



RAINBOW ARTISTS

a WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE IN NEW MEXICO

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## December 2014 Newsletter

### Holiday Party in lieu of monthly meeting:

**December is the month of our HOLIDAY PARTY**, no meeting. We will dine out this year, **Friday, December 12, 6pm.**

We have chosen the festive, Italian restaurant Buca de Deppo's—specializing in Italian dishes meant to be shared. Located at 6520 America's Parkway, we will make reservations so we can have an area set aside for our group. Plan on participating in a hand-made card exchange and spending a little over \$12 not including tip and beverage. Please RSVP to Jackie by Wednesday, December 10 at [jhquickbeam@msn.com](mailto:jhquickbeam@msn.com)



### Remembering Rita Kerrigan

We have received word that former Rainbow member Rita Kerrigan passed away at home after a long illness. If you wish to express condolences to her partner Kathleen Brixner, you may mail them to her at 754 57th Street NW, Albuquerque 87105-1344.

Rita was a talented artist, working as a stonecarver, inlayer and cabachon maker. She was also a highly imaginative painter and sculptor, using a wide range of mediums including gouache and acrylic paints, welded steel, wood, stone, polymer clays and found objects.

## November's Meeting Notes

### Explosive creative energy at Rainbow's "Doll Making Party"

Fifteen Rainbow Artists attended the November Doll Making Party/Meeting. An array of natural art making materials was arranged on tables, Wagogo's music was playing and cookies were within reach. Everyone enjoyed creating, chatting and searching through the assortment of supplies from magnolia pods and raffia to bottle caps and snake skins. Many earth/spirit dolls came to life and were added to the Wall of Dolls collection for the March Fundraiser Exhibit at Off Center.

You're invited to attend another doll making Party/Meeting on January 19 at Off Center. Bring a friend, anyone interested in having art fun. Again, we'll have music, treats and supplies by the tableful. Bring more materials, bark, seeds, pods, bits of wood, fabric, cord, rust, old beads, all you can find. The more dolls we make, the greater the prospects for increasing Rainbow's funds for future shows.





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## ARTportunities

**Off the Charts** is a group exhibition at 516 ARTS examining the visual language artists use to document, process, map and manipulate a better understanding of the ever-evolving world we inhabit using drawings, diagrams, symbols and written language to tell us where we are or where we were. Open to emerging and established contemporary artists working in all media, including painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, printmaking, fine craft, installation, digital media and video. **Revised Deadline January 15, 2015.** Details at [www.516arts.org](http://www.516arts.org).

### **Tribute to Thora (from Kathleen Brixner; read by Shirley Wynn at Thora's memorial).**

We would likely not even know each other were it not for Thora Guinn and her vision of a women's art group, her on-going commitment to making that vision happen in the real world.

What great things we had in the group with exhibits, craft shows, parties, free member workshops, two library permanent art decoration projects and so much more.

The thing I liked best about Thora is that she was enthusiastic about the many talents of women artists. They don't just draw, paint, cut paper, collage, sculpt, but they also do beadwork, write, dance, give art therapy, make handmade books, masks, clothing, quilts, jewelry, painted furniture, cards—to mention just a few of their quiver of skills beyond straight-ahead art. Thora was so intrigued with this wealth of skills, she asked members to design a talk or workshop from their array of knowledge. It gave such depth to the group, appreciation for our very complex varied humanity.

Thanks Thora, we were all changed by being members of Rainbow Artists.

## ARTdates

**January 19, 2015**, monthly meeting at OFFCenter. Program: Another doll making Party/Meeting at OFFCenter. Bring a friend, anyone interested in having art fun. Again, we'll have music, treats and supplies by the tableful. Bring more materials, bark, seeds, pods, bits of wood, fabric, cord, rust, old beads, all you can find. The more dolls we make, the greater the prospects for increasing Rainbow's funds for future shows.

**February 16, 2015**, monthly meeting at OFFCenter, Program: **Compassion and Choices** presentation about death with dignity.

The **Earth Spirit Dolls** show will be organized and hung by the Apronistas. Hanging will take place Monday, **March 2, 2015**, time and place to deliver work to be announced.

