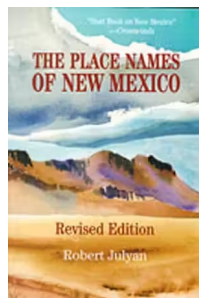


EL MORRO AREA ARTS COUNCIL

VOLUME TWENTY EIGHT

SECOND 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](#)



THE PLACE NAMES OF NEW MEXICO

By Robert Julian

The Place Names of New Mexico is a guide to the state's geography and history. Exploring the significance of towns, mountains, rivers, canyons, counties, historical sites, and abandoned settlements, Robert Julian will bring the past to life and show the ebb and flow of culture across the state.

Saturday, April 5th 2-4 pm Refreshments available

Robert Julian is the author of several place names books and hiking guides. He is chair of the New Mexico Geographic Information Council and a member of the American Name Society.

Old School Gallery Q2 Art Opening

Sunday, April 13th, 2-4 pm
New works by local artists

And in the Artists' Quarter

"Making Do -The Sourdough Quilt Series II" by Penny Hyde

"Called a Sourdough Quilt Series because each quilt has at least one fabric from another quilt. All the quilts are made from scraps and leftovers that would be cherished by our grandmothers, but often discarded as waste in our modern world. These quilts came from the scrap bins of 'Making Do'." Penny Hyde

Exhibition runs through July 6th



OPEN MIC- Hosted by Wayne Ramm

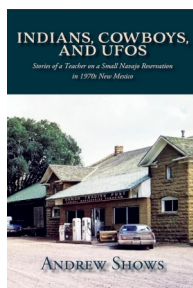
Saturday, April 26, 7-9 pm

Refreshments available

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

\$5.00 Admission EMAAC Member performers get in free

Questions? Contact gail.ratko@emaacnm.org



Book Signing & Discussion

INDIANS, COWBOYS AND UFOS

Stories of a Teacher on a Small Navajo Reservation
in 1970s New Mexico

By Andrew Shows **May 18th, 2-4pm**

"...surrounded by cowboys, Mormons, Mexicans and Zuni Indians was quite a shock to a boy from Baltimore. This was not the sleepy reservation experience I was expecting. It was so much more. It was a celebration of diversity, individualism and native tradition. I am still in awe of the vast array of experiences I was allowed, thanks to the opportunities presented by the Ramah Navajo people."

Andy and his wife Turza are full-time artists maintaining a home and studio/gallery in Albuquerque, with work in museums and galleries worldwide.

Mother's Day Tea & Piano Concert by Toni Austin-Allen



May 11, 2-4 pm

Toni will present a program ---mostly Gershwin, Cole Porter, some Bossa Nova, etc.-- early jazz, which is a purely American art form. It was invented in America, but of course fused with other styles once it traveled to other countries. For Toni, this early jazz is what she thinks of as something great in America. It is music that everyone will know and love.

Please gather for an afternoon of music and delicious refreshments to honor the mothers of our hearts and the world. Donations gratefully accepted.



Spring has Sprung! Get Involved! Join Us!



Dear Members,

Spring is upon us! There are signs popping up everywhere. As we look forward to warmer weather, we reflect on all that has been going on this winter. We have fixed leaks, restored toilet function, repaired overhead lights, thawed a frozen tank, patched a ceiling, replaced the shared well pump together with our neighbors – thanks to all who helped us overcome and to everyone for being flexible.

Somehow, we still managed to have a fabulous first quarter! We hope you had an opportunity to visit the Gallery to see John Boomer’s sand paintings and wood sculptures highlighted on the stage. We’ve danced the night away with Thunder Ridge MK II, celebrated Women’s History month, highlighted our local talent with Open Mic night and a concert with Gary & The Bobbleheads. The Gaza monologues were a reminder of the impact of war on the children of the world and a powerful message that healing can take place through the art of expression.

Looking ahead, we will continue improvements on the ramada and patio area. We’ve replaced the indoor speakers and plan to improve the lighting on and around the outdoor stage. Also under consideration: building an outhouse and purchasing a storage building. We’d love to have you on one of our creative teams!

Consider joining us this spring as we strive to bring you a collage of events! Check out our webpage and Facebook (Old School Gallery) for up-to-date information. It’s been great to see so many happy faces at recent events! So many that we just purchased 12 new chairs! Now if we could just move a wall or two LOL. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

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 July-Sept. for scheduling and approval by May 15th, 2025 to programming@emaacnm.org.

All advertising materials for the 2025 third quarter (Q3) Newsletter are due by June 1st. *Thank You.*

2025 Cibola/McKinley Area ART Venues & Events

El Morro Area

OPO Gallery- Occasional weekends 11-4

SCULPTURE TRAILS at The Ancient Way Café & The Old School Gallery

STAR GARDEN GALLERY by appointment art@stargardengallery.com

Gallup

ARTS CRAWL 2nd Saturdays, 7- 9 pm Vendor sign up contact deesatilaneg@gmail.com.

ART 123 Gallery New shows second Saturdays
LOOM Indigenous Gallery Downtown Gallup

Grants

DOUBLE SIX GALLERY & ROUTE 66 VINTAGE MUSEUM Tues.-Sat. 1 - 5

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

Contact: gail.ratko@emaacnm.org

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 or **facebook.com/El Morro Area Arts Council**

The Old School Gallery

For EMAAC events.

facebook.com/EMAAC Information Hotline

For up-to-the-minute program changes.

