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Art Scene

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Friday. A "Meet The Artists" reception is 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, **Aug. 4**, as part of the Downtown Art Ramble. Information: (575) 522-5552 (Southwest Environmental Center) or nmwatercolorociety.org.

Rokoko Art Gallery — 1785 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Information: (505) 690-6915 or rokokoart.com. Opening reception of "Abstraction Action" is 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, **Aug. 5**. The exhibit is a collection of nonobjective and nonrepresentational works including paintings, encaustics, photography and sculpture featuring artists from as close to home as Las Cruces and as far away as Granada, Spain. Artists include Cary Greer, Cassandra Lockwood, Mitch and A.me Almag, Don Romero (deceased), Luis Navarro and Xaverio. Show runs through early September.

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

Showing **Aug. 6-25**: "Experience the Monument," paintings and photographs by Kayla Blundell created during her time as Artist in Residence for the Friends of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument program for September 2016. During her residency, Blundell created paintings in oil and mixed media, and photography, showing different views of the monument, through landscapes and flowers. Opening reception is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, **Aug. 6**.

Also

Alto Artists Studio Tour — The artists of the Alto, N.M., area will open their studios for the 14th annual free public tour **Aug. 3-6**. The self-guided tour features studios and galleries in Alto, Ruidoso and throughout Lincoln County. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Information: altoartistsstudiotour.com.

A free public preview party with the artists is 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, **Aug. 3**, at the Spencer Theater in Alto, and includes a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, art for sale and musical entertainment.

Alto is 5 miles north of Ruidoso on Highway 48. A map of the studio locations is available at Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce, participating studios and all sponsor locations.

Art Hop — MainStreet Truth or Consequences sponsors the event 6 to 9 p.m. the second Saturday of each month (**Aug. 12**) in the downtown gallery district. Information: torcmainstreet.org.

Cloudcroft Summer Art Workshops — Cloudcroft Art Workshops hosts its annual fine art workshops at the "Old Red School House" (Public Library), 90 Swallow Place in Cloudcroft, N.M. Five-day workshops are offered 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays **through Aug. 18**. Cost per workshop varies (\$400-\$590). Information: (915) 490-

5071, CloudcroftArt.com or on Facebook.
• **July 31-Aug. 4**: Ken Hosmer (oil, acrylic, all levels) and Jeanne Hyland (watercolor)
• **Aug. 7-11**: Doug Dawson (pastel)
• **Aug. 14-18**: Julie Pollard (watercolor, acrylic, oil).

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, details: (575) 546-3663, demingarts.org or on Facebook.

Showing **Aug. 1-30** is "Creatures Large & Small," featuring creative interpretations of favorite animals, great and small. Artist reception is 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, **Aug. 6**.

The Center will collect items such as food, treats, blankets and beds for local animal shelters.

Pinos Altos Church Gallery - The historic gallery in Hearst Church gallery on Golden Ave. in Pinos Altos, N.M., operated by the Grant County Art Guild, is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Information: (575) 538-8216 or gcag.org.

Rio Bravo Fine Art — 110 Broadway in Truth or Consequences, N.M. Open noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Information: (575) 894-0572 or riobravofineartgallery.com.

Showing **Aug. 12-Sept. 24** is "Out of a Box" Cardboard Sculptures by Susan Noreen. Reception is 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, **Aug. 12**, during the monthly Art Hop.



Fort Bayard Birthday — Fort Bayard Historic Preservation Society celebrates the fort's 151st birthday celebration Friday and Saturday, **Aug. 18-19**, at the Fort Bayard Museum, on the west side of the Parade Ground in historic Fort Bayard, N.M. (6 miles east of Silver City off U.S. 180). Birthday cake served 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information: (575) 388-4477 or (575) 574-8779.

• "The Buffalo Soldiers" screening is 7 p.m. Friday, at the Fort Bayard Theater.

• Flag Ceremony is 9:30 a.m. Saturday, followed by walking tours, museum visits, and old-fashioned games and toys

• Presentation on LT. Henry Wright who was in command of the 9th Cavalry and three Navajo Scouts, is 11 a.m. Saturday, played by Doug Dinwiddie;

• Dinner at theater followed by presentation on "The Victorio Campaign" by Larry Francell of Fort Davis, Texas is 6 p.m.

The Society hosts walking tours of the historic fort 9:30 a.m. Saturdays. Meet at the Commanding Officer's Quarters and museum (House 26). Admission is free

El Paso Archaeological Society — The society's monthly meeting is 2 p.m. Saturday, **Aug. 19**, at El Paso Museum of Archaeology, 4301 Transmountain. Anna Fahy speaks on "Borderland Chinese: Their Arrival, Contributions, and Heritage in the El Paso Region." Admission is free; the public is invited. Information: 449-9075 or epas.com..

Paso Del Norte Paranormal Society and Haunted History — The nonprofit organization offers a variety of "ghost tours." Age 13 and older welcome, unless otherwise listed. All children must be accompanied by an adult age 21 or older. Private ghost tours of Downtown El Paso available with advance reservation. Information, reservations: 274-9531 or help@ghosts915.com.

Los Portales Museum and Visitor Center — 1521 San Elizario Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Information: 851-1682.

San Elizario Veterans Museum and Memorial Walk — 1501-B Main Street in San Elizario. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Information: Ann Lara, 345-3741 or Ray Borrego, 383-8529.

History Notes Lecture Series — The monthly program is 1 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main, north end of the Downtown Mall in Las Cruces. The **Aug. 10** lecture is "Rocks, Mud, Wood, and Blood: Folk Architecture in Spanish New Mexico" by Dr. Kelly Jenks. Admission is free. Information: (575) 541-2154 or las-cruces.org/museums.

Fort Selden State Monument — The monument, 1280 Fort Selden Road in Radium Springs, 13 miles north of Las Cruces, is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Monday. Fort Selden was a 19th-century adobe fort established to protect early settlers from Indian raids. The visitor's center has exhibits of military life at the post. Admission is \$3; (ages 16 and under free). Sunday admission for New Mexico residents is \$1. Information: (575) 526-8911 or nmmonuments.org.

Fort Stanton — The fort was established and built in 1855 by troopers of the 1st Dragoon Regiment to serve as a base of operations against the Mescalero Apaches. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Living history tours offered the third Saturday of each month. Admission is free. Information: (575) 354-0341, fortstanton.org or on Facebook.

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