Opening Reception will be Friday, **March 6, 2015**. Show will come down March 28 or 29. Off Center will take 30% of the proceeds of sales. All dolls will be priced at \$15, thus Rainbow can "earn" \$10 for each doll sold and we would like to fill the wall with at least 100 dolls of a size eight inches or less. All dolls in this size range will be accepted, so here's a chance to get creative, make as many small dolls as you wish and help our organization get funds for future shows.

**March 16, 2015**, monthly meeting at OFFCenter. Joan Fenicle will moderate a discussion on "**How Mundane Routines Produce Creative Magic**"

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## ARTvictories

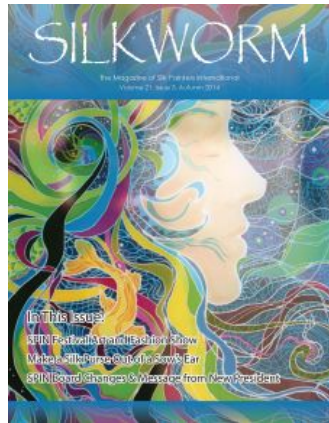
**Carol Adamec** has work in two shows in December: **The Harwood Art Center's 12x12** and **Prelude** in which artists from the community donate work for sale to support Harwood's many programs. **New Mexico Art League Small Works Holiday Show** which has a reception Saturday, December 13, 5:30-7:30pm.

**Eliza Schmid** has two egg tempera landscapes in the **New Mexico Art League Small Works Holiday Show** plus she will be hoping to sell some small tempera paintings at the **Tortuga Gallery's** art show and sale opening Friday, December 12 and running through Sunday.

**Marian Berg** is in the **Transitions** show at the New Mexico Cancer Center Gallery with a Cause. There is an opening reception with food, wine and music on December 14, 4-7pm (4901 Lang Ave. NE). She also has a painting in the **Paint the Ballet** show at New Mexico Art League which runs until Dec. 27.

**Pea Garvanian** was at Recycle Santa Fe Art Festival December 6-7 with her solar-powered art lamps. She was one of over 90 artisans juried into the show.

**Suzanne Visor** and her teaching methods were recently the subject of a six-page article published in the **Silkworm magazine** published by **Silk Painters International**. The story focuses on the importance of learning composition and design to develop as a mature artist, regardless of your chosen medium. She taught this as a two-day workshop in Santa Fe this past summer.



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Need a pop-up tent for an outdoor show? Rainbow has two. Contact Pea at 897-4180 or [pgleftovers@gmail.com](mailto:pgleftovers@gmail.com) to schedule using one.

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## Promote your art—it's FREE

**Is your Personal ART Page in the "MEET OUR MEMBERS" section of the website?**

Take advantage of this great opportunity, by being a Rainbow member, for exposure and promotion on the Rainbow Artist website in the "Meet Our Members" section. Send your bio and/or artist statement and a few photos of your art to Pea at [pgleftovers@gmail.com](mailto:pgleftovers@gmail.com), and she will "build" your personal art page. Pea welcomes periodic changes to your page.

Over the course of a month, the Rainbow Artist website enjoys ~1,900 unique visitors and ~4,000 page views. Make sure those visitors can view **YOUR ART**.



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## Galleries we love!

An increasing number of Rainbow Artists have gallery representation on a regular basis ... we congratulate them and want to give exposure to those who have faith in us.

**Carol Adamec and Pea Garvanian**—Weyrich Gallery, 2935D Louisiana NE, [www.weyrichgallery.com](http://www.weyrichgallery.com)

**Marion Berg and Pea Garvanian**—SE-OC Right Brain Gallery, 3100 Menaul NE  
[www.se-oc-rightbraingallery.com](http://www.se-oc-rightbraingallery.com)

**Joan Fenicle**—Arte de Placitas, 221 State Highway 165, Placitas - [www.artedeplacitas.com](http://www.artedeplacitas.com)

## Mission Statement

Rainbow Artists, an award winning women's collective established in Albuquerque 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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Newsletter deadline is the 1st of each month.



Repurposing of a bicycle wheel  
Pea Garvanian