

EL MORRO AREA ARTS COUNCIL

VOLUME TWENTY EIGHT

FOURTH 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

**ANCIENT WAY
FALL FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 4TH 2025
10AM-5PM
EL MORRO, NM**

**VENDORS • LIVE MUSIC
POETRY • NATIVE AMERICAN DANCERS
FOOD & DRINK • HOMESTEAD DISPLAY
HAY RIDES • SCULPTURE TRAIL
AND MORE !**

**FOR VENDOR SIGN UP -
INSCRIPTION ROCK TRADING & COFFEE CO.
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OLD SCHOOL GALLERY
505-783-4710
EL MORRO RV PARK
505-783-4612
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ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM**

High School Student Exhibition

September 27th - October 12th



Reception and Pottery demonstration at the **Fall Festival** 11am-3pm

To the EMAAC Membership

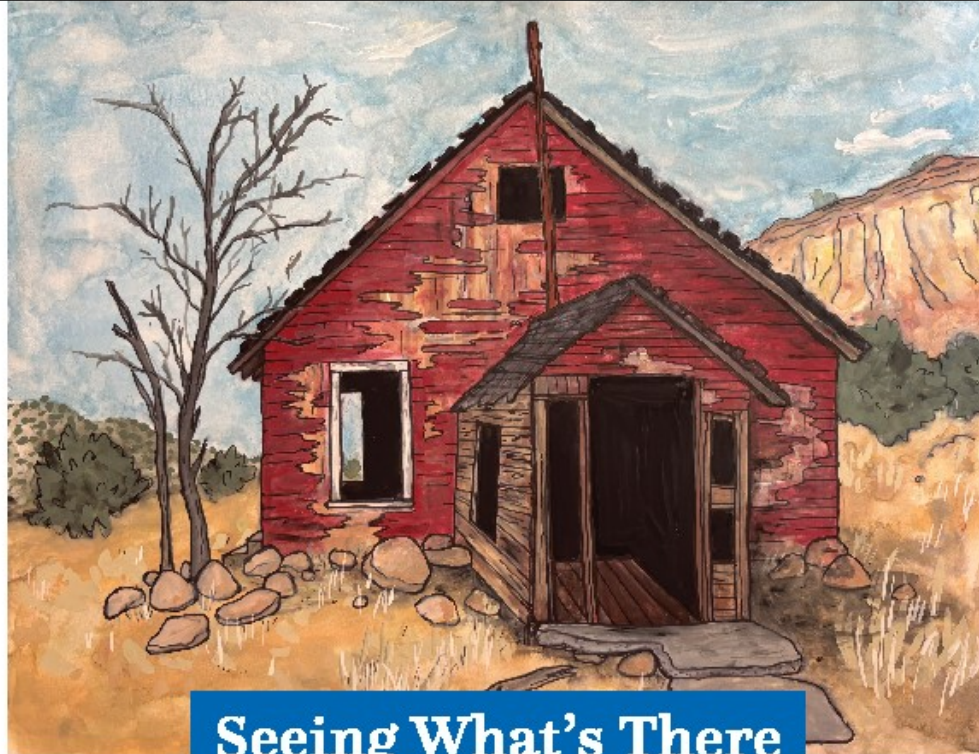
Some of you may already be aware of a generous gift EMAAC received in late December 2024. This gift was a charitable bequest from the estate of John Steinke Thorup. Mr. Thorup's generosity will help us with several initiatives essential to the future of EMAAC and the ongoing operation of the Old School Gallery. The arts council Board would like to share some of the ideas under discussion for the use of these funds.

Earlier this year, the Board elected to place these funds into interest bearing accounts in an effort to grow this nest egg. This was done to help ensure availability of funds for repairs, improvements, and most importantly to continue our mission of serving and supporting our local community of artists, musicians, thespians, and poets. Our intent is to direct the earned interest toward the continuation of programs including exhibits, concerts, and festivals that we all enjoy together.

We also intend to utilize portions of this gift for capital improvements to the Gallery including but not limited to a new roof, possibly an addition to the building to include an outdoor restroom and the consideration of a well. As always, the Board welcomes input from members regarding other ideas of how best to utilize these funds with the shared goal of supporting our mission. We invite you to email any Board member regarding suggestions. The Board will be working with this information in the future to help direct best use of these funds.

We gratefully appreciate this gift as a commitment to our mission, and we will continue to do our best to remain fiscally responsible. The EMAAC Board

Fourth Quarter EVENTS continued...



Seeing What's There

Life & Land Along New Mexico Route 53

A storytelling exhibit about the history, culture, and geography
along a six mile stretch of Route 53 in the El Morro Valley

OPENING EVENT:

Saturday, October 25, 2-6pm

Come and add your story to the map!

