



Rainbow Artists

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February is Black History Month

“King” mixed media assemblage by Gloria Hajduk



February 2011

Monthly Meeting
Monday, February 21

6:30pm Business discussion
7:15pm Cake to celebrate **Thora's** milestone birthday
8:00pm Program: Memories of Art: a ROYGBIV Healing Process with **Caitlin Anderson, PhD**

Location: OFFCenter Community Arts
808 Park Ave SW (8th & Central across from Robinson Park)

Facilitator: **Martha Heard**

WE WILL HAVE a flip chart/large paper and ask Artists to add words or art to the page. **Martha/Caitlin** will ask Artists to introduce themselves with a **SHORT** (maybe 1 sentence or one word) memory: "Remember the time when ..."



GOAL of above two ideas: Create a collaborative RAINBOW! (cover for book?)

Martha Heard met **Caitlin Anderson's** father in the early 1960s in Madison, Wisconsin! Imagine the Anderson family's delight to see Martha again (and *Gitano* of course) in Albuquerque. Caitlin first

learned of Rainbow Artists when we exhibited at the First Unitarian Church. At that time, being an artist was the least likely way Caitlin would describe herself. However, after a diagnosis of Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis (PPMS) in 2006, Caitlin turned her unending energy inward and began to explore art. What's the lingo? "A self-taught emerging artist," she has had the pleasure of working with **Vashti b.** and **Lindy Hirst** as well as the artists who teach "Family Art" at the Albuquerque Art Museum.

Caitlin will then facilitate a time of art – please bring your favorite medium (watercolor, pencils, chalk, crayons, etc.) and we'll work on images of Rainbows on 8 ½ x 11 paper (or similar). These rainbows might then become pages of a book with the collective rainbow as cover!

PLEASE JOIN US!



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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	Martha Heard	242-1732
Exhibitions Coordinator	Grace Collins	341-4354
Publicity	Joan Saks Berman	265-5157
Treasurer	Shari Adkisson	242-7227
Co-Treasurer	Roberta Delgado	275-0468
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BLOG	ShaRi Brooks	867-1337
Founder/Outreach	Thora Guinn	842-6196
News Editor/Historian	Gloria Hajduk	702-5626
News Mailing	Judith Kidd	243-6174

Newsletter deadlines are the 5th of each month.

RAINBOW VICTORIES

Suzanne Visor, artist and teacher, will be teaching silk painting at Village Wools in Albuquerque, Saturday Feb. 12, 1-5. Fee for the four-hour workshop is \$80 which includes all supplies, materials and steaming of a silk scarf in a studio setting. Call 265-7288 for info and registration.

Suzanne also has work in the NM Silk Painters Guild show at the First Unitarian Church (*Carlisle and Comanche*) opening February 26, plus she has work in a show called *Egg, Food for Thought*, a fundraiser/art exhibit for Roadrunner Food Bank opening March 4 at Sage Therapeutics at 1000 Spain near Juan Tabo NE. Suzanne continues to paint silk scarves for the Gallery Store at ABQ Museum and for the Los Angeles Opera Guild.



Edna McIver and **Shirley Wynn** both have work in an exhibit at the African-American Performing Arts Center, 310 San Pedro NE, Albuquerque (Expo New Mexico). Phone 222-0777 for hours.

Lorrie Bortner, our Taos Rainbow, worked with two 5th grade classes creating colcha embroidery, an endangered NM art form and will be featured in the children's art show at the Millicent Rogers Museum in Taos beginning February 5. The show runs into March.

Ginger Quinn has work in The Egg Show (*the fundraiser for Roadrunner Food Bank.*) She will be participating in the annual Rag Rug Festival in Las Cruces at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Museum March 5 and 6.

Marian Berg will teach children's art classes at the NM Art League Feb. 15.

<http://www.newmexicoartleague.org/instructors.html>

Announcements

Hilary Heyl continues to solicit contributions of art for a silent auction fundraiser for Enlace Comunitario, our domestic violence center for immigrant women that is vitally needed in these repressive times. Contributions are due by the end of **Sunday February 20** at her home (*see below*). ALL are invited to the silent auction house party on Saturday evening, **March 5, 2011**. Categories of donations include but are not limited to jewelry, paintings, textile projects, professional services donated, vacation days at someone's retreat house, sculptures (*small, please!*), etc. 2459 Carmelia Rd.SW, Abq 87105 email: Hhey1@q.com 505-873-8683 - 505-452-9205

Los Griegos Public Library, takes appointments for art exhibits. Located at 1000 Griegos Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107-3749 (505) 761-4020 Open: Tue,Thu-Sat 10-6pm; Wed 11-7pm

Rainbow Artists urges support of the **New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women**. The State Agency for women and girls has been active in NM since 1973. Help is offered to displaced homemakers to assist them to return to the workforce. Job Search classes are given as well as one-to-one coaching. Referral services are available, financial planning help, literacy assistance. A community room is available for one-to-one consulting and also for larger meetings of women and girls in need of assistance. This State Agency is in need of support since Governor Martinez has cut their funding. However, in the recent past the agency received the award for "Outstanding New Mexico Women". **WHAT CAN YOU DO?** We urgently need email/letters sent on the Commission's behalf:



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Write a letter/email to Governor Martinez and House Appropriations and Finance Committee members asking to support the crucial funding for the NM Commission on the Status of Women.

