

EL MORRO AREA ARTS COUNCIL

VOLUME TWENTY NINE

FOURTH 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](#)



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AGRICULTURE DISPLAYS
PUMPKIN CARVING

CLASSIC CAR SHOW
HAY RIDES
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FAVORITE LOCAL BANDS

FOR OUR SCHEDULE AND VENDOR APPLICATIONS:
[FACEBOOK.COM/ANCIENTWAYFALLFESTIVAL](https://www.facebook.com/ANCIENTWAYFALLFESTIVAL)



*The EMAAC
Board of Directors
requests the pleasure
of your company
at an
Ice Cream Social
and
Annual Membership
Meeting*



*Sunday, October 18th, 2026
at three o'clock in the afternoon*

*The Old School Gallery
4006 Ice Caves Road*

THE OLD SCHOOL GALLERY Q4 EXHIBITION

**Featuring Natalya Nez
In the Artists' Quarter**
Reception - October 11th, 2:00 pm



*Mixed media artist, Natalya Nez,
shares a series of dreamscapes based
on memories and experiences growing
up on the Ramah-Navajo Reservation.*

Exhibition runs through January 3, 2027

Fourth Quarter EVENTS continued...

EMAAC is fortunate to be able to host a concert
by Sarah Walder Amata
as she travels through the El Morro area.

Cello Trip

Sarah Walder Amata

Music for Cello & Cello with Looper
Works by Bach, Amata & Berends

Please join us!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH
AT 3:00 PM

El Morro Old School Gallery
El Morro NM

For more information visit
www.sarahwalderamatamusic.com

Admission FREE
Donations accepted at the door



Refreshments available during intermission.

EMAAC PRESENTS:

DÍA DE MUERTOS

OPEN MIC AND CELEBRATION

A Letter from the Other Side

We heard the chisme: it's happening once more—
So we're making our way to the Gallery's door.

We hear there'll be stories, music, and song,
Pan de muerto and hot cocoa served all night long.
We're packing our things, getting ready to leave—
You can't keep us away from Día de Muertos Eve!

But don't forget pictures of those you hold dear—
Of loved ones and pets you remember each year.
Five years we've been guided by bright candlelight,
And come to El Morro that magical night.



Día de Muertos in El Morro
Friday, **October 30 · 6:00–8:30 PM**
The Old School Gallery

Bring a photograph, a memory, a story, or a poem to
share or add to the community ofrenda.

For event details and updates, find us on Facebook as:

► **Día de Muertos El Morro.**

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 celebration 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...

EMAAC Presents:

Film Night at the Old School Gallery "We Feed People"

Saturday, November 7th, 7:00pm

A 2022 National Geographic documentary directed by Ron Howard and produced by local resident Walter Matteson. The film "*spotlights renowned chef José Andrés and his nonprofit World Central Kitchen's incredible mission and evolution over 12 years, from being a scrappy group of grassroots volunteers to becoming one of the most highly regarded humanitarian aid organizations in the disaster relief sector.*" National Geographic

Tickets: Bring a can, box or bag of non perishable food to the gallery to be donated to families in need for the holidays.

Traditional theater treats and drinks will be available

EMAAC Presents:

Open Mic Night

Hosted by Wade Aubuchon

Saturday, November 14, 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 at the door.

Refreshments available for your snacking pleasure!

EMAAC Presents:

Zuni Youth Writers Contest & Story Fair

Saturday, November 20, 1pm at The Old School Gallery

Please join us in a collaboration between EMAAC and Zuni Middle School Creative Writing. Students are asked to write on the theme "Stories to Walk Behind" and will make visualizations to go with their stories. Five stories will be chosen for exhibition. A "Story Fair" will take place at Zuni Middle School, and a presentation of the chosen stories by their authors will take place at The Old School Gallery.

Refreshments will be provided.

The Date/Time of the Zuni Story Fair in Zuni is upcoming. Watch for the announcement.

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY



Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair

November 28th, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Holiday shopping, music, food and fun!

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

Vendors contact pamelad1946@gmail.com to sign up.

ARTS COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

New Year's Celebration & Dance

by Thunder Ridge!

January 2nd, 2027

Stay tuned for details

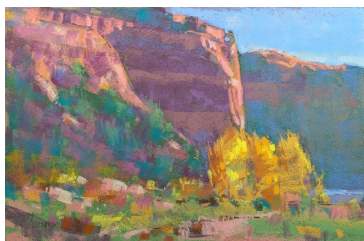
Fourth Quarter WORKSHOPS

Color Harmony Oil Painting Workshop

with Michael Chesley Johnson

Old School Gallery, Friday, November 13th, Noon-4 PM

Learn the basics of controlling color harmony in your paintings!
We'll explore limited palettes and more in this four-hour studio workshop.



