

EL MORRO AREA ARTS COUNCIL

VOLUME TWENTY NINE

SECOND QUARTER 2026

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 Old School Gallery
presents
Area Student Exhibition
April 4 - 19



Reception April 11, 2-4 pm

El Morro Artists' Q2 Exhibition
“Multi Media - For the Fun of It”
with Nancy Dobbs in the Artists' Quarter

Like many of us I was doodling away all during my childhood. In High School I was able to take art classes so I took one watercolor class and photography. I got hooked on PHOTOGRAPHY! What fun it was to take pictures of anything and everything. In particular I loved photographing the small things we often walk past without a glance, too absorbed in the big things around us that aren't so easy to miss. After retiring, I had more time to try other media. First it was fused glass. The first class in fact, was taught by a local artist. We toured--- showing our glass works for over a year. We got hooked. Lately it has been watercolors. So much fun!

This grouping of art is of photography, glass pieces and watercolors. ENJOY! Nancy Dobbs

Reception April 26, 2-4 pm
Show runs through July 12



EMAAC Presents:

Open Mic Night

Hosted by Melody Matthews

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

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

Performers get in free!

Contact Gail at programming@emaacnm.org to sign up
Or sign up at the door.

Refreshments available for your snacking pleasure!

**FILL THIS SPACE
WITH YOUR
IDEA/PROGRAM/EVENT!**

Contact: programming@emaacnm.org

Second Quarter EVENTS continued...

Jason Nuñez Guitar Concert Sunday, May 31 4-6 pm \$5



Justin Nuñez is a singer songwriter and lover of life. With his versatile and powerful voice, his connection to music clearly stems from the heart. From the mountainous deserts of New Mexico, to the jungles of Central and South America, Justin's musical style encompasses a wide range of influences that reflect his unique life story.

The Old Schools Gallery's delicious refreshments will be available

ON THE OUTDOOR STAGE Dusty Anvil and friends



Stay tuned for some Saturday in June!



Lots of Food!
Fun!
Friends!
And Music!

W O R K S H O P

NEW!

Theater Group

April 9, May 14, June 11, 4:00 - 5:00

We could all use some light-hearted entertainment. If you're interested in having some fun and maybe even putting on a variety show in the fall, stop by the gallery the second Thursday of every month from 4:00 - 5:00 to explore some ideas.

Questions? Contact Lorena Willmon at dell.willmon@gmail.com or George Dobbs at ncahootz52@gmail.com

TO SCHEDULE CLASSES, WORKSHOPS OR EVENTS....

NOTE: All events must be pre-approved by the programming committee. Please submit ideas for July-September for scheduling and approval by May 15th, 2026 to programming@emaacnm.org.

All materials for the 2026 third (Q3) Newsletter are due by June 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 at programming@emaacnm.org. The Gallery is also available to rent for personal or business events--with a discount for members!

ON-GOING GROUPS \$2 Gallery usage fee per participant if held at the gallery



Monthly READING GROUP

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

April 21: Finders Keepers, by Craig Childs, NF, 2010,

Childs's riveting new book is a ghost story -- an intense, impassioned investigation into the nature of the past and the things we leave behind. We visit lonesome desert canyons and fancy Fifth Avenue art galleries, journey throughout the Americas, Asia, the past and the present. The result is a brilliant book about man and nature, remnants and memory, a dashing tale of crime and detection.

Host Jerry Jorgensen-7:30 pm 505-783-4076 for directions to their home.

May 19: Playground, by Richard Powers, F, 2024

Set in the world's largest ocean, this awe-filled book explores that last wild place we have yet to colonize in a still-unfolding oceanic game, and interweaves beautiful writing, rich characterization, profound themes of technology and the environment, and a deep exploration of our shared humanity .

No host, Old School Gallery, 3:00 pm

June 16: Lives of Girls and Women, by Alice Monroe, F, 1971,

Rural Ontario, 1940s. Del Jordan lives out at the end of the Flats Road on her father's fox farm, where her most frequent companions are an eccentric bachelor family friend and her rough younger brother. When she begins spending more time in town, she is surrounded by women--her mother, an agnostic, opinionated woman who sells encyclopedias to local farmers; her mother's boarder, the lusty Fern Dogherty; and her best friend, Naomi, with whom she shares the frustrations and unbridled glee of adolescence.

Host Caroly Jones, Old School Gallery 3:00 pm

Vinyasa Yoga

Led by Liz Carlier

Fridays 10:00 - 11:00am

*If weather is bad,
Class will be canceled.*

Please bring your own mat

Questions? LizCarlier@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.

EXHIBITORS' NOTES

Pick up Q1 art March 29 & submit Q2 art Sunday, April 19 2:00 - 4:00 pm (Different pick-up/drop-off due to student show)

Or bring it, at the latest, at noon on Thursday, April 23. This Exhibit runs thru July 12.

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

Second Quarter Exhibition Reception Sunday, April 26, 2-4 pm Nancy Dobbs in the Artists' Quarter

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

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

NOTE

The Artists' Quarter is available for individual artist's exhibits on the Old School Gallery Stage. If you would like to show your work in 2027, or if you have already contacted me about an exhibition, please confirm. Installation and take-down dates for 2027 still to be determined.

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

EMAAC needs you! Join Us!



VOLUNTEER CORNER

We salute **Thunder Ridge** for kicking off the new year with a great show which was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. We want to recognize and thank the members of Thunder Ridge; **Stan Carlson, George Dobbs, Anthony Lovato, Wayne Ramm and Bob Schafer** for sharing their music in support of El Morro Area Arts Council. EMAAC relies on volunteers throughout the entire year in our efforts to bring quality and meaningful events that showcase the diverse and unique talents of our community. Thunder Ridge exemplifies this effort by having an idea and working with EMAAC toward its fruition. The result was a fabulous fund raising dance party! **Thanks again to Thunder Ridge!**

*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

PLEASE NOTE!

EMAAC Board is 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 / Pam Davis / Lori Hanson / Michael Chesley Johnson / Gail Ratko / Megan Schrag-Toso

CONNECTIONS.....

Web page: www.elmorroareaartscouncil.org.

For Art & Music Events related to OSG:

Instagram: [elmorroareaartscouncil](https://www.instagram.com/elmorroareaartscouncil)

For EMAAC events:

[facebook.com/Old School Gallery](https://www.facebook.com/OldSchoolGallery) or

[facebook.com/El Morro Area Arts Council](https://www.facebook.com/ElMorroAreaArtsCouncil)

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elmorroareaartscouncil.org

Contact: gail.ratko@emaacnm.org

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 downtown Gallup

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

April 8, May 6, June 10

Ancient Way Cafe 9:30 - 10:30

Pine Hill Market 11:15 -12:15

Ramah USPO 1:45 - 2:45

On Going Weekly Groups:

Yoga--Fridays 10:00 -11:00

April 2026

On Going Monthly Groups:

Book Discussion Group—Third Tuesdays, See page 3

Theater Group - Second Thursdays 4:00

So You Think You Can't Dance
First Fridays 7:30 at the Bellybutton Ballroom

Science Society—Second Saturdays 11:00 at IRT

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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

Now Open with a Full Menu Fri. 5pm - 8pm, Sat. & Sun. 9am - 6pm 505-783-4612

The RV Park and Cabins are open Reservations may be made at www.elmorro-nm.com or email elmorrrov@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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