new crave is DANCE! With all our hard work, it is important to remember to shake our booty every once in a while. As Margaret Meade said, "Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world, indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

Happy Creating... Maqui



Solstice Surprise was a Delight! by Cathi B.

Solstice Surprise was a total delight, from our greeter at the door in his pastel aqua shirt, white tablecloths and a juniper sprig on the tables, to the last Ceili Dance! We enjoyed harp music, guitar with vocals ("Santa was a pagan") and a Robert Frost poem sung aloud, interspersed with a variety of dances. There is nothing like the Virginia Reel, Sufi, and Ceili dancing to lift your spirit and your heels! I even enjoyed people's attire - all the way from jeans to fancy dresses, all showing their *Joie de vivre*. Don't forget the FOOD: homemade hummus, quiche & crackers, holiday tarts & cakes galore. I couldn't decide which one to try, so ate them all...well, almost! As our finale, a candle-lighting ceremony welcomed the light to come. I just want to say "Thank you" to Jackie et all; as stressed as I was with the holidays approaching, this was just the ticket for a happy, healing experience!

APRIL 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Please refer to event / group information on pages 1 - 7 for locations and contact information					1 Violinist Zoya Tsvetkova 7 pm - \$7	2 Young Writers Reception and Awards - 1 pm
3 Tai Chi 9:30 am Poetry Group 11 am Paint Music with Jane Chilton - 1 pm Fellowship of The Dancing Ring 4 pm	4 Tai Chi Chuan 5 pm	5 Yoga 9:30 am	6 Book Mobile Ceili Dancing 7 pm	17 Yoga 9:30 am	8 Nei Gung 10 am RFM Movie Night "Genetic Chile" 7 pm	9 Hiking & Landscape Outing - 9 am Zumba 9:30 am Visual Journals 1 pm - 4 pm
10 Tai Chi 9:30 am Poetry Group 11 am Prog. Committee 3:30 Knitted Sampler in the Round 1:30 - 4 pm	11 Tai Chi Chuan 5 pm	12 Yoga 9:30 am Directors' Group 6 pm Readers' Theater 7 pm	13 Ceili Dancing 7 pm	14 Yoga 9:30 am	15 Nei Gung 10 am April Rain Dance 7 pm \$5 - \$10	16 Zumba 9:30 am Visual Journals 1 pm - 4 pm EMAAC Yard Sale & Highway pickup 10 am Auditions - Street Car Named Desire 7 pm
17 Tai Chi 9:30 am Poetry Group 11 am Board Meeting 11 am Felting Workshop 1:30-4:00 pm, \$25.00 Free Tea Dance & Drumming Circle 4 pm Auditions - Street Car Named Desire 7 pm	18 Tai Chi Chuan 5 pm	19 Yoga 9:30 am Book Club 7:30 pm	20 Ceili Dancing 7 pm	21 Yoga 9:30 am	22 Nei Gung 10 am	23 Zumba 9:30 am RFM Potluck, Seed Exchange & Craft Market 11:30 - 1:30 pm
24 Tai Chi 9:30 am Poetry Group 11 am	25 Tai Chi Chuan 5 pm	26 Yoga 9:30 am Readers' Theater 7 pm	27 Ceili Dancing 7 pm	28 Yoga 9:30 am	29 Nei Gung 10 am Young Artists Exhibition Opening Reception, 3 - 5 pm	30 Zumba 9:30 am Spring Festival 1 pm - 6 pm

Docent Schedule

First Saturday of the Month..... Deer
 Second Saturday of the Month..... Jerry
 Third Saturday of the Month..... Carrie
 Fourth Saturday of the Month..... Alicia
 Fifth Saturday of the Month..... Barbara
 First Sunday of the Month..... Rose
 Second Sunday of the Month..... Candace
 Third Sunday of the Month..... Roy
 Fourth Sunday of the Month..... Barbara
 Fifth Sunday of the Month..... Barbara
 Substitute Docents: Jill, Judy, Susan H., Susan A., Pam

BIG THANKS To Our Docents

A great big **THANK YOU** to all our wonderful volunteer Docents: Jill Acheson, Jerry and Susan Ackerman, Roy Brisky, Barbara Duncan, Susan Haygood, Candace Lee, Judy Malys, Alicia McCabe, Rose von Raven, Carrie Zwerg, Deer Roberts & Pam Davis. Because of these generous folk, we can keep the Gallery open extra days every week. Any Gallery artist who docents six or more hours a quarter receives an extra 10% in commission when their art work sells.