You'll want to know the basics of painting in oil. Michael will provide all paint and mediums; you will need to bring canvases, brushes and odorless mineral spirits. A supply list will be provided upon registration. Register early, as you may need to order supplies!

The workshop is FREE, but a \$25 donation to the El Morro Area Arts Council is suggested. Limited to 8 students.

Register directly with Michael or questions: mcj.painter@gmail.com or text [505.490.6139](tel:505.490.6139)

Michael is a Signature Member of the American Impressionist Society and Plein Air Painters of New Mexico. He is a frequent writer for Pastel Journal, the Artist's Magazine, Watercolor Artist and Plein Air Magazine, and he is the author of *Beautiful Landscape Painting Outdoors: Mastering Plein Air*. For more, visit www.MChesleyJohnson.com

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

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Email your ideas, including possible dates, times, expenses and/or income to programming@emaacnm.org.

Q4 EXHIBITORS' NOTES

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

Or bring it, at the latest, at noon on Wednesday, October 7th.

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

*Receptions are in salon format and **all exhibitors** are encouraged to attend. **Exhibiting artists are asked to bring finger-foods to share.***

Fourth Quarter Exhibition Reception, Sunday, October 11, 2-4 pm

Natalia Nez in the Artists' Quarter

First Quarter 2027 will be hung Thursday, January 7th with the opening January 10th.

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

WRITER'S PAGE

This page is dedicated to the writers in our community.

If you would like to share your poetry or short pose, we will include it in EMAAC's quarterly newsletter as space allows. If we cannot include all submissions for a quarter, they will be included in the following quarter's newsletter.

If you need inspiration, please check out a new On-going Group on page 6 of this newsletter

The Hot Line Workshop with Kae Sable.

Please submit your work to pamelad1946@gmail.com at the beginning of the month before the beginning of the quarter. Next quarter submissions will be due the first week of December for publication in the first Quarter of 2027.



READER

Read? You ask.
Yes — you know, books, words
OK, I guess you can include
Cereal boxes, maps and email.

What about love letters?

Oh yes, those too. If you're
Lucky enough to receive one

Have you ever?
Have I ever what?

Gotten a love letter, or maybe
Read one not meant for you?

Go on with you! What are you saying?
I thought we were talking about books...
And now you're talking about
Matters of the soul.

I didn't mean to. I just ... you know,
Wondered out loud.

Well, stoppit, now.
Just...that's enough. Pffft.

We sat in silence for a while.

Sheepish eyebrows raise and
There it is: Called out, guilty.
Yes. I read.

And turn my face to the window.

Kae Sable
September 2026

To yearn for the scent of a rose,
To await the first frost like an old friend,
To squeeze warm earth,
To bundle a couple of gladiolas--
These are the benchmarks I feel are itinerant successes.
I left the society of money goals
And social plaudits to be free to walk unencumbered.
I have landed in the middle of five cultures,
A man blessed to be here,
Waving to hawks, whistling to ravens,
And calling to the Milky Way for guidance and peace.

By Jack North

ON-GOING GROUPS



Monthly READING GROUP

*At Members' Homes or
The Old School Gallery*

October 15: Re scheduled from September 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.

*Co-hosts: Rosalie Bianchi & Caroly Jones -- 6:30 pm, for dinner.
Call Rosalie or car pool, if you need directions. 783-4076*

November 18: Group Pot Luck

We'll meet to eat--- and to pick the books and hosts for the coming year. Please bring your suggestions and your calendar.

Host: Pam Davis, 6 pm at her home.

Call 505-870-6245 for questions or directions.

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

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.



Usually...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
always appreciated.

Second Saturdays 11:00am

At Inscription Rock Trading October through December.
January through May at the Old School Gallery

New!

HOT LINE WORKSHOP

Poetry & Prose

Because new work often starts with one hot line!

The emphasis for this group is workshop.

Bring a hot line or germinating idea. Or discover one on the spot!

Write + read + feedback = two hours of concentrated development.

Be prompt, we start at 11:00. C'mon, suspend disbelief!

Kae Sable - Author, poet, bookbinder

916.335.9298 text for information

LOST AND FOUND

**PLEASE
NOTE!**

There are many lost personal items cluttering up the gallery. Please search through the box and rescue your belongings. Anything remaining at the end of the year will be donated or trashed!

