

# EL MORRO AREA ARTS COUNCIL

VOLUME TWENTY SEVEN

SECOND QUARTER 2024

All Events are held at the Old School Gallery unless otherwise specified.

Please go to The El Morro Area Arts Council Facebook Page for updates. .



## In the Artists' Quarter "Glimpses Into Reality: Miniature Landscapes and Sculptures"

by Toni Austin-Allen

Exhibition runs April 6 - June 30

*This Exhibition represents Toni Austin-Allen's love of the outdoors and her innate connection to nature. Toni sees the feminine in nature and finds her inner strength and stillness whenever she walks in the outdoors. She calls nature her greatest "medicine" because it is a world without the illusions of the human mind. It is a place where she can be with "no mind".*

**Reception - Sunday Morning, April 7th, 11 am-1 pm,  
El Morro Area Arts Crawl immediately following**

## *In the Main Gallery*

March 3rd through May 25th

*Paintings and Sculpture by Local Member Artists*

And throughout the month of June

## **Celebrating Gay Pride Month**

*A special exhibition by the local LGBTQ Community*

Sunday, June 2 - 1:00-4:00 **OPENING RECEPTION**

*"ZMS Potters - Then & Now"*

Sunday, June 9, 4:00 **LANTERN LIGHT SOUND BATH**

Sunday, June 16, 4:30 **DOCUMENTARY FILMS ON QUEER ART**

hosted by Dine' artist XBlanque

Sunday, June 23, time TBD **SOLSTICE DRUM CIRCLE**

with Toni Austin-Allen

Friday, June 21, 7:00 FILM **"SORDID LIVES"** \$5 Unless cross-dressed

Sunday, June 30, 10:00 am and into the Evening- **PRIDE FESTIVAL!**

**Performances, BBQ at Ancient Way Café & Dance Party**



# WE WANT YOU!

## EMAAC Earth Day Work-Day/Play-Day

Sunday, April 21

At the Old School Gallery Grounds

9:00 am: Community Highway Pick Up  
 9:30 am: Work/Play Projects Assigned.  
 1:00 pm: Lunch (RSVP - text 5054090152)

All skill levels needed. **BRING TOOLS!**  
 (hammers, saws, drills, rakes, wheel barrow, etc.)

For more information or to sign up for lunch, Text 5054090152.



**Come and Join Us!**

*If you love art and people consider becoming a*  
**DOCENT**

*We are open weekends 11-4  
 Docent days can be monthly, quarterly or on call.*

Contact Lori to schedule a training  
[hansonmice@msn.com](mailto:hansonmice@msn.com)

### Place Your Ad In the EMAAC Newsletter!

We publish 4 issues per year.  
 Prices listed are per issue.

- Business Card Size.....3.5" x 2" .....\$25
- 1/4 page.....3.5" x 4.75" .....\$30
- 1/2 page (vertical).....3.5" x 9.5" ..... \$50
- 1/2 page (horizontal).....7.5" x 4.75" .....\$50

Each quarterly newsletter is distributed in both Cibola and McKinley Counties, sent to our membership and posted on our website: [elmorroareaartscouncil.org](http://elmorroareaartscouncil.org)

To place an ad contact  
[emaacdiretor@gmail.com](mailto:emaacdiretor@gmail.com)

**Notice.....We have a NEW website:**  
[elmorroareaartscouncil.org](http://elmorroareaartscouncil.org)

**And NEW possibilities:**  
 "Your Imagination At Work"

EMAAC makes available the use of the Old School Gallery and grounds to EMAAC members.

If you have an idea for a workshop, festival or other event, please contact us.

The Gallery is also available for rent for other events by the day or by the hour--- with a discount for members!