Current Board Members

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

*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 at Lori.hanson@emaacnm.org*

Second Quarter EVENTS continued...

Once again we welcome **ALBUQUERQUE SKELETON CREW!**

May 31, 5:00 pm on the outdoor stage

Come Kick
up your
heels or just
sing along!



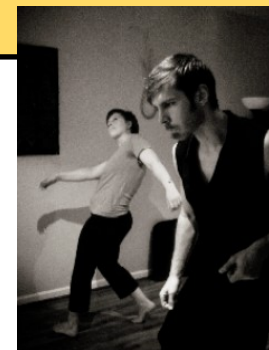
Food Trucks
with delicious
fare will be
available!

Tickets \$10 Free for First Responders and children under 12!

Butoh Dance Movement Meditations

6 Week Class Series - \$50
Drop-ins welcome - \$10

Thursdays at 11:00 am
May 8th - June 12th
Led by Maya Victorine



Butoh is a modern Japanese dance practice that has gone worldwide as a creative tool. It uses poetic cues to catapult the senses and imagination. Moving meditations are done lying, sitting, standing, walking and stretching. Each relaxing and strengthening class includes tasks that challenge our senses, explores patterns and range of movement, and most importantly creates an artist's trance that connects us with deep meaning. It can bring a wealth of inspiration to all kinds of artists, not just movement artists. Each class is a guided journey.

Wear clothes you are comfortable in and don't mind getting dirty. The course series will culminate in an optional performance geared toward "bringing blessings" to our community using creative contemplation. Let's get to work!

One Sacred Star **Summer Solstice Drumming Retreat** Saturday, June 21, 2:00- 7:00pm



Join Toni Austin-Allen for an afternoon drumming retreat to celebrate the Summer Solstice. The day will include community drumming and music making, sound healing, mindful walking under the sun's rays, meditation and a talking circle.

The day will end with a solstice soundscape and breaking bread together.
Dinner will be served to attendees at 6pm.

Please sign up in advance: on our webpage www.elmorroareaartscouncil.org or email to programming@emaacnm.org or by calling the gallery on the weekends 11-4.

Butoh Performance: Good Vibes Communion

June 13th at 7 p.m. Free

by Maya Victorine and other Butoh Inspired Performers

Butoh is a dance form that emerged in Japan, post-war, that helped them to express the deep feelings they felt from defeat, nuclear atrocities, and coming into a modern westernized world. It is a tradition that has served people around the world for creating expressions of deeply felt emotion and its transformation, with the heart at center.

**Join us in an evening rich with the beauty of humanness,
and receive the blessings we can churn together.**

EXHIBITORS' NOTES

Pick up First Quarter art & submit Second Quarter art Sunday, April 6th, 11- 4 Or at the latest, noon on Thursday, April 10th. Second Quarter Reception will be Sunday, April 13th, 2 - 4pm (See front page) The exhibition runs through July 6th.

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

*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.*

Coming up: Q3 - Andrea Sparks in the Artists' Quarter; Q4 -Student Show, Artists' Quarter Group Show & Special El Morro Culture/History Exhibit.

ON-GOING GROUPS

Monthly READING GROUP

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



April 15: The Sheep Queen by Thomas Savage, F 2001

An epic family saga set on the sprawling, beautiful ranches of the American West, from the author of The Power of the Dog. "A masterful novelist working at the peak of his form"---Washington Post. "The Sheep Queen is marvelous.. Her reign has a mythic grandeur"—NYT Book Review.

Host: Carrie Starr -For more information or directions, call/text 760-989-1719

May 20: Erasure by Perceval Everett, F 2001

A satire of the literary world and its racial biases. In 2024, it was listed on The Atlantic's "The Great American Novels" list. In the same year, the New York Times named it the 20th best book of the 21st century. 300 pages

Host: Rosalie Bianchi & Jerry Jorgenson - For more information or directions call 505-783-4076

June 17: Just Kids by Patti Smith, NF 2010

Winner of the National Book Award in 2010, Just Kids begins as a love story and ends as an elegy. It serves as a salute to New York City in the late sixties and seventies. If you want a break from conventional expectations this is the book for you. "Spellbinding" NYT

Host: Laura Baum -For more information or directions, call/text 802-734-5203

**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.

Contact pamelad1946@gmail.com **RSVP** or for directions or questions

Bookmobile Schedule: 505-841-5250 Wednesdays - April 9, May 7, June 11

El Morro National Monument 9:30 -10:15

Pine Hill Market 11:00 -11:45

Ramah USPO 1:15 -2:15

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

Occasional 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 Inscription Rock Trading Co.

Topics change month to month

Open to suggestions for monthly discussion

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

On Going Weekly Groups:

Yoga--Fridays 10:00

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April 2025

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Science Society—Second Saturdays 11am at IRT

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		1	2	3	4	5 Place Names of NM 2-4pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Art opening: Quilts by P Hyde 2-4pm 	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Open Mic with Wayne Ramm- 7pm
27	28	29	30			

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Please support our local businesses!

A big Thank You to The Grants' Walmart for their generous support!



The Ancient Way Café Check Facebook for occasional offerings The RV Park and Cabins are open Reservations may be made at www.elmorro-nm.com or email elmorrorv@gmail.com

OSO INTERNET SOLUTIONS "Connecting our Community to the World" Phone (505) 600-3326 Web www.osointernetsolutions.com Email 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. 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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