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EMAAC needs you! Join Us!

A Big Thank You to Our Docents

We're delighted to welcome and thank our newest docent volunteers, Sandi and John Boone! We're so grateful that you've stepped up to share your time and help keep the Old School Gallery open and welcoming to visitors.

A heartfelt thank-you to our dedicated regular docents, Lorena Willmon, Craig Dixon, Barbara Mooney-Tucker, Randell Palmer and Laura Baum. Your generosity, reliability and continued commitment mean so much to EMAAC and to the artists who exhibit at the Old School Gallery.

We'd also like to give special recognition to Andrea Sparks, who has docented once every quarter and volunteered every weekend while her exhibition was on the stage. Thank you, Andrea, for that wonderful show of support!

To all of our docents, thank you for the time, energy and care you give to EMAAC and the Old School Gallery. Your kindness and willingness to help create a welcoming space for artists and visitors make a genuine difference. We couldn't do it without you!

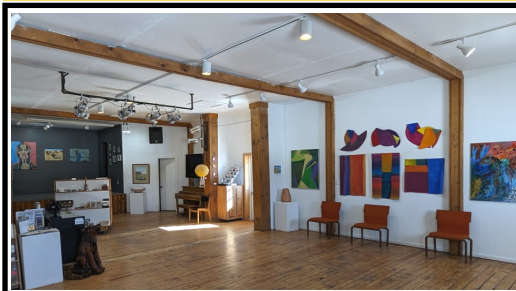
- Melody
EMAAC Docent Liaison

*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 Melody at matthewsism@gmail.com to sign up and to schedule a training with an available docent or board member.



The Old School Gallery is a lovely place to hang out and read, work on a project, exercise, dance, play music, or help out with needed EMAAC tasks while you docent

ART BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER

Join THE EL MORRO AREA ARTS COUNCIL

Support the arts. Strengthen our community.
Be part of something special.

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SCAN HERE TO JOIN TODAY!

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OLD MORRO SCHOOL GALLERY

Art Lives Here ♥

EXHIBITIONS & ARTISTS

LIVE MUSIC & EVENTS

ARTS EDUCATION & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

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El Morro Area Arts Council PO Box 296 Ramah, NM 87321 (505) 783-4710 emaacdrector@gmail.com

EMAAC Business

The EMAAC Board is in need of Committee Chairpersons

If you are interested in volunteering as a committee head or committee member to help support the arts and artists in our community, or know someone who might be interested, contact gail.ratko@emaacnm.org

EMAAC COMMITTEES:

Advertising/PR, Building & Grounds, Exhibition, Grants & Funding, Programming (performances, workshops, special exhibits, educational programs, etc.) and Youth activities.

Current Board Members : Laura Baum / Pam Davis / Lori Hanson / Michael Chesley Johnson / Melody Matthews / Gail Ratko / Megan Schrag-Toso / Kirk Shoemaker

CONNECTIONS.....

Web page: www.elmorroareaartscouncil.org.

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

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)

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 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

September 30, November 4, December 2

Ancient Way Cafe 9:30 - 10:30

Pine Hill Market 11:15 -12:15

What's
Been
Going
on at
EMAAC



Place Your Ad in the 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

On Going Weekly Groups:

Yoga--Fridays 10:00 -11:00

October 2026

On Going Monthly Groups:

Book Discussion Group—Third Wednesdays, See page 3

Theater Extravaganza Practice - Second Thurs., 4:00-5:00

So You Think You Can't Dance
Second Friday 7:30 at the Bellybutton Ballroom

Hot Line Workshop—Second Saturdays 11:00 at IRT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Fall Festival 10-6
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Q4 Exhibition Reception 2-4	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Ice Cream Social & EMAAC Annual Members' meeting 3:00	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Cello Concert 3:00 pm	26	27	28	29	30 Dia de Muertos Celebration 6-8:30	31

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November 2026

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Oil painting workshop 12-4	14 Open Mic 7-9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Young Writers' Conference 1:00
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Holiday Art Fair 10-2
29	30					

On Going Weekly Groups:

Yoga--Fridays 10:00 -11:00

December 2026

On Going Monthly Groups:

Book Discussion Group—None in December

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Hot Line workshop—Second Saturdays 11:00 at IRT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Gallery closed until January 2nd	22 Closed	23 Closed	24 Closed	25 Closed	26 Closed
27 Closed	28 Closed	29 Closed	30 Closed	31 Closed	Jan. 1, 2027 Closed	

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 elmorrerv@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.

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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