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

All materials for the 2024 Q3 Newsletter are due by June 1st, 2024.-approved event, date & time  
 Please submit suggested events to Programming at [emaacdiretor@gmail.com](mailto:emaacdiretor@gmail.com) by May 1st for Q3 scheduling and approval. *Thanks*

#### **Current Board Members**

Laura Baum Kate Brown Rose Carlson  
 Gary Cartier Evan Cole Pam Davis  
 Denise Hanson Lori Hanson  
 Gail Ratko Tess Robinson  
 Megan Schrag-Toso



**For "Up-to-the-Minute" Event Information, visit the El Morro Area Arts Council Facebook page.**

Your "likes" will help us keep our information active for a longer period of time. Feel free to share our posts on your home page!  
<https://www.facebook.com/ElMorroAreaArtsCouncil>

## Second Quarter EVENTS continued....

EMAAC Presents

# OPEN MIC

Saturday, April 27th  
7 PM - 9 PM

\$5 Admission, Free to Performers  
Hosted By Wayne Ramm

At the Old School Gallery  
Mile Marker 46  
Highway 53



# EMAAC Spring Festival

Sunday, May 5th  
STARTS @ 12 PM

FOOD  
DJ MUSIC & LINE DANCING  
PAINT & SIP MOCKTAILS  
COLORING CONTEST & PIÑATA FOR KIDS  
DRUM CIRCLE  
TRADITIONAL MAYPOLE DANCE

OLD SCHOOL GALLERY  
MILE MARKER 46 HWY 53



**EMAAC Cinema:**  
Movies at the Outdoor Stage  
Every 4th Friday, May - September  
*Join us for a free, family-friendly movie night this Spring and Summer!*

EMAAC PRESENTS

STARTS 7 PM

MOVIES AT THE OUTDOOR  
STAGE  
*Cinema*

FREE

POP CORN  
DRINKS

SCREENING EVERY 4TH FRIDAY  
MAY 24TH  
NOW SHOWING  
THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

OLD SCHOOL GALLERY  
MILE MARKER 46 HWY 53

BRING CHAIRS & BLANKETS



Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs. Outside food and drinks are allowed. Popcorn and drinks will be sold 30 minutes before the movie.

**Dates:**

May 24th - 7:00pm "The Greatest Showman"

June 28th - 7:00pm "E.T."

**Time and Movies:** To be determined for the following:

July 26th

August 23rd

September 27th

*If you have movie recommendations please email*

[denisehanson18@gmail.com](mailto:denisehanson18@gmail.com).



## Second Quarter EVENTS continued....

### *Mothers' Day Concert* *Harpist Anne Eisfeller Performs!*

Sunday, May 12th 3:00 pm

The program includes music inspired by nature, traditional Celtic pieces and, in honor of Mothers' Day, music by Nurit Hirschm, Hannah Lash and Deborah Henson-Conant

*Anne Eisfeller is the principal harpist of the Santa Fe Symphony and San Juan Symphony and harpist emerita of the New Mexico Philharmonic. In addition, she has performed with the San Antonio and El Paso Symphonies in Texas and traveled as far as Juneau, Alaska as guest harpist. Summers have taken her to Music in the Mountains in Colorado, to Oregon for the Coast, Britt, Cascade and Sunriver festivals; and to Italy for the Assisi Festival.*

Tickets \$10 (buy two get one free) Children under 14 free



### MULTI-BAND CONCERT ON THE OUTDOOR STAGE

May 25th, 2:00 - 7:00 pm *Free*

A Variety of Local Music! Andy Ramm BBQ!  
Food Vendors Welcome!

Bring the family, lawn chairs or a picnic blanket to spread on the ground and plan to spend the afternoon!



### PAMWE MARIMBA CONCERT & WORKSHOP Friday, May 31



Meet Pamwe Marimba! A brand new marimba ensemble comprised of 8 passionate musicians, hailing from all corners of the country including New Mexico, Colorado, Oregon, Washington and Montana. Originally brought together in Polyphony Marimba, it is a band united by a shared love for marimba music. Pamwe presents a wide variety of sounds, ranging from traditional Shona music to original compositions. Each piece celebrates the marimba's versatility and reflects the diverse musical backgrounds of its members.

Food Trucks arrive 5:00 pm

Workshop 5:00 pm... \$10 fee \* Concert 7:00 - 8:30 pm... \$15 Admission

*For more information or to reserve a spot at the Marimba Workshop, text to 5054090152*

## Second Quarter WORKSHOPS

### Guided Movement & Expressive Arts Workshop

Facilitating mind/body connection through  
mindful walk, guided reflection, expressive movement  
and art image creation.