Photos • Arts • Maps • Objects • Storytelling • Sound

October 18 – December 23, 2025 • Closing event 12/13/25



OLD SCHOOL GALLERY Highway 53, Mile Marker 46, El Morro
Open Saturdays & Sundays, 11-4 • Free • INFO: Call Chrl at 505-506-3307

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Old School Gallery Fourth Quarter Exhibitions

October 18th through December 23

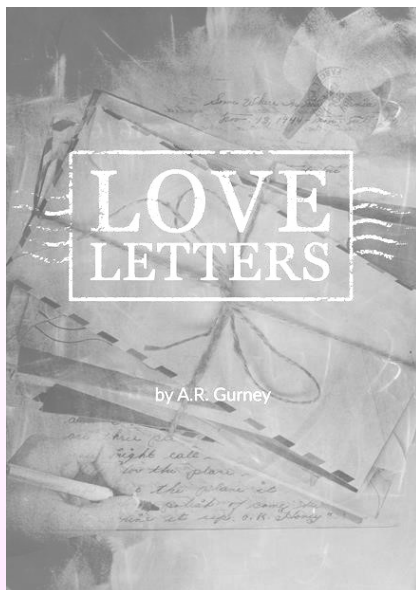
Reception Saturday, October 25, 2:00-6:00pm

EMAAC Artists in the Artist's Quarter

With Plein Air & Still Life inspirations
from life and land along
New Mexico Route 53



Fourth Quarter EVENTS continued...



LOVE LETTERS

George Dobbs and Lorena Willmon
are pleased to perform "Love Letters,"
a two act play by A. R. Gurney.

Sunday, October 19th, 3:00-5:00 pm

*The main theme revolves around the enduring
connection between two friends, exploring themes of love,
memory, loss, and the passage of time through their
correspondence lasting over fifty years.*

The play is adult content
Some adult language and references to adult situations.

No charge, but donations will be greatly appreciated

EMAAC Presents....Friday, October 31 at 6pm

DIA DE MUERTOS

OPEN MIC AND CELEBRATION

Calaverita Invitation

La Catrina came dancing from out of the blue,
She sipped her hot chocolate and shouted, "¡Salud!"
"El Morro," she cackled, "will host quite the night,
With sweet pan de muerto and candles alight."

"Bring photos and treasures of those you hold dear—
Your pets, your rockstars, all spirits near.
We'll build a grand altar, a sight to behold,
With stories and poems, both touching and bold."



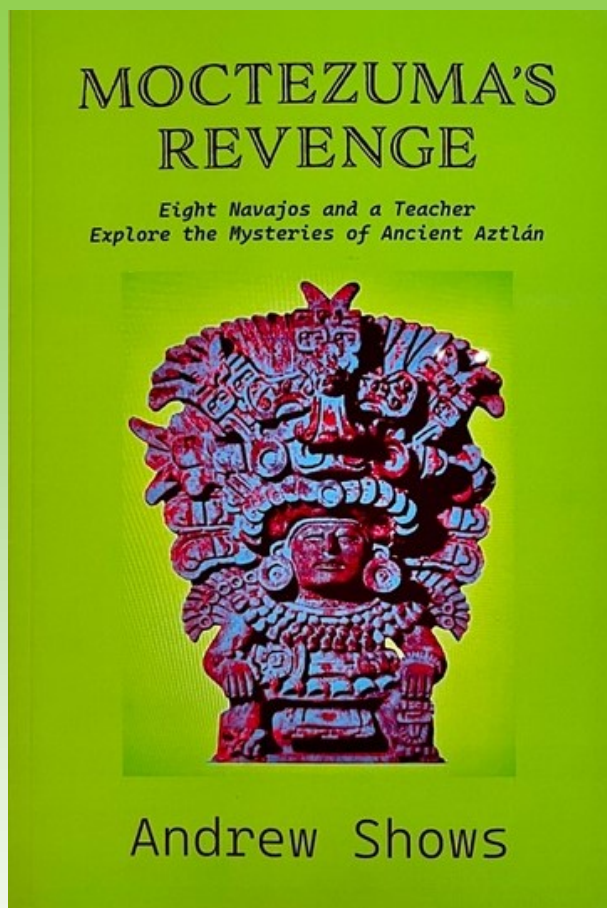
On Friday, the 31st of October, don't stray—
From 6:00 to 8:30, come laugh death away.
At The Old School Gallery, gather with cheer,
To honor the past and make memories dear.

