February 2026 Newsletter

Rainbow Artists Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 1-3 pm
Highland Senior Center, 131 Monroe
Program: Botanical Prints on Fabric with a Gel Plate by Jackie Hertel

You can purchase gel plates at dickblick.com or make your own (recipe attached). If you don't want to use leaves, you can use stencils. Jackie will do a short demo. There are always surprises with gel prints so get ready to enjoy the unexpected.

SUPPLIES TO BRING:

- 4 8X10 white or pale cotton fabric pieces—for example cut from old pillowcases, sheets. She'll bring extra cotton pieces.
- 8x10 gel plate—Some members who have two may bring an extra if you can't get or make one.
- Paints—We'll use acrylic paints, a better-quality paint works best, but craft paints might give an okay result. A few favorite colors, some light values, some dark.
- A rubbery brayer at least 3" wide.
- Water container and water sprayer.
- Rags, paper towels.
- Plastic or acetate to place under gel plate.
- Printer paper or scrap paper, 10- 15 pieces.
- Apron—It can be messy.
- Fresh leaves or greens**,** flexible leaves with veins and texture, daisy type flowers, grasses or flexible stems. Even house plant leaves. Juniper doesn't work, needles too close together. There will be extra leaves and maybe flowers. Ivy type leaves on vines may work.

ARTportunities

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Sacred Arts Gallery
February 28—May 30
An all media show. Each artist is allowed to submit up to two standard pieces, no larger than 30" wide. The Committee reserves the right to eliminate any piece due to space restrictions, appropriate subject matter, framing issues and aesthetics.
Information and entry form on website.

New Mexico Art League
Works on Paper
April 1—May 16
From drawing and printmaking to collage, painting and mixed media, this exhibition showcases the endless versatility of paper as an artistic surface.
Submission Deadline February 28
Prospectus and entry form here

The remaining 2026 NM Art League calendar is:

- **The Natural World**, May 28-July 7—deadline April 11
- **Roots & Routes**, July 16-August 22—deadline May 23
- **Land of Enchantment**, Sept. 3-October 10—deadline July 11
- **Small Works**, October 22-December 1—deadline August 29
- **Reflections**, December 10-January 9—deadline October 24

Placitas Community Library
The Fabric of Life—Art that Moves You
June 7—July 9
Explore and create garments and accessories designed to be seen, worn, and lived in. "The Fabric of Life" showcases pieces that tell stories—woven from memory, culture, sustainability, and imagination. Bold clothing, whimsical hats, vibrant earrings, kimonos, embellished shoes, scarves, and more are welcome.
Application deadline May 9
Entry form here

The remaining 2026 Library calendar is:

- Elements, July 11-August 13—deadline June 12
- Dia de los Muertos, Sept. 22-Oct. 12—deadline August 24
- Language of Turquoise, Nov. 24-Jan. 4—deadline October 26

ARTspiration

Marie Baron, Nova Denise, Eliza Schmid, and **Janine Wilson** sold work at the La Fonda del Bosque show. In total, 5 paintings, one print and 2 sculptures sold.

Marian Berg and **Tina de la Luz** had a successful exhibit at the Abiquiu Inn and are on the lookout for a venue for another long-term exhibit. Both were accepted to show at the Sanctuary Gallery in Taos. Marian just wants to keep painting in 2026! Hopefully, she'll have more mural and portrait commissions and keep doing art with the hospitalized kids.

Grace Collins, Eliza Schmid and **Janine Wilson** have work in the Sacred Spaces show a Gallery St. Michael through April 19. Poster below.

Janine Wilson has two paintings in the Ekphrastic exhibition by the Yucca Branch of the National League of American Pen Women (https://www.nlapw.org/) at Fusion until March 1.

Rainbow Business

Bank Balance: $1,812.80

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. Volunteers needed.

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

Next Exhibit: Unitarian Church
March 1—April 18
Delivery 11:30 am Saturday, February 28
Pickup 9:40 am Saturday, April 18
If you have not already entered, contact Janine ASAP at 505-200-1638

Remainder of 2026 Exhibition Calendar:

- St. Michael's Gallery
  July 24—September 13
  Drop off Wednesday, July 22, 10:30 to 12:30
  Pick up Wednesday, September 16, 10:30 t0o 12:30
  Reception August 14, 6-7:30 pm
  (Rainbow to bring food; gallery provides liquid refreshments)
  Sunday Coffee reception TBD
- St. John's Cathedral: December 2026:
  Theme: Winter's Majestry

La Fonda del Bosque was our most successful exhibition ever. 5 paintings, one print and 2 sculptures sold.

"Nobody says "Picasso, the male artist." - Patti Smith

2026 Creative Bravos Awards

The City of Albuquerque's Department of Arts & Culture and First Lady Elizabeth Kistin Keller have announced the 2026 Creative Bravos Awards winners.

The 2026 recipients are:

- Fusion Theatre and Dennis Gromelski (Legacy Bravo Award)
- Bookworks
- Yjastros: The American Flamenco Repertory Company
- Rosalinda Rojas
- Albuquerque Concert Band
- Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
- AMP Concerts
- Cardboard Playhouse Theatre Company and The Box Performance Space, led by Doug Montoya and Kristin Berg.

"This year's Creative Bravos honorees embody the heart of Albuquerque in a bold, inclusive, creative, and deeply connected way," said Keller. "Their work strengthens our city, uplifts diverse voices, and ensures that arts and culture remain accessible, meaningful, and transformative.

Events of Interest

A Conspiracy of Corvids - presented by: A Murder of Crones, Women Artists of Albuquerque. At the Los Griegos Public Library .Artists Reception: Wednesday, Feb. 18th, 4:30–6:30 pm. Exhibit will be up through March 20th. A tribute across styles and mediums to New Mexico's favorite family of birds—crows, ravens, rooks, magpies, the whole ramshackle family of scavengers, skalawags, rascals, and tricksters. 1000 Griegos Rd. NW, Abq. A Murder of Crones is a small collective of older women artists who live in the Albuquerque area. We meet monthly to make art and support each other in our artistic journeys.

The Artist Studio's Annual Open Studio Day, Sunday, February 22, 1-4 pm. Tom Cassidy, Marilyn Drake, Cathrine Edlinger-Kunze, Pam Hostetler, Ann Jeffries, Pat Leister, Peggy Maury, Lee McVey, John Meister, Barbara Nahler, Toni Seidel and Greg Sorber, who work in a variety of styles and mediums, invite you to visit their individual studios. 8200A & B Menaul

Road Trip, oil on canvas mounted on panel, Joan Fenicle

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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.

2026 Membership Fees Due

Dues are $15 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:

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Scholarships are available.