



RAINBOW ARTISTS

a WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE IN NEW MEXICO

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## May Issue: Calendar

May 2 - Art Making at the National Hispanic Cultural Center "Happy Art Hour", 5:30-7:30 pm, look for the Rainbow table. Beer, wine and cheese/fruit plates are available. It's fun, materials are provided; we can relax and make art together.

May 20 - "Nuts and Bolts of Art Making" discussion at the home of Thora Guinn, 1508 Roma NE. Share information about your studio, materials, process, ideas and questions. Coffee and snacks.

June (date and details to be determined) - Summer Party at the home of Nova Denise.

July 15 - Peggy Randolph, former Rainbow, will speak about her recent novel, *Josephine's Incredible Shoe and the Black Pearls*. Meet at the home of Eliza Schmid. Coffee and refreshments.

August - Egg Tempera workshop by Eliza Schmid at Off Center 808 Park Av. SW. Coffee and refreshments.



"Above and Below", egg tempera on wood panel, Eliza M. Schmid

**Newsletter deadline is the 1st of each month.**

**News can be added at any time on the website.**

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(Newsletter now on line)



Headin' Down the Road to Santa Fe by Joan Fenicle ... part of Placitas Studio Tour Mother's Day weekend.



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## April Meeting Notes

At our April 15 meeting about the future of Rainbow, a series of decisions were made. The full Meeting Notes were emailed to members. Here is a recap of the decisions which affect the future of Rainbow.

- We decided to adapt to changing times by updating the newsletter, perhaps trying Mail Chimp or a similar electronic news format.
- To use Ad Hoc Committees instead of standing committees so members can participate in a committee on a one time rotating basis.
- To have at least two out of three meetings at members' homes, meeting at OFFCenter approximately once every three months.
- To have more art making gatherings and social gatherings.
- To evaluate the effect of these changes in November.

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## Outreach

One of our primary goals is to increase our membership. As a result, we have created the attached flier. We would like to disseminate it around town—especially at places that have a large creative female presence like community and senior centers, art schools, art and hobby stores, dance studios, galleries, and any other places you can think of. We have added the flier to the web site, so any member can download it and disseminate it. Even so, we need a group of volunteers to disseminate the fliers in strategic places. Please contact if you would like to join the committee.

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## Website

Our website has a new look and a new webmistress. We no longer do a featured artist, but all artists have the ability to publish a number of images in slideshow format along with a brief bio and picture.

If you have not submitted information (or updated your information), please do so.

The application for membership is on line along with the ability to pay dues through PayPal. Check it out at [www.rainbowartists.com](http://www.rainbowartists.com)

## Mission Statement

Rainbow Artists, an award winning women's collective established in 1990, supports, promotes, and encourages women artists.

- \* We embrace ethnic and artistic diversity.
- \* We strive to grow in our art and our association with each other.
- \* We share our talents and enrich our creativity and our community through collaborative exhibits and projects.

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## Exhibition Committee

Thank you to Grace Collins for years of service as chair of this important committee. Joan Fenicle and Shari Adkisson have agreed to be interim co-chairs until a new committee can be formed and oriented.

If you are interested in continuing Rainbow's fine tradition of art exhibits, we need you to volunteer to serve. The committee checks out potential venues, prepares proposals when needed, and organizes the annual exhibit calendar. It also assists with exhibition hanging.

Our only exhibit scheduled for this year is a great opportunity to show at the African American Performing Arts Center in October, 2013. Eliza Schmidt is coordinator and the Call for Entry will be out very soon.

If you know of any galleries or spaces that might be good for Rainbow Artists please email Shari at [weatherscf@yahoo.com](mailto:weatherscf@yahoo.com).

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## Membership Renewal

**If you have not yet paid your dues for 2013, send your check to Shari Adkisson** at 2900 Vista del Rey NE, Unit 25D, Albuquerque 87112—or bring your check or cash to the next meeting.

We have an open scholarship policy. If you need a scholarship or need to renew one, email Shari at [weatherscf@yahoo.com](mailto:weatherscf@yahoo.com)



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## Rainbow Victories

**Pea Gravanian** will be exhibiting her solar powered art lamps at *Kenny Chavez' 8th Annual Festival La Parada* 8917 4th St NW, Sat. May 4 and also at *Mama's Minerals 8th Annual Art Show* on June 15, Lomas and San Mateo NE.

**Ginger Quinn** exhibits works at *SEEDS: A Collective Voice Art Exhibit* with the purpose of raising awareness of the importance of organic seed preservation and of GMO issues. Opening Reception May 4, 4-8 pm, Downtown Contemporary Gallery, 105 4th St. SW.

