

Southwest Art Scene

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Downtown Ramble — The City of Las Cruces hosts an evening of music and art 5 to 7 p.m. the first Friday of the month at art venues of in a seven-block stretch of Las Cruces Downtown Mall. Information: (575) 647-0508.

'Feed Your Mind' seminar series — The new initiative for the Doña Ana Arts Council, bringing knowledgeable speakers on a wide range of topics to the community runs Thursdays, **Feb. 1-through May** at DAAC Arts & Cultural Center, in Bulletin Plaza, 1740 Avenida de Mercado, Suites B-D. Evenings begin with social hour and light refreshments 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., with seminars 5:30 to 7 p.m. Cost: \$95 for series; \$20 per seminar. Information: (575) 523-6403. daarts.org.

• **Feb. 1, 8 and 15:** Kathleen Key, three talks on "New Mexico Art, Past to Present."
• **Feb. 22 and March 1:** Bill Key, "Everything You Want to Know About the Nile, But Were Afraid to Ask."

Gypsy Sage artists — Five local women artists known as Gypsy Sage will showcase their recent works **Feb. 2-25** at Nopalito's Galería, 310 S. Mesquite, in Las Cruces, as part of "For the Love of Art" month. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays. Information: (575) 650-7543.

Opening reception is 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, **Feb. 2.** Extended gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 17,** for an Artist's Celebration

The Gypsy Sage Artists are Kat Ahlefeld, Laurie Churchill, Sue Feinsod, Marj Leininger and Wendy Robin Weir. They work in a range of different media - from glass and watercolor, to acrylics, oils, fiber and colored pencil. Kate Fennel Carlson has also been invited to exhibit her repurposed furniture and leather gift items.

'Here and Now' submissions — Las Cruces Museum of Art invites submissions for Here and Now, a regional exhibition to be displayed at both the Museum of Art and NMSU University Art Gallery May 11-July 21. Online, digital submissions will be accepted **through March 30** at uag.nmsu.edu/hereandnow/. Information: (575) 541-2137 and las-cruces.org/museums.

Kathleen Deasy open house — Las Cruces artist Kathleen Deasy, oils and mixed media, will combine her love of art with her love for animals for the 2018 Love of Art Studio Tours, Saturday and Sunday, **Feb. 3-4 and 17-18,** at her studio at 625 Van Patten, donating

15 percent of her sales to Cat's Meow a Las Cruces based all feline rescue, adoption and education center. Information: (828) 467-9060 or kdarts2u@gmail.com.

Joining Kathleen at her studio are Karen Currier, gourd artist, and Ruth Drayer, acrylic artist.

Las Cruces Museum of Art — 491 N. Main (Downtown Mall). Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday (until 8 p.m. Thursday), 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, plus 5 to 7 p.m. during the First Friday Ramble (**Feb. 2**). Closed Sunday and Monday. Closed Feb. 19 for Presidents' Day. Information: (575) 541-2137 or las-cruces.org/museums.

Showing **Feb. 2-April 7:** "Politics on Paper: Art with an Agenda from the SUArt Collection," featuring works from the Syracuse University Art Galleries. The exhibition highlights a selection of works on paper by noted artists focused on social and political commentary from the 1600s to the present day.

Artrageous free art appreciation activities are 10 a.m. to noon every Saturday.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery — 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The gallery features more than 30 artists in various media. New works displayed every three months. Information: (575) 522-2933 or mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

Showing **through Feb. 28** is the "For the Love of Art" exhibit. Artists pay tribute to their favorite artist, and visitors can check out the "Masterpieces" and clues provided. The person with the most correct answers will win a \$50 gift certificate from La Posta Restaurant in Mesilla. Reception is 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 10.** Refreshments will be served.

February's features artists are Sue Ann Glenn and Arlene J. Tugel.

Rhoda and Friends Open Studio 2018 — Rhoda Winters will host an Open Studio along with Linda Hagen, Linda Reeder-Sanchez, and Beth Landers Chidester 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 3-4 and Feb. 10-11,** at Winter's Studio, 4205 Hoffmann Dr. #1 in Las Cruces, as part of the Love of Art Month Studio Tour. Information: (575) 640-1365 or rhodarenee@comcast.net

thetheatregallery — Black Box Theatre lobby, 430 N. Downtown Mall in Las Cruces. Open one hour prior to Black Box performances and by appointment. Information: (575) 523-1223. Showing **Jan. 26-Feb. 18:** "Photograph 51" photography exhibit in conjunction with the play of the same name. Reception is 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, **Feb. 2.**

Tombaugh Gallery — First Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Information: (575) 522-7281 or uuchurchlc.org.

Showing **Jan. 31-Feb. 25** as part of "For the Love of Art Month" is "Now and Then." Participating artists feature older works next to their newer pieces. Opening reception is 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 4.**

Also

Art Hop — MainStreet Truth or Consequences sponsors the event 6 to 9 p.m. the second Saturday of each month (**Feb. 10**) in the downtown gallery district. The event features the monthly art opening of new shows throughout Truth or Consequences, including fine arts, pottery, and fabric arts. Many shops and restaurants stay open late for this monthly event, with live music in several locations. Information torcmainstreet.org.