MAY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Tai Chi 9:30 am Poetry Group 11 am EMTC Finishing & Planning Meeting 1:30 - 4 pm Fellowship of The Dancing Ring 4 pm	2 Tai Chi Chuan 5:00 pm	3 Yoga 9:30 am	4 Book Mobile Ceili Dancing 7 pm	5 Yoga 9:30 am	6 Nei Gung 10 am	7 Hiking & Landscape Outing 9 am Docent Training 10 am - Noon Visual Journals 1 pm - 4 pm	
8 Tai Chi 9:30 am Poetry Group 11 am Prog. Committee 3:30 pm	9 Tai Chi Chuan 5:00 pm	10 Yoga 9:30 am Directors' Group 6 pm Readers' Theater 7 pm	11 Ceili Dancing 7 pm Art of Making Herbal Tinctures & Remedies 6 pm - 8 pm \$8	12 Yoga 9:30 am	13 Nei Gung 10 am Dark Carnival Dance 7 pm \$5 - \$10	14 Zumba 9:30 am Visual Journals 1 pm - 4 pm Young Artists Exhibitions Awards Ceremony 5 pm	
15 Tai Chi 9:30 am Poetry Group 11 am Spinning Get together 11 am - 3 pm Free/\$5 Free Tea Dance & Drumming Circle 4pm	16 Tai Chi Chuan 5:00 pm	17 Yoga 9:30 am Book Club 7:30 pm	18 Ceili Dancing 7 pm	19 Yoga 9:30 am	20 Nei Gung 10 am Sordid Lives in Gallup 8 pm	21 Zumba 9:30 am Reversible Quilt Workshop 9am - noon \$45 Visual Journals 1 pm - 4 pm Sordid Lives in Gallup 8 pm	
22 Tai Chi 9:30 am Poetry Group 11 am Board Meeting 11 am Free For All Art Exhibition Opening & Reception 3 - 5 pm	23 Tai Chi Chuan 5 pm	24 Yoga 9:30 am Readers' Theater 7 pm	25 Ceili Dancing 7 pm	26 Yoga 9:30 am	27 Nei Gung 10 am	28 Zumba 9:30 am Visual Journals 1 pm - 4 pm	
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JUNE 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Tai Chi 9:30 am Poetry Group 11 am Knitted Sock Workshop 1 - 4 pm \$5 Fellowship of The Dancing Ring 4 pm	6 Tai Chi Chuan 5 pm	7 Yoga 9:30 am	8 Book Mobile Ceili Dancing 7 pm	9 Yoga 9:30 am	10 Nei Gung 10 am	11 Zumba 9:30 am Visual Journals 1 - 4 pm Vasquez de Coronado - Local History 7 pm
12 Tai Chi 9:30 am Poetry Group 11 am Prog. Committee 3:30 Knitted Sock Workshop 1 - 4 pm \$5	13 Tai Chi Chuan 5 pm	14 Yoga 9:30 am Directors' Group 6 pm Readers' Theater 7 pm	15 Ceili Dancing 7 pm	16 Yoga 9:30 am	17 Nei Gung 10 am Pre-Solstice Twirl Dance - 7 pm \$5 - \$10	18 Zumba 9:30 am Visual Journals 1 - 4 pm
19 Tai Chi 9:30 am Poetry Group 11 am Board Meeting 11 am Free Tea Dance & Drumming Circle 4pm	20 Tai Chi Chuan 5 pm	21 Yoga 9:30 am Book Club 7:30 pm	22 Ceili Dancing 7 pm	23 Yoga 9:30 am	24 Nei Gung 10 am Readers' Theater Stage Play 7 pm Dessert Bar 8 pm Curtain \$5 suggested donation	25 Reversible Quilt Workshop - Part 2 9 am - noon Visual Journals 1 - 4 pm OPEN MIC Night 7:30 pm \$5
26 Tai Chi 9:30 am Poetry Group 11 am Knitted Sock Workshop 1 - 4 pm \$5	27 Tai Chi Chuan 5 pm	28 Yoga 9:30 am Readers' Theater 7 pm	29 Ceili Dancing 7 pm	30 Yoga 9:30 am		

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