For emails and letters to the Governor send to: cyndi.montoya@state.nm.us

Governor Susan Martinez c/o Cyndi Montoya, Director of Constituent Services Governor's Office, Room 400 State Capital Santa Fe NM 87503
For emails and letters to NM State House of Representatives, visit www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/legislatorsearch.aspx

"Dialogue" is a method of communication developed by the noted physicist David Bohm and introduced to Albuquerque by **Judith Kidd**. The focus is on listening to the views of others before offering your own. The hope is to broaden communication so the roots of conflicting views can be better understood and perhaps ameliorated.



Perhaps you would like to join with us in a conversation keyed to listening before speaking? **Thora Guinn** and **Judith Kidd** will participate with women and men every third Saturday at 1:30 pm at the Albuquerque Center for Peace & Justice located on the corner of Harvard and Silver.

Questions: *Thora at guinnthora@gmail.com*
(If the parking lot is full, it's safe to park across Silver in the Copy Shop Parking area as the shop is closed on Saturdays.)

2011 Monthly Program Schedule

March	Martha Heard Tricklock Theatre Co.
April	Eleanor Trabaudo Lindy Hirst
May	Eleanor Trabaudo Harriette Tsosi - encaustics
June	Eleanor Trabaudo Carol Sanchez - print making
July	<i>We need volunteers for July thru Nov. and a location for the 2011 holiday party.</i>

As usual, contact **Thora Guinn**, our matriarch founder.
(see Council list)

2011 Rainbow Exhibit

Rainbow will show at the South Broadway Cultural Center in December 2011. We are asked to have a cohesive exhibit and the committee came up with "Art by the Yard",

pieces should be 36" vertical and 18" horizontal and we ask each artist to use a predominant color scheme to display in Rainbow colors.

How to Get Art "Out There" by Grace Collins

Consider using an exhibition to donate your art to a worthy cause. I just raised \$350 for a food pantry. At the Griegos Library, I hung 6 large paintings (*which I guessed no one would purchase*), and twelve 8x10 paintings (*frames from Goodwill at \$1-2 each*) The small paintings were reasonably priced to get them "out from under the bed."



People were willing to buy art if their money went to a cause (*and those who wrote checks received a tax deduction, as they were made out to a charitable organization.*) I sold 10 small paintings and (*surprise*) one large one. The cost to me was \$21, and one old frame to raise \$350.

I propose an exhibition to a 501c(3) organization (*the Cancer Center, a hospital, OFFCenter, 4th Street Arts Center*) and either donating a % of the proceeds to the organization, or hanging one (large?) piece, with a companion piece which would be offered at a very reasonable price with proceeds from the smaller one to go to the organization. People love to be rewarded for their donations, and we need the exposure.

Plus, if it's an organization dear to your heart, it makes you feel good, gets folks to think about donating to the organization, and promotes the organization to the community.

Folks need to remember to give even during hard times...especially during hard times.

MESSAGE from HISTORIAN of RAINBOW ARCHIVES

When I (**Gloria Hajduk**) took over as Rainbow historian from **Kathleen Brixner** in January 2006, I worked intensively (*77 hours over a three-month period*) on the archives creating 6 binders of information and history. Now, all that needs to be done is keeping the archives current: i.e. newsletters, Rainbow Artists publicity, members' individual publicity, a current brochure.

Minimal time is required, merely saving items to place into the binders which can be done as little as quarterly. I would like to pass on this simple and rewarding task to another Rainbow as I continue to produce our monthly newsletter and do annual updates of our brochure. Contact: gloriah41@gmail.com or 505-702-5626.



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To My Valentine by Ogden Nash

*More than a catbird hates a cat,
Or a criminal hates a clue,
Or the Axis hated the United States,
That's how much I love you.*

*I love you more than a duck can swim,
And more than a grapefruit squirts,
I love you more than gin rummy is a bore,
And more than a toothache hurts.*

*As a shipwrecked sailor hates the sea,
Or a juggler hates a shove,
As a hostess detests unexpected guests,
That's how much you I love.*

*I love you more than a wasp can sting,
And more than the subway jerks,
I love you as much as a beggar needs a crutch,
And more than a hangnail irks.*

*I swear to you by the stars above,
And below, if such there be,
As the High Court loathes perjurious oaths,
That's how you're loved by me.*



MEMBERSHIP Due be Due be Due

....annual Rainbow dues may be mailed to our treasurer, **Shari Adkisson**, (address below) who will list you on our roster as a bona fide member of this fantastic art group which has begun its 21st year of existence. Send \$25 bucks for a whole year to **Shari Adkisson**, 2900 Vista del Rey NE, #25D, Alb. 87112



Our dues structure runs from **January 1 to December 31**. Those who have not paid their annual dues for 2011 or requested a scholarship will be dropped from the roster. You will then no longer receive our monthly newsletter nor be able to participate in our many exhibits around town. **Take care of this business right now as you read this so you don't miss out on so much creativity.**

Our ONLINE edition of this month's newsletter includes a page 5. Members, send me jpegs of your artwork for inclusion in next month's newsletter.

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Angle of Repose, hand weaving with hand-dyed Navajo-Churro wool from Hilary's sheep, 25" x 30" by **Hilary Heyl**

Hilary Heyl is the current featured artist on our website at www.rainbowartists.com

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(above) *Capilla de San Antonio*, color photo by **Joan Fenicle**
This print is in the show at Albuquerque City Hall.

(right) *San Geronimo Church*, b/w photo by **Joan Fenicle**
This print sold at the Desert Corn Gallery in Old Town and another sold from the exhibit at Albuquerque City Hall.



Gloria Hajduk created 13 Valentine pieces and placed them at OFFCenter. Left is "Kiss" and right is "4 Eyes 4 U", all mixed media constructions.

Happy Heart Day!

