

EL MORRO AREA ARTS COUNCIL

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In the Artists' Quarter
“Art Makes Life Worth Living”
 Paintings by David Kessler
Opening Reception Sunday, August 9, 10-5

Dr. Kessler will be there from 2-4

There will be a shaded outdoor area for visiting and refreshments..

Social distancing and mask wearing will be observed throughout.

If you are not able to attend, you may see the exhibit at www.oldschoolgallery.org

Exhibition Runs:
 August 8 - October 3

Dr. David Kessler was a physician at Zuni hospital, a founding member of EMAAC and the Old School Gallery and a resident of El Morro. Four years ago David experienced a stroke which affected the left hemisphere of his brain, the part where speech originates. His right side is partially paralyzed and he is unable to use his right hand. After spending a year in Denver at Craig rehabilitation center, David moved to Santa Fe.

David began to come to my studio to make art with some instruction and help. Learning to paint with his non-dominant hand was challenging at first, but in a short time his dexterity improved impressively. He began with a landscape, then moved to a series of abstract paintings, but it was when he began painting his brain and self-portraits that he really found his genre. I think that it is a way for him to express his feelings, as his speech is very limited. Many of the paintings have a split--showing a shadow side and a radiant side. The pathos is palpable in many of these works.

David loves to paint and in three years has made an impressive body of work. It has been a healing time for David and for us, and we have enjoyed many an afternoon in the studio. Lisa de St. Croix



Painting: *My Two Sides* by David Kessler

LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

This is the second of our shortened newsletters due to the changing Covid -19 situation. Many thanks to Pam Davis for her diligence, hard work and creativity in creating these newsletters.

We had a social distancing board meeting and a programming meeting in July. We are very excited about creating a lively online presence, beginning with our very own YouTube channel! We are also very grateful to Twinkletoes, Bob Shafer and Kirk Shoemaker for creating and managing the channel. The Arts Council is staging several Zoom events; and possibly----- Drive-in-Movies and Music on our outside stage.

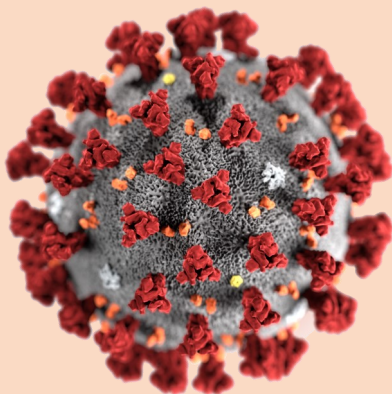
Barbara Duncan is managing the docent program. Thank you, Barbara! We are *trying* to keep the Gallery open on Saturdays and Sundays. If you have never docented for EMAAC—Barbara can help! Please contact her at baliceduncan@gmail.com if you would like to docent. We especially need someone there on Saturdays..

We are sorry to see Monica Stewart, Redwulf and Cornell Henio leave the Board. Thanks to all for all your work. You will be missed! A list of current board members is posted at the gallery, and the board meeting minutes are available for public review at any time.

Because everything is so fluid at this point in our lives, please check Facebook and our webpage, www.oldschoolgallery.org , for updated information.

We will send out Mail Chimp announcements as plans change. If you are not getting these announcements, please e-mail emaacdiretor@gmail.com . *Also, don't forget to update your membership!* We can prorate your payment!

Your *very interim*, but dedicated President
Rosalie Bianchi



The Gallery was closed last quarter due to COVID-19 , but will be open on Sundays 11-4 (& possibly Saturdays) *with restrictions*. Most Ongoing Groups are meeting. Many events will be virtual. Please check our website www.oldschoolgallery.org or the Old School Gallery Facebook page, or call 505-369-4047 for current information.

And....Check our website for a link to the YouTube performances!

THIRD QUARTER EVENTS

Zuñi Mountain Adventure

Geologic Driving and Hiking Tour with Bob Schafer

Sunday, August 2, Meet at the gallery at 9:30, Tour is 10am -3pm

Bob will offer a guided journey into the Zuñi Mountains to visit a number of interesting geological sites.

Bring water, sun screen, sun hat, mask, lunch and any other items you may need to ensure an enjoyable day!



