

EL MORRO AREA ARTS COUNCIL



VOLUME TWENTY EIGHT

FIRST QUARTER 2025

Unless otherwise specified all Events are held at the Old School Gallery, mm 46 on Highway 53,

For up-to-the-minute event information visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/EMAAC> [Information Hotline](#)

Old School Gallery 2025 Q1 Art Opening

Sunday, January 12th, 2-4pm

New art by your favorite local artists

And in the Artists' Quarter

John Boomer

With Sand paintings and wood sculpture
inspired by 56 years in the South West.



Thunder Ridge Dance Party

Saturday, February 8th, 6:00 - 8:30pm \$10 Admission



Hot Food, Coffee & Dessert Available!

Come warm up your winter!

Get movin' and groovin' to the music

March is Women's History Month!

March was Chosen to be National Women's history Month in the United States; declared as such by a biennial joint Resolution of the U.S. Congress in 1987.



In celebration, we offer two NM Humanities Programs honoring women this quarter.

See page 3 for details.

OPEN MIC- Hosted by Wade Aubuchon

Saturday, January 18th, 7-9 pm

Refreshments available

Calling all poets, musicians, dancers, comics and actors!

\$5.00 Admission EMAAC Member performers get in free

Questions? Contact gail.ratko@emaacnm.org

It's a NEW YEAR! Wake Up! Get Involved! Join Us!



Dear Members,

We hope this finds you well and in good spirits. As we close out 2024, we want to take time to highlight some of the many events that EMAAC has brought to the Old School this year as we look forward to exciting upcoming initiatives in 2025.

In addition to the original art that has been exhibited in the Gallery throughout the year by our talented community, our artists had an opportunity to exhibit their work at the ART 123 Gallery in Gallup. There have been workshops that taught us how to make books, to paint both with watercolor and sumi-ink, create a handmade film and even a mountain bike workshop. We practiced yoga and tai chi and we learned to line-dance.

The collaborative El Morro Community Octoberfest was well attended and fun was had by all. We have hosted bands from Santa Fe and Albuquerque at our outdoor stage. We had the privilege to host a Concert with the principal harpist of the Santa Fe Symphony. And have had the pleasure of hearing from our many talented and fabulous local musicians too! The outdoor stage has been a great addition to our space.

Our community celebrated Dia De los Muertos and the Solstice by the grace of numerous members making it happen for us. There have been monthly book clubs, monthly first Friday dances and quarterly Open Mic nights.

We will continue to work on improvements to our outdoor space with the help of our community. Thank you to everyone who participated in these initiatives ---whether by organizing and/or participating. We very much appreciate you all!

We look forward to serving you again in 2025. May you have a joyous, healthy and peace-filled holiday season. Warm Regards from the EMAAC Board

PLEASE NOTE:

The Old School Gallery and grounds are available for use by EMAAC members. If you have an idea for a workshop, festival or other event, please contact us.

The Gallery is also available to rent for personal or business events--with a discount for members.

All events must be pre-approved by the programming committee.

Please submit suggested events for April-June for scheduling and approval by February 15th, 2025 to programming@emaacnm.org.

All advertising materials for the 2025 second quarter (Q2) Newsletter are due by March 1st. *Thank You.*

CONNECTIONS.....

Web page: www.elmorroareaartscouncil.org.

Instagram: [elmorroareaartscouncil](https://www.instagram.com/elmorroareaartscouncil)
For Art & Music Events related to OSG

facebook.com/Old School Gallery
For EMAAC events.

facebook.com/EMAAC Information Hotline
For up-to-the-minute program changes.

facebook.com/El Morro Area Arts Council - The Old School Gallery
For diverse artistic endeavors



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
Lori.hanson@emaacnm.org

JANITOR WANTED

At the Old School Gallery
Twice/month approximately 2 hours
\$30.00 flat fee each cleaning
Contact Gail at gail.ratko@emaacnm.org

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:\$50

Each quarterly newsletter is distributed in both Cibola and McKinley Counties, sent to our membership and posted on our website:
elmorroareaartscouncil.org


Current Board Members

Laura Baum * Rose Carlson * Gary Cartier
Lori Hanson * Gail Ratko * Megan Schrag-Toso

First Quarter EVENTS continued...

EMAAC PRESENTS

WOMEN OF THE WILD WEST



By VanAnn Moore

Sunday, March 2nd

TIME: 3 - 5 PM

OLD SCHOOL GALLERY
HWY 53 MILE MARKER 46
2 MILES EAST OF EL MORRO NATL MONUMENT

This program examines the territorial women through living history portrayals of Doña Tules (Gertrudes Barcelo), Susan Shelby Magoffin, and Lydia Spencer Lane. These women represented what it took to survive and thrive during very colorful and extremely challenging times in New Mexico's Territorial Era. It brings history into an understandable and personal reality.

NM HUMANITIES PROGRAM: RUTH BADER GINSBURG: "NOTORIOUS RBG"

Presented by Dianne Layden

Sunday, March 16th, 2:00

Admission is free for NM Humanities Programs
(Refreshments served)

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who passed away in 2020, is celebrated for her work as an attorney, federal judge, and Supreme Court justice, notably on behalf of gender equality. Her life will be presented in both a lecture and Chautauqua portrayal that include her judicial opinions, family life and reverence for opera. Ginsburg's friendship with fellow justice and opera lover Antonin Scalia became the subject of the opera Scalia/Ginsburg, now performed worldwide. She visited Santa Fe with her family for many years and called the Santa Fe Opera the finest summer opera company in the world.