**Hilary Heyl** is among 15 artists (from over 90 submissions) who will take part in *SURFACE: Emerging Artists of New Mexico*. The artists will participate in an exhibition at the Harwood Art Center and take part in a full day of professional development workshop led by outstanding panelists like Andrew Connors, Curator of Art at Albuquerque Museum, Marge Devon, Director of the Tamarind Institute and Libby Lumpkin, Professor of Art History and Criticism at UNM. Be sure to attend the June 7th First Friday ARTScrawl at the Harwood and congratulate Hilary on this accomplishment.



## New Members

We are delighted to have two prior members, **Carol Adamec** and **Teej** rejoin Rainbow in March.

Teej joined our new Media Committee and volunteered to take over the PR task from Joan Saks Berman.

## Opportunities:

**Deborah Purdy of Creative Wings Studio** offers painting classes at both her Santa Fe and Albuquerque studios.

### May:

May 4 Open Workshop, SF, no instruction, \$30

May 10-12 Weekend Workshop, ABQ, \$260

### June:

Starting June 4 for six weeks, SF, \$215

Starting June 5 for six weeks, ABQ, \$215

Starting June 6 for four weeks, SF, \$170

### July:

July 19-21 Weekend Workshop, SF, \$305

Debbie Purdy

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**Nova DeNise** will be teaching a class at Mama's Minerals on May 8, 2012 a Wednesday, from 3:00-5:30 pm.

\$55 fee due upon signup

Class is 2 1/2 hours.

Maximum class size is 6 students, so sign up now.

For more information or to sign up for a class, please call Mama's Minerals us at 505-266-8443.

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The newly installed office of the **NM Health Connections** (part of the Obama health care plan) has huge empty walls and is inviting local artists to hang some of their best art there for one year. Since many people will be visiting this office, there would be a good exposure. Those

interested get in touch with the organizer, Tamaya Toulouse (a very nice and artistic lady) at 633-8057 or tamaya.toulouse@nmhealthconnections.org. The office is located on 2440 Louisiana NE # 601.



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## Feedback about Rainbow Artists

### What Rainbow means to me.

In March we gathered to look at and talk about art. *Looking at the video of abstract expressionist artist Joan Mitchell and the discussion afterwards was a great way to spend a Monday evening with Rainbow Artists at Off Center on March 18th. We were fortunate to have a lovely book of her art to peruse before the video.*

*In some ways the hour-long video seemed almost as abstract as Joan Mitchell's work. There was little historical framework, but there was a lot of her art and her ambience. Joni first wanted to get inside her deaf mother's head and then she wanted to express what she herself felt. We see her in Chicago, New York and Paris and it would seem she found herself in France. She stresses the importance of love in her work particularly the love she feels when she paints.*

*I would like to continue to have meetings where we learn about the work of female artists, including that of our own members. Another activity would be to attend as a group the openings of shows our members are in (or another time perhaps a Saturday afternoon.) Perhaps we could organize a quarterly afternoon gallery visit and then get together in a place nearby to talk about the art or whatever.*

### What Rainbow means to me

*Rainbow Artists has a proud history. Don't give the name up. We won a Bravos Award for our dedication to bringing women of all cultures together in art related expressions. We have a lovely vase given to us as a reward. We have a plaque from the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Multicultural Council honoring "Rainbow Artists with the 2003 Keep The Dream Alive Award". In 2011 we received a Certificate of Participation from the African American Museum and Cultural Center of New Mexico. Rainbow Artists is a name and a past to be proud of.*

### What Rainbow means to me

*Rainbow Artists was the first organization that I joined when I came to Albuquerque in 2002. I called and spoke to Thora, and started attending meetings almost immediately. Rainbow has given me so much over the years and I treasure the friendships that I have gained from being a member. Exhibiting with Rainbow has been a challenge and also very rewarding. And I have gained skills and talents from the speakers, hands on activities and of course there are the parties!*

## Upcoming Event

OFFCenter presents its 8th Annual Fundraiser --Albuquirky House Tour & "Little Houses" Silent Auction

**Silent Auction of "Little Houses":**

**Friday, May 3rd, 5 - 8 pm at Sumner & Dene Creations in Art, 517 Central NW, Downtown Albuquerque**

**8th Annual Albuquirky House Tour:**

**Saturday, May 4th, 11 am - 4 pm (self-guided tour throughout Albuquerque - Tickets \$25**

**All proceeds benefit OFFCenter Community Arts Project. [www.offcenterarts.org](http://www.offcenterarts.org)**