



RAINBOW ARTISTS

A WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE IN NEW MEXICO

ESTABLISHED JANUARY 1990

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## April 2015 Newsletter

**Monday, April 20, 2015, 6:30 pm:**  
**Monthly meeting**  
**OFFCenter Community Arts**  
**808 Park Avenue SW**

Program: Marian Berg will be doing a presentation on exploring the impact art making has on hospitalized children. She will discuss her ongoing work at UNM Children's Hospital.



Most of us know Marian as a prolific artist in many mediums including glass, clay and paint, but you may not know that she is a Community Outreach Art Educator at the Art Heals Project and an Artist in Medicine at Arts-in-Medicine at UNM.

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## March meeting notes

Eighteen women attended the meeting which was coordinated by Joan Fenicle. Four present were interested, potential members who were introduced to Rainbow through the Spirit Doll Making Workshop.

Jackie Hertel gave an account of the exciting Opening Reception of the Wall of Dolls Fundraiser Exhibit and a report of its financial success. Fifty six Spirit Dolls sold, raising \$560 for the Rainbow treasury.

Jackie also reported on the achievement of a well-attended, exhilarating Spirit Doll Making Workshop at Off Center, with another workshop to follow on June 6 for those on the waiting list.

Janine Wilson presented the financial report, then the discussion turned to suggestions for future exhibits. Ideas emerged such as Gallery ABQ, Tortuga Gallery, creating a "pop-up" exhibit, and several themes for shows were put forth, climate change, the Rio or the Bosque, small works. Martha Heard and Grace Collins are preparing a proposal to SBCC.

Joan Fenicle gave an informative and provocative presentation on rituals artists use to produce creative energy. She gave us valuable tools and insights resulting in all sharing personal issues and problem solving techniques to achieve productive art making.

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## Membership Renewal

January 1 was the annual renewal date for Rainbow Artists' memberships. Membership is \$25 and goes to support our programs, exhibits and newsletters. Please complete a renewal form (on the website) to ensure all your contact information is correct and then mail the form with your \$25 check payable to Rainbow Artists to: **Carol Adamec, 124 Marlowe Lane NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113.**



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## Wall of Dolls Exhibit & Fundraiser

If you made it to the Opening Reception of the Wall of Dolls show on March 6, had a chance to witness a colorful inviting show of 104 Spirit Dolls with outstanding attendance. Gallery goers came in abundance and they liked the idea of spirit dolls and fetishes that they could take home for a mere \$15.

A luxurious table of edibles was prepared by Rainbow encouraging viewers to linger. A two hour party ensued with people intensely perusing the dolls to select their choice. Many contented buyers were seen lovingly cradling their newly acquired Spirit Dolls in special tissue wrapping provided by Off Center. Thirty to 40 dolls went to new homes and the evening was not only successful but a lot of fun.

As of this writing somewhere between 50 and 60 dolls have been sold and by the time the exhibit is dismantled, we will have earned almost \$600 for Rainbow's treasury and Off Center Arts will receive close to \$300, their 33% of nearly \$900 in sales. This exhibit was a remarkable accomplishment and our doll making meetings were engaging and enjoyable. Perhaps the future can bring more shows of works made collectively by Rainbow to attract the interest of the public, entice new members and connect Rainbow artists to each other.

*"Thanks to the Rainbow Publicity Committee, Women and Creativity calendar, Off Center and all the Rainbow Artists who helped publicize this Exhibit and Reception. Thanks to the Apronistas, particularly Ginger Quinn, for introducing the concept of Wall of Dolls to Rainbow and to the Rainbow members who jointly decided to utilize the doll idea to raise funds. Kudos to the Apronistas in Rainbow, Ginger Quinn, Suzanne Visor, Jackie Hertel, Winona Fetherolf, Pat Young, Nova DeNise, Caroline LeBlanc for organizing the doll making meetings, collecting the dolls, hanging the show, arranging the sales with Off Center and for facilitating the doll making workshop in conjunction with the show."*



Wall of Dolls reception at OFFCenter



Spirit Doll Making Workshop at OFFCenter

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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 Garvanian at [pyleftovers@gmail.com](mailto:pyleftovers@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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## ARTvictories

**Nova Denise** was accepted into the Women's Work show in Rowe at the "Anna Maria Saroni Community Art Gallery" opening April 11 and running through May 15. The gallery is located inside the Tarnoff Art Center in Rowe which is 20 miles north of Santa Fe. The piece that got in was the Breastplate titled : "Honoring My Ancestors" "Inanna", her Healing Doll, will be there for the reception only.

**Barbara Endicott** is part of a two woman exhibit (with Janine Albayati) in the social hall at the Unitarian Church on Comanche and Carlisle starting Easter Sunday April 4 through May 23. Janine's work is abstract and Barbara's is mainly portraits with some woodcuts. She will also will be doing 20 minute portraits at the Downtown Growers Market starting Saturday, April 18 and will be there every two weeks throughout the market schedule.

**Janine Wilson** has two paintings in the New Mexico Watercolor Exhibition at New Mexico Expo from May 9 through May 31 at the Fine Arts Building. The gallery is open from 10-4 daily.

**Pea Garvanian** will have her solar-powered art lamps at La Montañita's Nob Hill Earth Day Celebration on Sunday April 19th behind the Coop on Silver at Carlisle. She will also show the lamps at Kenny Chavez' Cinco de Mayo Folk Art Fest on Saturday May 2 at Farm and Table/ La Parada at 8917 4th St NW in Albuquerque's far North Valley.

The dolls from the Apronista Collective took part in a poetry performance at the VA Hospital Auditorium today. Rainbow members **Suzanne Visor, Pat Young, Caroline LeBlanc, Nova DeNise, and Winona Fetherolf** took part. Caroline LeBlanc is also a member of the poetry group that conceived and presented the performance of *Four Voices*.

**Eliza Schmid** has a show at the "Brews" Cafe at 311 Gold Street in downtown Albuquerque. The show runs through April. Title of the show: "Egg Tempera Paintings by Eliza M. Schmid".

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## ARTportunities

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

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## Spirit Doll Workshop

Rainbow Women Artists' Collective conducted a Spirit Doll Making Workshop at Off Center Arts on March 14. The workshop was full with a waiting list and a second will be held on June 6.

Twelve participants attended the dynamic class taught by Suzanne Visor, who took the lead with a welcoming and instructive introduction. Suzanne was supported and assisted by Winona Fetherolf, Jackie Hertel and Ginger Quinn. The natural materials and fabric provided by Rainbow were abundant and doll making excitement filled the air.

The results were smiling faces and busy fingers, lots of digging through dried plants, shells, seeds and bark for that perfect element, women making new acquaintances, and beautiful heartfelt doll creations. The workshop closed with discussion about the process and the meaning connected with some of the newly made spirit dolls.

Workshop facilitators received positive feedback from the participants, several of whom also purchased dolls from the Wall of Dolls. A number of them expressed interest in the Rainbow Collective and some attended our March meeting.





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## Fiber Arts Fiesta

The Fiber Arts Council is sponsoring Fiber Arts Fiesta, a biennial celebration of fiber works from their 17 local guilds at the Manuel Lujan Building, Expo New Mexico May 21-23.

Judith Roderick is the featured artist with her silk pictorial quilt works - a must see. Judith is a national prize winner several times over who hails from Placitas. Attendance runs about 3000-5000 with fiber lovers from all over the US. See [fiberartscouncil.org](http://fiberartscouncil.org)



## 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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