



# Rainbow Artists

A Women's Collective in New Mexico -

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## December 2011 Holiday Potluck



**December 17, Saturday  
at the home of**

**Thora Guinn**

**1508 Roma NE, Albuquerque**

**Thora will provide wine and apple juice -  
guests are welcome - please bring a dish to share.**

AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, many people celebrate KWANZAA, created by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966 for all people of African descent. It is intended to reaffirm our culture and values as well as the bonds that hold us together as a people.

KWANZAA which means "First Fruits" in the African language of Swahili, is celebrated for seven days, from December 26 to January 1. Swahili is the language used at Kwanzaa because it is spoken widely throughout Africa.

There are seven principles of KWANZAA, one for each day. They were designed especially for our children, our future. *Habari gani* (hah=BAH-ree GAH-nee) "What news?" - is the greeting used each morning. The answer is the name of the principle for that day. Seven candles - one black, three red, and three green - stand for the seven principles. Each night, one candle is lit, and the family talks about the principle for that day.

There are also seven symbols of KWANZAA: a mat on which the other symbols rest; fruits and vegetables, representing the harvest; a unity cup, from which all drink; a candleholder with seven places; the seven candles themselves; an ear of corn for each child in the home; and gifts from the parents to the children.

KWANZAA has become an important holiday. It is now celebrated by millions of people the world over - in the US, Europe, Canada, the Caribbean, and parts of Africa.

### 2012 Monthly Program Schedule

**JANUARY 2012**      **Rainbow Artists 22nd Anniversary**  
 January:              **Shari Adkisson - TBA**  
 February:            **Eliza Schmid:**      egg tempera  
    painting techniques

**Thora Guinn** will facilitate the January, February and March meetings.

To be discussed at the January meeting: do we want business cards for Rainbow Artists? **Jackie Hertel** proposed this and will present a prototype.

Publicity? It is important to get publicity info to **Joan Berman** in time for monthly publications. She will update the requirements sheet.

From **Shari Adkisson**: Join us in January for a dynamic speech from **Suzanne Lopez, M.F.V.T.** Suzanne will speak on The Business of Art and living at a Higher Frequency. Suzanne will also speak on a project that she would like to collaborate with Rainbow Artists during the Women In Creativity Month in March.

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

*We are a new Mexico-based multiethnic, multigenerational collective organized to support, promote, and encourage all women to pursue all expressions of creativity. Our Collective will enhance our creativity and our community by enriching ourselves with knowledge of one another's works and the work of artists not in Rainbow Artists. We do not intend our dues or hanging fees to restrict any woman from membership. Membership is open to those who endorse this statement.*

*We will continually improve our art, our relationship with one another, and our association with the community. We will keep informed of exhibits, performance opportunities, contests and grants. Working together, we hope not only to gain financial support and recognition for our individual art forms, but to create projects which benefit our group and our community as a whole.*

*Our Collective evolves from working together with understanding and friendship. Our strength comes from our multiethnic, multigenerational membership.*

#### 2011 Rainbow Artists Council Members

Programs/Meetings	Variable	
Exhibitions	<b>Grace Collins</b>	341-4354
Publicity	<b>Joan Saks Berman</b>	265-5157
Treasurer	<b>Shari Adkisson</b>	242-7227
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Founder/Outreach	<b>Thora Guinn</b>	842-6196
News Editor/Historian	<b>Gloria Hajduk</b>	702-5626



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Newsletter deadlines are the 1st of each month. Please honor.

## RAINBOW VICTORIES

**Ainsley Skye Waters** had a small frottage/collage piece in "The Nature of Happiness" a printmaking, writing and book arts workshop in the Community Art exhibit at OFFCenter during November.

**Gloria Hajduk** sold her small piece "Four Eyes For You" at a holiday sale last month.

**Joan Saks Berman** has several photographs in the Johnsons of Madrid Galleries of Fine & Fiber Art.

Hours: Tue-Sat, 10-6, Sun 12-5, Mondays & Jan. by appointment. 2843 Highway 14 N. Madrid NM 87010 on the TURQUOISE TRAIL [505-471-1054](tel:505-471-1054)



The Rainbow exhibit at Factory on 5th last month yielded the following sales:

**Thora Guinn:** "Flowers"

**Jackie Hertel:** "San Pedro Arroyo Autumn" & "Roadside Fields"

**Marge Larson:** "Autumn Woods"

**Breeze Wise:** "Joy Ride"

**Melva Kellett:** "Autumn Leaves"

**Nova DeNise:** 5 retablos, 3 painted bags

**Joan Berman:** photographic greeting cards

**Shari Adkisson:** wall plaque, magnet, 3 sets of

wine coasters

**Suzanne Visor** will be showing three pieces of art in the First Unitarian membership show December 10-January 6. She also has her hand-painted scarves in the Albuquerque Museum Gallery store. Check out the



Albuquerque Journal's Holiday Gift Guide (*Fri. Nov. 25, issue, p.7*), which shows a closeup of her scarf.

