



RAINBOW ARTISTS

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WOMEN MAKING ART SINCE 1990

## March 2025 Newsletter

### Rainbow Artists January Meeting Tuesday, March 18, 1-3 pm Highland Senior Center, 131 Monroe NE Program: Work on Tiny Houses

Bring materials to create a Quirky House for the Little House Auction for Off Center. Anything goes but the dimensions must be 6"x6" at the base and no taller than 18. You can pick up forms at Off Center or make your own. Images below.

Houses must be submitted by April 28, 11-3  
More information at [info@offcenterarts.org](mailto:info@offcenterarts.org)



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## 2025 Membership Fees Due

Dues are only \$20 annually and entitle you to participate in exhibitions and show your work on Rainbow's website. If you wish to join or renew your membership, make check payable to Rainbow Artists and mail with your personal information to:

Janine Wilson  
12812 Bryce Court NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87112

Scholarships are available.

## ARTportunities

### New Mexico Art League

*In the Garden*

May 29—July 29

Always a spectacular view of the beloved subject of the flower by artists living and working in NM. Submission Deadline April 12

Apply [here](#)

### Placitas Community Library

*Assemblage*

June 14—July 17

Assemblage...a multidimensional piece of art combining found objects or materials

Call not yet published

### The Gallery ABQ

*Miniature & Small Works Show*

May 1—28

Open to New Mexico artists in all media. Pieces juried upon receipt. Limit 3 pieces per artist (first come, first accepted)

Small works maximum 154 sq.in. including frame

Miniatures maximum 56 sq.in. including frame

Delivery of work April 29, 10 am—1 pm

More information [here](#)

### Great Sand Dunes National Park

Great Sand Dunes is accepting artist proposals to lead a free public program or workshop in their chosen medium on October 4 or 11, 2025. Artist will be reimbursed for lodging and round-trip mileage. Workshop and information about the artist's work will also be featured on the park's social media and website.

Proposals due March 31

Information available at 719-378-6343

Submit one page summary with images of your work or a website link to [patrick\\_myers@nps.gov](mailto:patrick_myers@nps.gov)

### Valles Caldera National Preserve

Registration is open for Astrophotography Workshop on Saturday, March 22. Learn the basics of astrophotography including DSLR camera settings, selecting a shooting location, and shooting spectacular images of the night sky. Spots are limited.

[Registration](#) required.



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## ARTspiration

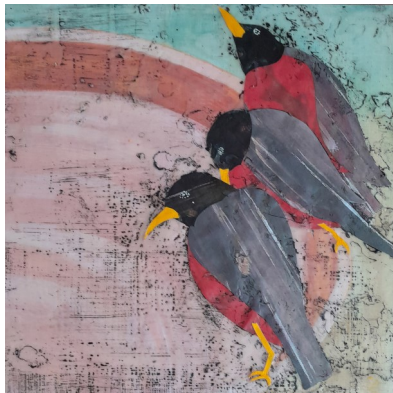
**Angela Storch** has *Dream Garden* in the St. Mark's exhibit and three paintings in the St. John's exhibit that ends on April 29: *Open Space*, *Lovely Flowers* and *In Bloom*. Image at right.

**Genie Gray** sold one of her paintings at the Daily Grind exhibit, *Hawk on a Teabag*, and she has two paintings at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Image at right.

**Janine Wilson** has two paintings in the Abstract show at Placitas Library until April 9. Image at right.

**Linda Allison, Marian Berg, Sue Clover, Roberta Delgado, Leslie Kryder, Gabriele Niegelhell** and **Janine Wilson** have paintings in the Rio Grande Art Association's show at Weems Gallery until March 29. (Images below)

**Nova De Nise** had work in the Mosaic show at the Placitas Library. Check out the image on page 4.



Top left clockwise:

*Sue Clover:  
Extravagent*

*Leslie Kryder  
Robins Drinking*

*Gabriele Niegelhell  
Wine's a Coming*

## Rainbow Business

**Bank Balance:** \$2,155.15

**Facilitators** for future meetings: Facilitators serve for three months and are responsible for acquiring or leading the program, leading the meeting and getting the information to Facebook and newsletter editors. Need volunteers for all of 2025

**Committee Vacancy:** Compiling artist list and handling intake of art.

Rainbow's proposal to City Hall was rejected.

### Future Shows:

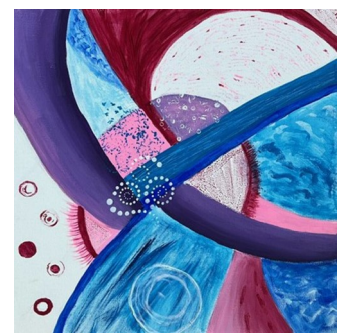
- 1, April—Horizon Bagel, no theme
2. June—The Gallery ABQ—Summertime
3. St. Michael's Gallery—Landscape

Top left clockwise:

*Angela Storch  
Lovely Flowers*

*Genie Grey  
Hawk on a Teabag*

*Janine Wilson  
Intersections*





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## Proposal to move NM Expo (the Fairgrounds)

Janine Wilson attended the Bernalillo County hearing on the idea of moving the Fairgrounds. Here is her take.