To learn all the details, just follow the glow—
The spirits will whisper where you need to go!
Visit our website, or Facebook will do,
Search Dia de Muertos El Morro, we're waiting for you!
▶ <https://diademuertoselmorro.wixsite.com/nov2>

We're reaching out to our awesome community to help make this
event free for everyone! **For just \$20, you can become a sponsor** and
help bring the magic to life. As a thank-you, your name turned into a
logo will be featured on our website and at the event.
Let's make this year unforgettable, together!

Send us an email to: diademuertoselmorro@gmail.com

Fourth Quarter EVENTS continued...



Talk by the Author and Book Signing November 9th, 2-4 pm

This story will take you through the trials and tribulations of being an outsider to a tribal group of students, who knew next to nothing of the world outside their own small reservation. Together with their teacher, they traversed the uniquely historic and culturally diverse nation we call Mexico.

Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall Seasons of the Body Movement Class

4 week Series

Thursdays, October 23, 30 & November 6, 13
11:00 am -12:30 pm

*Butoh dance, guided meditations,
and eco-resonance practices*

Word to body, body to word-

Relating to the 4 essences of the year.

Be moved in physical body, emotional body and creative body.

Each session \$10

Classes led by Maya Victorine, email: lotusgaze@gmail.com
Or visit walktheearthslowly.com



Butoh Dance Performance "espressivo: with feeling"

Spoken word and dance performance

by Maya Victorine

exploring the essence of music and
how it interacts with humanity in different ways.

November 14, 7:00 -8:30 pm \$5 suggested donation

Tea will be served

Fourth Quarter EVENTS continued...

The Archaeology of the El Morro Valley

AD 1200-1375

Sunday, November 16, 2:00-3:00 pm

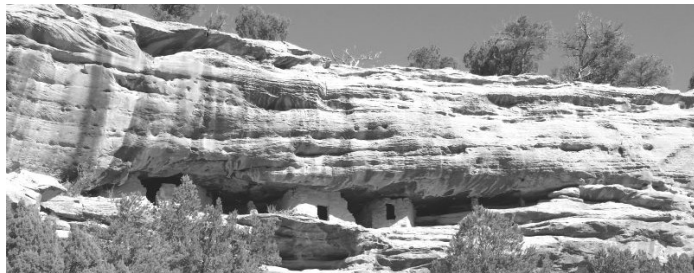
By Keith Kintigh

Professor Emeritus of Archaeology at Arizona State University.

This presentation focuses on the archaeology of the El Morro Valley during its heyday, the time from A.D. 1200 to 1375. Coming soon after the collapse of Chaco Canyon, this short period saw the Valley's population dramatically rise, stabilize, and then collapse with the late A.D. 1300s exodus to the historic Zuni villages.

Early in this period, the El Morro Valley's Los Gigantes Site had imposing, Chaco-inspired, architecture and was the ritual and perhaps political center for scores of nearby, small pueblos. Starting in the mid A.D. 1200s, these small pueblos were replaced by more than 20 large, planned, plaza-oriented Pueblo IV towns (such as Atsinna). By about A.D. 1375, the Valley's thousands of occupants left these large pueblos and moved downstream to the historic Zuni villages, the fabled Seven(?) Cities of Cibola.

Keith will discuss how we understand those dramatic changes in settlement and society based on evidence from the excavations at Los Gigantes and another Zuni-area post-Chacoan settlement, the extensive systematic surveys in three Zuni-area projects, and his earlier research on the settlement patterns of the large El Morro/ Zuni Pueblo IV towns.



Cliff dwellings on the Vogt Ranch



SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS SALE

November 29th, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Ceramics, paintings, pillows, jewelry, honey, knitted items,
ornaments, cards and more.....

Reserve your space \$10, half price for EMAAC members

Vendors contact pamelad1946@gmail.com to sign up.

EMAAC Presents:

Open Mic Night

Hosted by Melody and Chri

December 6th, 7:00 -9:00pm Tickets \$5

Calling all story-tellers, comedians, poets,
musicians, dancers and actors!

Performers get in free!

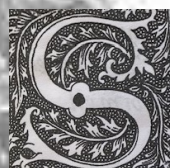
Contact gail@programming.emaacnm.org to sign up

--or sign up at the door.

Refreshments available for your snacking pleasure!



Fourth Quarter EVENTS continued...



Solstice Gathering

Sunday, December 21st, 6:30 pm

Come join us as we light up the longest night of the year
with Music, Poetry, Prose, a Solstice Fire and more.....

EXHIBITORS' NOTES

Pick up Q3 art & submit Q4 art Sunday, October 12th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Or at the latest, noon on Thursday, October 16th This Artists' Quarter Exhibit runs thru December.