Speaker's Biography

Dianne layden is a semi-retired College professor and writer. Her field is American Studies. Research interest include NM History and culture, public violence and social justice



Winter 2025 Cibola/McKinley Area ART Venues & Events

El Morro Area

OPO Gallery- Weekends 11-4

QRIOUS PEARL-

Thu. - Sun 12-5

SCULPTURE TRAILS at

The Ancient Way Café &
The Old School Gallery

STAR GARDEN GALLERY

Open by appointment

art@stargardengallery.com

Gallup

ARTS CRAWL 2nd Saturdays,

7- 9 pm Vendor sign up contact

deasantilanes@gmail.com.

ART 123 Gallery New shows
second Saturday evenings.

LOOM Indigenous Gallery

Downtown Gallup

Grants

DOUBLE SIX GALLERY

& ROUTE 66

VINTAGE MUSEUM

Tues.-Sat. 1 - 5



EXHIBITORS' NOTES

Pick up Fourth Quarter art & submit First Quarter art Sunday, January 5, 11-4

Or at the latest, noon on Thursday, January 9th.

If you cannot meet these deadlines, please contact Pam at pamelad1946@gmail.com to make other arrangements.

First Quarter Reception will be Sunday, January 12th, 2 - 4

*Exhibition openings are in salon format and **all exhibitors** are encouraged to attend. Come and tell us about your inspiration!*

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

ON-GOING GROUPS

Monthly READING GROUP

*Tuesdays 7:30 pm at
Members' Homes*



January: Remarkably Bright Creatures: A Novel by Shelby Van Pelt, 2022

A New York Times readers' choice: "One of the best books of the 21st century -So far! A charming, witty and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus." The Washington Post reports "... it is an untimely, feel-good, but deceptively sensitive debut...Memorable and tender"
Host: Rosalie Bianchi - For more info or directions call 505-783-4076

February: An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us NF 2023 by Ed Yong (Pulitzer winning science journalist)

ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR! A "thrilling" (The New York Times), "dazzling" (The Wall Street Journal) tour of the radically different ways that animals perceive the world, that will fill you with wonder and forever alter your perspective. This book can be savored over time. Since it is dense with information, we could each read a chapter for Book Club.
Host: Pam Davis - For more information or directions call/text 505-870-6245

March: Songs of Experience by M. Fowler, NF 1991

An anthology of literature about growing old. "Among the many treasures collected in Songs of Experience are works by E. B. White, Helen Hayes, Colette, William Carlos Williams, W. B. Yeats, May Sarton and others. This superb collection is destined to become an enduring classic, as illuminating to the young as it is reassuring to the old."--Amazon
Host: Jill Acheson-For more information or directions, call 505-783-4803

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

"So You Think You Can't Dance?"

Informal Dancing and Dessert

Lessons for non-dancers,
or bring your favorite dance to teach us all.

RSVP Contact pamelad1946@gmail.com for directions or questions
February's Dance will be on the second Friday

Yoga for All Fridays 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 poses and meditation deepen awareness, creating space to balance the physical, emotional & spiritual body.

Yoga mats and blocks are provided.

Please bring a towel or small blanket and a water bottle.

Questions? pamcrawfordtherapies@gmail.com



Older Adults Self Defense

Fridays 11:30 am-12:30 pm *



A different approach for protection, using methods from Tai Chi, Aikido, old style Jujitsu and Chinese Shuai Jiao to stop Aggression and get away. Not fighting to "win", but to stop the attack and escape.



* Text Jon at 505-362-8244 to confirm

Just 4 Fun Band

Most Fridays 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 have beginner's variations of many songs.

*Contact Amy to confirm at 505-775-0140 or flipflopfarmNM@gmail.com

The El Morro Science Society

Second Saturdays 11:00am at the Old School Gallery

Topics change month to month

Open to suggestions for monthly discussion

Call Rosalie & Jerry (505) 783-4076 for more information

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Yoga--Fridays 10:00
 Older Adult Self Defense --Fridays 11:30
 Just 4 Fun Band-- Occasional Fridays1:00-3:00

On Going Monthly Groups:

Book Discussion Group—Third Tuesdays-See page 4
 Book Mobile- -Call 505-841-5250 for Feb & March dates
 So You Think You Can't Dance First Fridays 7:30
 Science Society—Second Saturdays 11am at the OSG

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Bookmobile Schedule: 505-841-5250 Wednesdays - Jan.8, Feb.?, Mar. ? El Morro Natl. Monument 9:30 -10:15 Pine Hill Market 11:00 -11:45 Ramah USPO 1:15 -2:15		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Art Opening 2-4pm	13	14	15	16	17	18 Open Mic 7pm
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16 NM Humanities: Ruth Bader Ginsberg 2:00pm	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Please support our local businesses!



The Ancient Way Café

Closed through March



The RV Park and Cabins are **open**

Reservations may be made at www.elmorro-nm.com
or email elmorrorv@gmail.com

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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.
Please Join Us!

Name #1 _____ Email Address _____ Phone _____

Name #2 _____ Email Address _____ Phone _____

Name #3 _____ Email Address _____ Phone _____

US Postal Service Mailing Address:

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

*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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