### FACTS:

It is Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's idea to demolish the Fairgrounds and build housing, a park and small businesses on the 632 acres. Her idea is that it will somehow revitalize the neighborhood and help address the deterioration of the SE heights. She feels the central corridor and the homelessness, drugs, and crime in that area and the Central Ave corridor are a disgrace.

The state owns the land between Lomas, Louisiana, Central and San Pedro. However the Racetrack and Casino are not part of this proposal as they have a 12 year lease. The state approached the Bernalillo County Commission to form a TIDD, a tax incremental district which is a mechanism for providing gross receipts tax (GRT) financing and property tax financing for public infrastructure for the purpose of supporting economic development and job creation.

The proposed TIDD is for the area the Fairgrounds currently occupies and will be voted on at the March Bernalillo County Commission meeting. It then goes to the legislature for a vote. Meanwhile, the state issued an RFP for a Master Plan for the area. Marty Chavez was there as the State Infrastructure Advisor. He stated that the fair only generates \$49,000 in GRT.

Over 200 people attended the meeting and not one person spoke in favor of moving the Fairgrounds. The overwhelming feeling of the public there was that this is being railroaded through despite what the public wants. The fact that the state has issued an RFP before the county or legislature approves the TIDD supports this view.

There is still time to make your voice heard on this issue.

### MY OPINION

I don't see that the proposed building of housing and small businesses will generate much more GRT than the fair. Just looking at the Fair GRT does not take into account the GRT generated by the people who come to the fair as well as the Pow Wow, Gem and Mineral Show, Rio Grande Arts and Crafts Fair, the art exhibitions and all the other events at the fairgrounds. (continued)

A lot of these attendees and vendors are from out of town and spend money on lodging, food and entertainment while here.

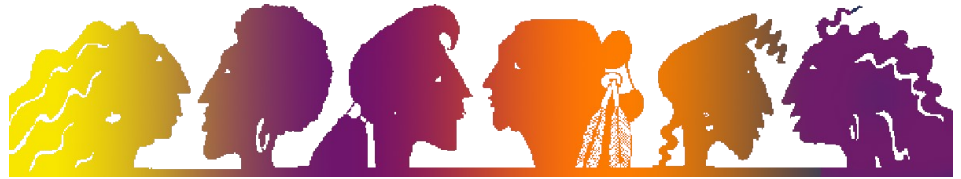
I don't deny something needs to be done about the SE heights and Central corridor. But the money this project would take would be better spent in other ways. We have fewer police than we did 10 years ago so it is no wonder crime is up. Homelessness is a nationwide issue and New Mexico could do better. I would like to see money spent on:

1. Raising the law enforcement salaries so we can increase the size of our force.
2. Financially support the building of low income housing. There are empty lots, hotels that can be converted and empty strip malls for this purpose.
3. Support low income housing residents with vouchers for child care and transportation.
4. A significant portion of homeless are veterans. Create jobs repairing roads, infrastructure, parks maintenance, etc. (ie a WPA program).
5. Put money into job training for the homeless.
6. Finance the increase in mental health services for those who need it.

As a resident of Bernalillo County, I would hate to see the negative economic impact of moving the fairgrounds out of the county. As an artist, I see the move of the fairgrounds to the south valley having a negative impact on the attendance of people coming to the visual art exhibitions that the fairgrounds holds. We have fewer venues for arts organizations every year and this would be a disaster.

If you care about this issue, I suggest you contact your County, state legislator, and Marty Chavez (State Infrastructure Advisor). I intend to let people who vote on this issue know I am against the TIDD and moving the fairgrounds.

Contact information attached.



## Contacts

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You can text photos for **Facebook**  
to Janine at 505-200-1638.

## 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.



Nova De Nise

**3017 GALLERY**  
PRESENTS  
**WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT**

EMPOWERED VOICES: A DYNAMIC ART EXHIBITION CELEBRATING THE STRENGTH, RESILIENCE, AND CREATIVITY OF WOMEN, SHOWING DIVERS WORKS THAT AMPLIFY THEIR STORIES, CHALLENGES, AND TRIUMPHS

**OPENING NIGHT**  
4:30-7 PM

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH**

EXHIBITION WILL HANG THROUGH **APRIL, 8TH**

**3017** ART GALLERY  
3017 MONTE VISTA BLVD NE  
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