

EL MORRO AREA ARTS COUNCIL

VOLUME TWENTY NINE

THIRD 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

El Morro Artists' Q3 Exhibition

Reception Sunday, July 19, 2-4 pm

"A Personal Window to the World"

Photographs by Perry Gaspar in the Artists' Quarter



Boy in a Window and Old Tool Set

The love and challenges of photography have always engaged me in my travels; seeking out the best possible composition for an image and squeezing it all into the viewfinder. The results become a personal window to the world around me. I've sought to connect to the native peoples, and the remains of evidence of life in the old places and its past history.

Perry Gaspar
New Mexico 2026

EMAAC Presents:

Open Mic Night-Hosted by Wayne Ramm

July 11, 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!

ON THE OUTDOOR STAGE

Dusty Anvil and friends

Friday, July 24th, 6 - 8 pm

Tickets \$10



*Lots of Food! Friends!
Fun! And Music!*



What's Been Going on at the Gallery

We appreciate our Facility & Grounds volunteers!

They have been very busy! Thank you to George Dobbs, Bob Schafer, Wade Aubuchon, John Ratko, Rick Tucker, Erec Toso and Gary Cartier for sprucing up the outdoor stage by laying down a much needed new floor, ramp and a wind break wall. Bob has mowed the grounds, John is weed whacking, and Rick & John had the septic system cleaned out and have fixed the giant hole behind the building making it safer for all! Nita Schafer is assessing stage lighting. Bob will soon be doing a deep dive into the water tank to fix the connection.

We are listening!! Based on member feed-back: Chri Snyder has organized a committee to create improved and safer access to our outdoor stage area. Under discussion: 1) Create a designated walkway from the Gallery with lighting,, 2) improve storage, 3) improve shade cover in seating area, 4) establish traffic patterns for stage loading & unloading, 5) improve dance area, and 6) funding. We will also be assessing our sound system for needed improvements.

Thank you and welcome new Board members Michael Chesley Johnson and Melody Matthews. Michael is currently responsible for maintaining our webpage. Melody has taken on the role of Docent Liaison.

Gail Ratko, Programming

Third Quarter EVENTS continued...



The 7th Rammstock Music Festival, August 15-16, 2026

Mile 46 on Scenic Highway 53, El Morro, NM

The Old School Gallery Outdoor Stage

Saturday 10am - 9pm & Sunday 10am - 4pm

\$5 per day

Music, Food and Family-friendly Fun for Everyone!
Shade Tents and Walking Trails

Early arrivals on Friday are encouraged to book a multi-night stay. Area camping and RV parking options include El Morro National Monument Campground (first come-first served) and the Ancient Way Café and RV Park offering special daily pricing for the festival, \$15 camping, \$35 RV full-hookup.

Musical artists contact Wayne Ramm at WayneR@AlternateJourney.com about performing
Interested Food Vendors contact EMAAC at programming@emaacnm.org

ABQ SKELETON CREW

Saturday, Sept 19 on the Old School Gallery Outdoor Stage

\$10 Admission

Food Trucks will be onsite at 5:00pm

Wade Abuchon and Friends Opening at 6:00 pm

ABQ Skeleton Crew Live at 7:00 pm

Informal jam session in the Gallery after the concert at 9:30 pm



ABQ's Skeleton Crew is a seven-member band, formed in 2021, featuring luscious harmonies and a repertoire of folksy rock and pop covers and originals.



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*

July 21: A Month in the Country, by J.L. Carr, F-1980

In this short, spellbinding novel about a WWI veteran finding a way to re-enter—and fully embrace—normal life while spending the summer in an idyllic English village.

Host Kristi Davis, 2 pm At her pool. Call 505-783-4444 for directions.

August 17: Good Night Irene by Luis Alberto Urrea, Historical F, 2023

This New York Times bestselling novel tells an exhilarating World War II epic that chronicles an extraordinary young woman's heroic frontline service in the Red Cross.

Host Kristi Davis, 2 pm At her pool. Call 505-783-4444 for directions.

September 15: A Manual for Cleaning Women, by Lucia Berlin, NF 2015

A Manual for Cleaning Women compiles the best work of the legendary short-story writer Lucia Berlin. With a blend of wit and melancholy all her own, Berlin crafts miracles from the everyday, uncovering moments of grace in the laundromats and halfway houses of the American Southwest, in the homes of the SF Bay Area upper class, among switchboard operators and struggling mothers, hitchhikers, and bad Christians.

Host Caroly Jones, 7:30pm at her home. Call 505-870-6046 for directions

Q3 EXHIBITORS' NOTES

Pick up Q2 art & submit Q3 art Sunday, July 12, 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

Or bring it, at the latest, at noon on Thursday, July 16.

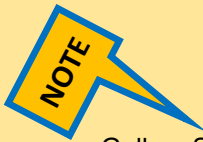
If you cannot meet these deadlines, please contact Pam at pamelad1946@gmail.com to make other arrangements.

Third Quarter Exhibition Reception, Sunday, July 26, 2-4 pm

Perry Gaspar 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.



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 are still to be determined. Contact Pam Davis, Exhibition Chair at pamelad1946@gmail.com

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.

**PLEASE
NOTE!**

**This space is available for
your class or workshop.**

Consider teaching an ongoing class or a
Multi-session workshop next quarter.

See page 4 for scheduling details.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

El Morro Commemorates the "U.S. Camel Corps"

1857, one of the oddest expeditions to ever visit El Morro camped by its looming cliff face. On a grueling trek while each bore a mountain of gear, camels of the Beale expedition pushed forward on a path where the only certainty was danger and discomfort.

Join us for an exciting celebration as we mark what was a unique Army experiment that came to be dubbed the "Camel Corps".

There will be fun for the whole family, and yes, there will be camels!

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 12 & 13, 2026

Living History Presentations 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Kids' Crafts and Activities 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

We can't wait to see you there!

El Morro National Monument
Scenic Route 53, Mile 44.6
505-783-4226 www.nps.gov/elmo



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

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 deesatlanes@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

Bookmobile Schedule:

Wednesdays July 8, August 5, September 2
Ancient Way Cafe 9:30 - 10:30
Pine Hill Market 11:15 -12:15
Ramah USPO 1:45 - 2:45

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 / Melody Matthews
Gail Ratko / Megan Schrag-Toso

PLEASE NOTE!

*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

EMAAC needs you! Join Us!

TO SCHEDULE CLASSES, WORKSHOPS OR EVENTS....READ THIS!

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, contact us at programming@emaacnm.org. 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 ideas for **October-December by August 15, 2026** for scheduling and approval by the Board. Email your ideas, including possible dates, times, expenses and/or income to programming@emaacnm.org.
The deadline ensures that your event can be included in the Q4 Newsletter which needs all info by September 1.

On Going Weekly Groups:

Yoga--Fridays 10:00 -11:00

July
2026

On Going Monthly Groups:

- Book Discussion Group—Third Tuesdays, See page 3
- Theater Extravaganza Practice - Second Thurs., 4:00-5:00
- So You Think You Can't Dance
First Fridays 7:30 at the Bellybutton Ballroom
- Science Society—Second Saturdays 11:00 at IRT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Open Mic 7-9 pm
12	13	14	15	16 Exhibition Installation 11-4	17	18
19 Q3 Exhibit Opening 2-4pm	20	21	22	23	24 Dusty Anvil 6-8 pm	25
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Theatrical Extravaganza 7-9pm
27	28	29	30	We hope to schedule a cello concert this month or early October. Visit our website for details as fall approaches.		

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 elmorrorv@gmail.com

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*"Connecting our Community
to the World"*

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Email margaret@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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