OPEN MIC ON ZOOM

Sunday, August 16, 7pm

If you have an e-mail address in our database, you will get an invitation to join this event. To perform--or to watch--join the meeting at the specified time. (You must have Zoom downloaded (free) on your device in order to access the event.)

Readers' Theater at The Old School Gallery

Sunday, August 23, 3pm

With masks & social distancing

Join us for a fun hour reading a hilarious or mysterious, but always interesting melodrama. The more the merrier--we have room to spread out--or can sit outside.

A Poetry Slam ...on Zoom

Tentative date: September 26, 7pm

And possibly Poetry on YouTube ---to be viewed at any time

Final plans will be announced on Facebook, through Mail Chimp and noted on the website calendar

Q3 EXHIBITORS' NOTES

In the Artists' Quarter: "*Art Makes Life Worth Living*"

by David Kessler

The Opening Reception, Sunday, August 9, 10am-5pm will be spread throughout the day to allow for social distancing. All artists and guests are requested to wear masks.

There will be a shaded outdoor area for visiting and refreshments.

Exhibiting artists need not stay all day, but are asked to bring non-perishable goodies to share.

David will be there from 2-pm-4pm

Exhibition Runs: August 8 - October 3

Fourth Quarter 2020

In the Artists' Quarter:

"Here and There: Landscapes and Memories"

Paintings by Andrea Sparks

Art for the Fourth Quarter exhibition
will be due October 4, 2020



Want to Lead a Workshop Next Quarter?

If you're interested in leading a workshop, class, outing or lecture, *virtual or actual*, the programming committee would like to hear from you. All subjects are welcome: art, music, theater, history, anthropology, science, healing, geology, cooking, poetry, psyanky, quilting, weaving--you decide!
Contact the programming committee by sending ideas to emaacdirector@gmail.com

ON-GOING GROUPS

Due to Covid-19 some groups are cancelled. *Masks are required at most events.*
Contact the instructor for current information. At the Gallery unless specified.

Tai Chi Chuan

Sun and Moon Circle

Taught by Monika and Urs Gauderon
Mondays, 5:30 p.m.—\$60/4 sessions
For location or info call (505) 775-3045

Kundalini Yoga

POSSIBLY RESUMING IN OCTOBER

If there is interest in any of her classes this fall
or you have questions, Contact Catharine
cembrey4@gmail.com



Weekly Yoga

Thursdays, except July 23
9:00-10:30 Outside
Beginners welcome.

*Come join us ---Increase your flexibility
and relax your mind.*

Questions? Contact Chris at (505) 783-4866 or
email cmarlow00@gmail.com

GoddessLife Rainbow Goddess Belly Dancing Lessons

POSSIBLY RESUMING IN OCTOBER

Contact Catharine: cembrey4@gmail.com

Wu Family Tai Chi Practice

Sundays 9:30 Outside at the Gallery
Coordinated by Tom and Julie Himelick
Beginners are especially WELCOME!

Elmorroguy@gmail.com

QIGONG



Taught by Jon Marshall
Thursdays 6:00-7:15pm
Call weekly for confirmation 505-593-0476

“So.... You Think You Can’t Dance?”

**The First Friday of each month 7:30 pm
Outside at the Belly Button Ballroom**

Informal Dancing and Dessert

Limited to 10 persons this quarter
RSVP to reserve a space
pamelad1946@gmail.com

Masks and distancing will be practiced

Poetry Group

*Most Sundays at 11:00 am
It's a ZOOM meeting!*

Poets at all levels of development meet
to share poetry and support each other.

Contact Redwulf at waveridersheal@yahoo.com

Readers' Theater

With masks & social distancing
Once a month --Sunday 3pm--call for dates
George 505-783-4393 or Barbara 505-495-0029

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the chakras, aligning your body, mind and spirit.

POSSIBLY RESUMING IN OCTOBER

Science Group! Join the lively discussion!

The third Sunday of each month 1:30pm
Masks and social distancing practiced

On The Patio

at Inscription Rock Trading & Coffee Co.

Call Jane (505) 783-4551 or Rosalie (505) 783-4076

MONTHLY READING GROUP Third Tuesdays @ 7:30

Meetings will be held through Zoom or, if at the homes, outside if necessary, to preserve safe and recommended practices to avoid the spread of COVID-19. Call host for information



August 18: Overstory by Richard Powers, non-fiction 2018.