## Announcements

### RA's Downtown Main Library Show - March 2012

Rainbow Artists will be participating in the "Women in Creativity" month (*sponsored by the National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC)*) in March 2012 with an exhibit at the Albuquerque Main Library. Pieces for this show will be limited to a maximum size of 16"x 20", preferably hung vertically, with a two-piece limit. All media will be accepted but work must be hung on panels; no pedestals are available. The theme will be: "Portals, transitions, transformations."

A reception will be held Sat. Mar. 3 from 1 to 3 pm at the Main Library downtown.

**Breeze Wise** is looking into the possibility of using glass cases for smaller items. As we get closer to the time, more details will be given. You may check out the Women and Creativity website at : [www.womenandcreativity.org](http://www.womenandcreativity.org) You may contact **Breeze Wise** with questions: 254-2787 or [breezable@aol.com](mailto:breezable@aol.com)

## THE BIG SEVEN-OH-OH-OH

A momentous occasion was the 70th birthday surprise event of long time Rainbow Artist **Joan Fenicle** on Saturday, Nov. 19th. at the Gallerie Imaginarium on 3rd Street NW downtown Albuquerque.

**J.A. Panitz**, gallery owner, arranged the festivities, with a sign outside suspended below the Gallerie Imaginarium sign, a slide projection on the wall inside,

a vase of red roses and 70 iced cupcakes.

The triptych projected image is Joan in the center and her photographs on either side. As

Joan opened her many gifts, the guests were the Albuquerque art scene notables with whom Joan works. As you may know, Joan has her fingers in many art pies in this city and sometimes seems spread too thin. Yet she





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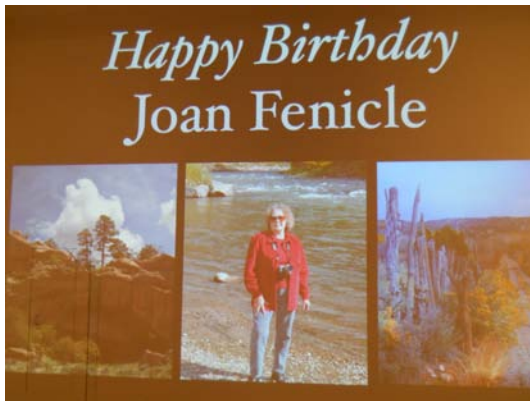
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manages to achieve all she sets out to do.

Happy Birthday, Joan.



thus without a computer for some months, Joan Fenicle produced the monthly newsletter. It is time for a different Rainbow member to take on this task.

## LAST CALL!

**SCANNER AVAILABLE:** In 2001, Rainbow Artists purchased a scanner for me, editor **Gloria Hajduk**, to improve the picture quality of our newsletters. I would like to offer the scanner to another Rainbow Artist.

**Description :** *UMAX AstraNETe5420/5470 includes software CD, manual, cable, power cord, transparency guide & original receipt. Supports both PC & MAC platforms. This machine can scan text, photos, slides, negatives.*

**REMINDER:** "Art by the Yard" exhibit at **South Broadway Cultural Center** will be **December 10-January 6, 2012**. Images of artwork for PR for this show are needed. Please send high resolution, high quality jpegs to [joanf41@gmail.com](mailto:joanf41@gmail.com)



**Pictured: J.A. Panitz. Jose Martinez. Joan Fenicle**

### Newsletter Clarification & Simplification

Those who do not receive a mailed hard copy of our monthly newsletter may go to our website: [www.rainbowartists.com](http://www.rainbowartists.com) and simply click on "newsletter". When the newsletter appears on the screen, (and if applicable, a Call for Entry will also appear). All may be downloaded and printed onto hard copies.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE EDITOR

As of February 2012, I shall retire from editing the Rainbow Artists monthly newsletter. Since February 1996 (last century) I have faithfully created the newsletter for our group every month save for when, after my mother's death and I became "homeless",



Flowers, watercolor by **Thora Guinn** sold at Factory 5th show

*"You should not grow in one direction like an automobile but in five like a star."*

Walter Anderson, American artist



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*Bible Belt*, by **Gloria Hajduk**, plastic, metal, paper



## RED

mixed media by **Gloria Hajduk** at the Art By The Yard exhibit at South Broadway Cultural Center through December.

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*San Ignacio de Caboria*  
by **Barbara Fried**

*Barbara Fried* is the current featured artist on our website at [www.rainbowartists.com](http://www.rainbowartists.com)

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