May 19 1:00 pm -4:00 pm, ages 16+

\$20 per person

(Covers facility use, all materials and facilitators' time)

For more information, contact:

Jamie Sackett, ACE Certified Professional with Firelily's Fitness, LLC  
at [firelilysfitness@outlook.com](mailto:firelilysfitness@outlook.com), or 208-697-2517

or Alice Palen, LPC, Registered Expressive Art Therapist  
at [enhancedwellbeingak@gmail.com](mailto:enhancedwellbeingak@gmail.com) or [enhancedancedwellbeingak.com](http://enhancedancedwellbeingak.com)



## ON-GOING GROUPS

### Monthly READING GROUP

*Third Tuesdays at Members' Homes --7:30 pm*

**April 16:** Solito by Xavier Samora, NF 2022

A memoir of his trek from El Salvador to the US, as a 9 year old attempting to rejoin his parents. "In the sea of immigration memoirs, this is a good one," says the NYT reviewer

Host: Rosalie Bianchi - For more info or directions call 505-783-4076

**May 21:** Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver, Fiction, 2022 .

Rural Virginia, 1980s, growing poverty and addiction. "It's hard to think of another living novelist who could take a stab at Dickens and rise above the level of catastrophe," says the admiring reviewer of the NYT.

Host: Caroly Jones - For more info or directions call 505-870-6046

**June 18:** The Lemon Tree by Sandy Tolan, NF 2006

A book providing a breath of hope for the future in the Middle East in this "affecting story of an unlikely truce, even a peace, between Palestinians and Israelis in contested territory" around a house and a lemon tree in the West Bank. Kirkus Reviews.

Host: Kristi Davis - For more info or directions call 505-783-4444

### Adult Mobility & Stability and Line Dancing Classes

Upcoming in May and June ---- Dates to be announced via the following:

Firelily's Fitness' business page [www.facebook.com/firelilysfitness?mibextid=dGKdO6](https://www.facebook.com/firelilysfitness?mibextid=dGKdO6),

The Old School Gallery Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/332998613463/>

and the EMAAC web site at [www.elmorroareaartscouncil.org](http://www.elmorroareaartscouncil.org)

Please contact Jamie Sackett for any questions at [firelilysfitness@outlook.com](mailto:firelilysfitness@outlook.com) or text 208-697-2517

## ON-GOING GROUPS continued.....



### Ongoing Stagecraft Workshops

Beginning March 27th  
Wednesdays. 1:00 -3:00 pm

In addition to the topics previously discussed, we are adding topics relating to audio music recording and techniques for recorded and live music production.

For more information and to confirm any week's occurrence or topic, contact

Wayne Ramm 505-783-4160,  
[wayner@alternatejourney.com](mailto:wayner@alternatejourney.com)

or Bob Schafer 505-728-3215  
[schafer8n@gmail.com](mailto:schafer8n@gmail.com)



### Paint & Sip

Dates and teachers to be determined.

Contact [denisehanson18@gmail.com](mailto:denisehanson18@gmail.com).

### Just 4 Fun Band

Thursdays 1:00 -3:00 pm

**All musicians--beginning,  
experienced or in between--  
are invited to come play with us!**

We play primarily Celtic and folk music, but other genres show up from time to time. Play by ear or from sheet music---we even have beginner's variations of many songs.

Contact Amy Renaud, at 505-775-0140  
Or at [flipflopfarmNM@gmail.com](mailto:flipflopfarmNM@gmail.com)



### Yoga for All

With Pam Crawford \*  
Thursdays 10:00 - 11:15 am



*Mindful movements are guided by breath in a slow-flow yoga practice accessible for beginners and longtime practitioners alike.*

*Traditional hatha poses and meditation deepen awareness, creating space to balance the physical, emotional and spiritual body.*

Yoga mats and blocks are provided.  
Please bring a towel or small blanket  
and a water bottle.