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

Fourth Quarter Reception "Seeing What's There: Life and land Along New Mexico Route 53"

Saturday, October 24th, 2-6 pm

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

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

The Artists' Quarter is available for individual artist's exhibits. If you would be ready to show your work in January 2026, or if you have already contacted me about an exhibition next year, please confirm. Installation and take-down dates still to be determined.

Contact Pam Davis, Exhibition Chair at pamelad1946@gmail.com

ON-GOING GROUPS

\$2 Gallery usage fee per participant if held at the gallery

FOR ALL PROGRAMMING NEEDS!

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

Please submit suggested events for Jan.-March for scheduling and approval by November 15th, 2025 to programming@emaacnm.org.

All materials for the 2026 first quarter (Q1) Newsletter are due by December 1st. *Thank You.*

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!

Older Adults Self Defense

Occasional 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

Vinyasa Yoga

Fridays 10:00 - 11:00am

Led by Liz Carlier



Please bring your own mat
Questions? lizcarlier@gmail.com



Monthly READING GROUP

*Third Tuesdays at Members' Homes
or The Old School Gallery*

October 14: The Heaven and Earth Grocery Story, Fiction by James McBride
It has sold 2 million copies since published in 2023, and was described by a book seller executive as "an extraordinary book....a story of justice, love and community that has resonated with readers."

Seems like a book we need in these times.

This month on the second Tuesday, 3:00 pm. at the Old School Gallery
Hosted by Jill Acheson 505-783-4803

November 18: Member potluck and choosing books and hosts for 2026.
6:30pm - at the home of Pam Davis 505-870-6245

December: No Meeting

This group is open to all interested readers. Please feel free to join at any time. Find pertinent info here.

Just 4 Fun Band

Very occasional Fridays this winter, 1:00 - 3:00 pm*

**All musicians--beginning, intermediate, and beyond--
are invited to come play with us!**

We play primarily traditional 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.

* To confirm, contact Amy at 505-775-0140 or flipflopfarmNM@gmail.com
or Susan at szspncr@gmail.com

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 to pamelad1946@gmail.com (or for directions or questions)
Donations to the Arts Council appreciated.

EMAAC needs you! 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 at

lori.hanson@emaacnm.org

WANTED

EMAAC part-time Bookkeeper

Interested?

Contact 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

Contact: gail.ratko@emaacnm.org

EMAAC Board in need of new members.

If you are interested in joining a working board to support the arts and artists in our community, or know someone who might be interested in serving on the board or a committee contact Gail at gail.ratko@emaacnm.org to set up an interview.

Current Board Members

Laura Baum * Gary Cartier * Pam Davis

Lori Hanson * Gail Ratko * Megan Schrag-Toso

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](https://www.facebook.com/OldSchoolGallery) or
[facebook.com/El Morro Area Arts Council](https://www.facebook.com/ElMorroAreaArtsCouncil)
[The Old School Gallery](https://www.facebook.com/TheOldSchoolGallery)

For EMAAC events.

[facebook.com/EMAAC Information Hotline](https://www.facebook.com/EMAACInformationHotline)

For up-to-the-minute program changes.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

2025 Cibola/McKinley Area ART Venues & Events

El Morro Area

SCULPTURE TRAILS at The Ancient Way Café & The OSG

STAR GARDEN GALLERY by appointment art@stargardengallery.com

Gallup

ARTS CRAWL 2nd Saturdays, 7- 9 pm Vendor sign up contact
deesatilanes@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

The El Morro Science Group

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

Bookmobile Schedule:

Wednesdays

Oct. 8, Nov. 5, Dec.3

Ancient Way Cafe 9:30 - 10:30

Pine Hill Market 11:15 -12:15

Ramah USPO 1:45 - 2:45



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Thursdays 11:00 am See page 4 for dates
Yoga--Fridays 10:00 -11:00
Older Adult Self Defense --Fridays 11:30 -12:30

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Book Discussion Group—Third Tuesdays, See page 7
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Fall Festival 10-5 Student Art Exhibit Reception 11-3
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 "Love letters" 3 pm	20	21	22	23	24	25 "Seeing What's There" reception 2-6 pm
26	27	28	29	30	31 Dia de Muertos open mic & celebration 6 pm	

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9 Book signing- <u>Moctezuma's Revenge</u> 2 pm	10	11	12	13	14 “Espressivo- with Feeling” 7 pm	15
16 Archeology of the El Morro Valley 2 pm	17	18	19	20	21	22
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Solstice Celebration 6:30pm	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Please support our local businesses!

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



The Ancient Way Café

NOW OPEN-- Pizza & Desserts
Thurs.- Sun. 11 am - 6 pm 505-783-4612

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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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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