Tumblewords Project — The writing workshops are 12:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Saturdays at the Memorial Park Public Library meeting room, 3200 Copper. Workshops are free; donations for the presenter are encouraged. The group is open to all writers in a non-critique, non-caustic forum. Information: 328-5484 (Donna Snyder), 566-1034 (library), tumblewordsproject@yahoo.com or on Facebook.

• **Feb. 3:** "The God of Small Things" with Kit Wren. Wren, a participant in Tumblewords since age 12 years, studied English literature at the University of North Texas. He's also active in the Barbed Wire Open Mic Series and FrontEra Slam.

• **Feb. 10:** "Zora's Journey" with Nancy Lorenza Green. Green is a teaching and performing artist whose focus on creative writing, film, and music encourages workshop participants to integrate different disciplines.

• **Feb. 17:** "Live, Love, Desire" with Lucy Hopple. Hopple founded Rincón Bohemio, a bilingual writing group.

• **Feb. 24:** "To Tell the Tale" with McKinley Cougar. Cougar is a musician, songwriter and hip-hop artist. Currently, he performs with his modern jazz band, Jupiter's Junkies. He has been featured on more than 15 albums and has released three of his own.

EAM Friends of Library Book Sale — Friends of the Esperanza A. Moreno Branch Library, 12480 Pebble Hills, will host a book sale 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 17,** inside the library, with "fill-a-tote" special, fiction, nonfiction hardcover books, magazines, sci-fi, children's books, religion, young adult, and more. All proceeds benefit the library. Information: 921-7001.

Promoting Art in Las Cruces — Doña Ana Arts Council's free series features an author's reading at noon Friday, **Feb. 23,** at the Council's Arts & Cultural Center in Mesilla's Bulletin Plaza, 1740 Calle de Mercado. Admission is free. Participants may bring a sack lunch. RSVP at (575) 523-6403 or admin@daarts.org. Information: daarts.org.

In honor of For the Love of Art Month, authors Winn Jacobs, Kathy Vorenberg and Ruth Drayer will give brief readings and talk about the process of writing their books.

Southwest Book Awards — The annual Border Regional Library Association Awards Banquet is 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 24,** at Ardovino's Desert Crossing, One Ardovino Drive in Sunland Park. The event honors the latest works of area authors, and also awards scholarships to graduate and undergraduate students pursuing degrees in library/media.

Community Arts Party — The City of Socorro, N.M. will host its 23rd annual arts event featuring workshops for all ages 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 3,** in Finley Gym, 202 McCutcheon. Local artists and organizations offer workshops on painting, tie-dye, clay, jewelry, candle dipping, beading, masks, leather work and more. Wear old clothes. Volunteers welcome. Admission is free. Information: (575) 835-5688 or nmtpas.org.

Deming Arts Center — 100 Gold Street in Deming, N.M. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Admission is free. Information: (575) 546-3663, demingarts.org.

Showing **Feb. 2-27:** San Vicente Artists group show. San Vicente Artists was formed in the mid 1990s to promote the arts and artists in the Silver City/Grant County area. Artist reception is 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 4.**

This will be the last scheduled show for the SVA. The group is going to take a break from all activities and are looking for new artists to be part of the organization.

Silent auction proceeds will go to the scholarship fund. Event is free, but cost for dinner is \$32. RSVP by Feb. 16: briannews@outlook.com. Information brla.info.

Reading Art Book Club — The book club of the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main, meets at 2:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Museum of Nature and Science classroom next door. Meetings are free and open to the public; participants do not need to have read the book. Information: (575) 541-2217, sabdon@las-cruces.org or las-cruces.org/museums.

Murder She Read — The Eastside chapter of the book discussion group supporting women mystery writers meets 7 to 9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Solstice Senior Living at Rio Norte, 1940 Saul Kleinfeld. **Feb. 6:** "Wolf" by Kelly Oliver. Admission is free and open to anyone. Information: 629-7063 or labodda9@aol.com.

El Paso Writers' League — The league meets 2 to 4 p.m. the second Saturday of the month at the Dorris Van Doren Regional Branch Library, 551 E. Redd Road. Admission is free. Information: elpasowritersleague@gmail.com or on Facebook at ElPasoWritersLeague.

Barnes and Noble storytimes — Stories for children art at 11 a.m. Saturdays at stores at El Paso's East Side, Fountains at Farah; West Side, 705 Sunland Park; and Las Cruces Mesilla Valley Mall.

• **Jan. 27:** Fancy Nancy: Oodles of Kittens
• **Feb. 3:** I am Harriet Tubman
• **Feb. 10:** Click, Clack, Moo I Love You
• **Feb. 17:** Mother Bruce
• **Feb. 24:** Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss.
The West Side store and Las Cruces locations also offer storytimes at 10 a.m. Friday.

Barnes & Noble (West Side) — 705 Sunland Park. Information: 581-5353. Crazy Horse family members and author W. Matson will sign copies of the book "Crazy Horse: The Lakota Warrior's Life and Legacy" based on the family's oral history at 5 p.m. Thursday, **Feb. 22.**

Books Are Gems — 7744 North Loop Ste B (behind Compass Bank). The nonprofit organization sells and gives away new and used books. Books are sold for 50¢-\$1, and children who come to the store may receive five free used books. Teachers can also receive free books for their classroom. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday. Information: 845-5437 or booksaregems.org.

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