Questions? [pamcrawfordtherapies@gmail.com](mailto:pamcrawfordtherapies@gmail.com)

\* Pam Crawford worked in the holistic wellness field for over 30 years as a skin specialist, massage therapist, and instructor for both. She was certified as a yoga instructor eight years ago and is currently developing a yoga teacher training program for Austin Community College.

### QI GONG & Tai Chi\*

Thursdays at 11:30 am

*Slow movement Qigong  
exercises for health*

Thursdays at 12:00 pm

*Self Defense Tai Chi  
designed for the defender to escape  
aggression.*

*Healing techniques for general health and  
recovery from injuries.*

\*Text Jon at 505-362-8244 to confirm



### "So You Think You Can't Dance?"

**Informal Dancing and Dessert**  
Lessons for non-dancers,  
or bring your favorite dance to teach us all.

The First Friday Of the Month  
7:30 pm at the **Belly Button Ballroom**

RSVP

Contact [pamelad1946@gmail.com](mailto:pamelad1946@gmail.com)  
for directions or questions



## EXHIBITORS' NOTES

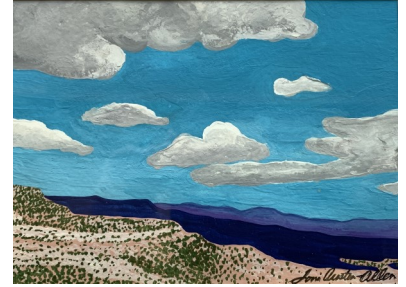
**Second Quarter Theme:** *"Glimpses into Reality"*

Toni Austin Allen in the Artists' Quarter April 7 - June 30.

**Reception Sunday, April 7, 11:00-1:00**

Exhibition openings are in salon format  
and all exhibitors are encouraged to attend.

Exhibiting artists are asked to bring finger-foods to share.



*Plan to stay in the neighborhood for the El Morro Area Arts Crawl*

The main gallery exhibition was hung the beginning of March and will run through May 25th. Please plan to pick up any unsold work on Sunday afternoon May 26th. We need to have the gallery cleared for a special exhibition in June celebrating Gay Pride Month. (See front page)

NOTICE: The stage is being reprogrammed for performance art. It will also be used to promote virtual art exhibits, studio tours, demonstrations and other EMAAC information. It will be available on occasion for special exhibitions. Consequently, as of July 2024 the Artists' Quarter will no longer be available for solo quarterly exhibitions until further notice. Thank you, EMAAC Board of Directors

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### SCIENCE GROUP

Third Sundays 1:30 pm at Inscription Rock Trading and Coffee Company

*Currently reading The 4% Universe and discussing Dark Matter  
Topics are determined by the group each month.*

Call Rosalie (505) 783-4076 or Jane (505) 783-4551 for more information.

**Bookmobile Schedule: Wednesdays - April 17, May 15, June 12**

El Morro Natl. Mnmt. 9:30 -10:15 ~ Pine Hill Market 11:00 -11:45 ~ Ramah USPO 1:15 -2:15

## El Morro Area Arts Crawl

**Sunday, April 7th and June 2nd, Noon to 5 pm**

The Old School Gallery / OPO Gallery / The Q'rious Pearl

Sculpture Trails at The Ancient Way & The Old School Gallery / Other El Morro Businesses

*Art you will Love*

**Craft Booths, Music and Food**


**On Going Monthly Groups:**

Book Discussion Group—Third Tuesdays-See page 5  
 Book Mobile- -See page 7  
 So You Think You Can't Dance—First Fridays 7:30 pm  
 Science Group—Third Sundays 1:30pm at IRT

# April 2024

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 Self Defense Tai Chi --Thursdays 12:00  
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 Poetry Group—Occasional Sundays 11:00 at IRT

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					12 WORLD ART DAY! Event to be announced	13
7 Art Opening 11:00-1:00 Arts Crawl after	8	9	10	11		
14	15	16	17	18	19 EMAAC Board Meeting	20
21 Earth Day Work/Play Day 9:00-12:30 	22	23	24	25	26	27 Open Mic 7- 9
28	29	30				