Multiple awards including the Pulitzer. About trees! And so much more!
Maureen Kearns hosts on Zoom. Contact mokearns@yahoo.com for instructions and to sign up.



Sept. 15: Wolf Hall by Hillary Mantel, historical fiction 2012.

First book of the trilogy by the same name, set in England in the 1520s, the story follows Cromwell's influence over church and King. According to *The Boston Globe* "...a darkly brilliant reimagining of life under Henry VIII...Magnificent"
At the home of Jill Acheson (505) 783-4803 for directions or Zoom instructions.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ramah Farmers Market is closed during the Covid-19 Pandemic



*However...
If You are Interested
in Fresh Veggies and
Local Crafts.....*



Ramah Food Circle provides community access to Market Vendors.

You will be able to buy directly from the farmer or craftsperson.

Pick up will be every Saturday from 10 to 11 at the Ramah Community Park

Pre Orders, Masks and Social Distancing required.

To Pre-Order: Go to the **Ramah Food Circle** Facebook Page and order online
or call Cindy at 505-301-7605, Chris at 783-4866 or Jackie 783-4440
to be placed on a vendor's phone or email list (no Facebook needed).

Timberlake Food Circle, El Morro Food Circle and Candy Kitchen Food Circle
have also created a dynamic avenue for customers to get Market items.

Access these Food Circles through Facebook,
place your order and pick up at the designated spot.

Feel free to contact us (above) or ramahfarmersmkt@gmail.com with any questions



For your continuing support of the Arts Council during this difficult time. Please practice social distancing and wear masks where appropriate. Stay Safe!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PATRONS !!!

Ancient Way Café

Open for Takeout and Outdoor Dining!



HC 61 Box 44
Ramah, NM 87321

Web: elmorro-nm.com
Email: elmorrorv@yahoo.com

505-783-4612

RV and Cabin reservations may be made online or by phone

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Redwolf and Standing Feather
are fully available for healing work.

Please call the Wave Riders' Yurt at 505-717-7841
with questions or to make an appointment.



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A Special **Thank You** to US Bank which has generously supported
EMAAC's programing and publicity for several years!
The grants have especially benefitted our musical and youth programs.

Attention! A Friendly Reminder regarding photos and videos!

If you attend an EMAAC event and take photos or videos,
we would love to have copies of these for our
archives and grant applications.
Please tag them to the Old School Gallery's Facebook page

All materials for the Fourth Quarter Newsletter are due by September 1st. Please submit to the Program Committee at emaacdirector@gmail.com before then for scheduling and approval.

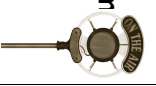
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So You Think You Can't Dance—First Fridays 7:30pm
 Science Group—Third Sundays 1:30pm
 Book Discussion Group—Third Tuesdays 7:00pm

August 2020

On Going Weekly Groups:

Tai Chi Chuan---Mondays 5pm
 Yoga—Thursdays 9:30am
 Qui gong—Some Thursdays 6pm
 Wu Family Tai Chi —Sundays 9:30am
 Poetry Group—most Sundays 11am

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2 Zuni Mountain Geology Tour 9:30	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Art Opening 10am-5pm	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Open Mic 7pm on Zoom 	17	18	19 Board Meeting 3pm	20	21	22
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EMAAC Membership Form

The El Morro Area Arts Council (EMAAC) is a vibrant organization that celebrates diversity, thrives on the sharing of creative ideas through programs, exhibitions and workshops. EMAAC supports The Old School Gallery, a community-centered activity hub for traditional and contemporary arts. The Gallery is open Friday-Sunday 12-5. EMAAC membership is open to all artists and individuals who share a love of the arts and the Ramah/El Morro community. The membership term is from January 1 to December 31. Please Join Us!

Full Name _____

Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Web or Facebook Page _____

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New Member _____ Renewal _____

Membership Level:

_____ Student (\$12)

_____ Friend of EMAAC (\$37-\$99)

_____ Individual (\$24)

_____ EMAAC Champion (\$100-\$249)

_____ Family (\$36)

_____ EMAAC Sponsor (\$250 or More)

Interested in Volunteering? Y N How? _____

Mail this form with your comments or suggestions to:

EMAAC, PO Box 296, Ramah, NM 87321 * 505-369-4047 * www.theoldschoolgallery.org

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