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<b>5 Spring Festival! Begins @ Noon</b>	6	7	8	9	10	11	
	<b>12 Mothers' Day Concert 3:00pm</b>	13	14	15	16	17 EMAAC Board Meeting	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Outdoor Cinema "The Greatest Show- man" 7:00	25 Outdoor Concert 2:00-7:00	
26	27	28	29	30	31 Marimba 5:00-8:30		

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# June

## Gay Pride Month

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2 Art opening 1:00-4:00	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Lantern Light Event 4:00	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Documentary Short films 4:30	17	18	19	20	21 EMAAC Board Meeting	22
					"Sordid Lives" 7:00	
23 Drum Circle	24	25	26	27	28 Outdoor Cinema "ET" 7:00	29
30 Gay Pride Festival Begins 10:00						

## COMMUNITY EVENTS continued....

### Cibola/McKinley Area ART Venues and Events

#### *El Morro Area*

**ARTS CRAWL** Afternoons April 7th & June 2nd -Galleries, Shops, Vendors, Music, Food

**INSCRIPTION ROCK TRADING AND COFFEE COMPANY** Indigenous Folk Art & Gifts

Open Thurs.- Saturday 9 - 5, Sunday 10 - 5.

**OPO Gallery-** El Morro Open Friday, Saturday & Sunday 11-4

**QRIOUS PEARL-** Open Thursday through Sunday , Noon - 5.

**SCULPTURE TRAILS** - At the Ancient Way Café & The Old School Gallery

**STAR GARDEN GALLERY** Open by appointment [art@stargardengallery.com](mailto:art@stargardengallery.com)

#### *Gallup*

**ARTS CRAWL** Second Saturdays 7- 9pm Vendor sign up contact [deesantillanes@gmail.com](mailto:deesantillanes@gmail.com).

**ART 123 Gallery** New shows opening at every Gallup Arts Crawl--second Saturday evenings.

**LOOM Indigenous Gallery** showing cutting-edge, contemporary artists in downtown Gallup

#### *Grants*

**DOUBLE SIX GALLERY & ROUTE 66 VINTAGE MUSEUM** Tuesday through Saturday 1 - 5

Please support our local businesses!

### Thank You **Red Mesa Electric**

A big Shout Out and Thank You to Red Mesa Electric and Shane Evans, the owner, for donating their time and materials to upgrade the outdoor lighting at the Old School Gallery. No more stumbling around in the dark! Shane, who grew up in Ramah, and his crew have done other electrical repairs and upgrades at the gallery. When we asked how to improve the outdoor lighting, Shane offered to do it for free!

*What a lovely example of community spirit and kindness!*

#### The Ancient Way Café

Counter Service or Take-Out Only

Open 9 am - 3 pm

Thursday through Sunday .

505-783-4612

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The RV Park and Cabins are open.

Reservations may be made at

[www.elmorro-nm.com](http://www.elmorro-nm.com)

or email [elmorrorv@gmail.com](mailto:elmorrorv@gmail.com)



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*Community to the World"*

Phone (505) 600-3326

Web [www.osointernetsolutions.com](http://www.osointernetsolutions.com)

Email [magaret@osointernetsolutions.com](mailto:magaret@osointernetsolutions.com)

**EMAAC thanks you for your  
Continued support!**



### 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 Saturday & Sunday 11-4. Call 505-783-4710*

EMAAC membership is open to all individuals who share a love of the arts and/or the Ramah/El Morro community. The membership term is from Jan 1st to Dec. 31st. Please Join Us!

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:: City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Level: \_\_\_ Individual (\$25) \_\_\_ Couple (\$45) \_\_\_ Family (3 or more at one address \$60)

EMAAC Sponsor \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$50 or more) Interested in Volunteering? Y N

Mail this form with your comments or suggestions to: EMAAC, PO Box 296, Ramah, NM 87321  
Or join online at [elmorroareaartscouncil.org](http://elmorroareaartscouncil.org)

\*Membership includes a quarterly newsletter, reduced facility rental fee, occasional reduced event rates, and supports a vibrant community of artists and visiting talent.

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