May 2026 Newsletter

Rainbow Artists Annual Picnic
Tuesday, May 18, 1-3 pm
Tiguex Park,
1800 Mountain Road NW

Don't forget, Tuesday, May 19 is our annual picnic at Tiguex Park across from Albuquerque Museum.

Come at 12:30 and bring a chair and your lunch. We will be under a big shade tree. Hope to see you there.

Miguela, kneeling still, put it to her lip". Watercolor painting published as frontispiece in: "The Spanish Jade" by Maurice Hewlett, Harper's magazine, 113: September 1906.

ARTportunities

New Mexico Art League
Roots and Routes
July 16—August 22
Exploring the ties that ground us and the paths that carry us forward. Whether reflecting on heritage, migration, cultural traditions, or personal journeys, artists are invited to interpret how identity is shaped by both where we come from and where we are going.
Submission Deadline May 23
Prospectus and entry form here

The remaining 2026 NM Art League calendar is:

- **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
Elements
July 11—August 13
Enter a realm where the forces that shape our planet come alive in color, form and texture. Elements is an art exhibition that celebrates the beauty of Earth, Wind, Fire and Water—the four primal energies that have inspired myth, science, and creativity for centuries.
Application deadline June 12
Entry form here

The remaining 2026 Library calendar is:

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

Deadline for Submissions of Unsolicited Proposals
The Bernalillo County Public Art Program is currently accepting proposals for existing works of visual art including but not limited to fiber arts, sculpture, painting, printmaking, drawing, vernacular art, collage, archival-quality printed photography, and mixed media. through our Unsolicited Proposals Process. They encourage New Mexico-based artists of all backgrounds and abilities to apply. Artists may submit up to three artworks per artist proposal and please note, the Deadline for submissions May 31
Information and submission criteria here

ARTspiration

Joan Fenicle invites you to *In the Spirit of Haiku* at Wild Hearts Gallery in Placitas, June 2-28. First Sunday ARTScrawl June 7, 11-1, will feature a presentation with some stories behind the paintings. A reception will be Saturday, June 13, 1-3 pm. Despite a bout with shingles, followed by a nasty fall mending horse fences that resulted in an infection (on the same leg as the shingles, of course), she is actually almost ready for the show—picking up work from the framer tomorrow ready to photograph and price. Postcard invitation Page 3

Roberta Delgado's *Full Circle* was part of the April Community Art exhibit at Off Center It was also part of the ABQ Art Walk. Image Page 3.

Marie Baron and **Sylvia Domney** had sales at the Unitarian show. Sylvia's image is on Page 3.

Angela Storch has three paintings at the Cathedral of Saint John's Gallery on 318 Silver Avenue SW. Show ends Sunday, July 26. Image Page 4.

Martha Heard sends greetings from Spain and this note: It was Rainbow Artists who 25 years ago sponsored the first World Book Day in Albuquerque. A colleague and Martha organized it and for six years promoted it. They wore out and sometimes a bookstore, NHC-Cor Cervantes Institute or UNM would do events. There had been no activity for a few years until the Cervantes Institute has picked it up and had a day-long celebration April 25 with books for sale.

Grace Collins has submitted a new image of hers (at right) for the newsletter. Lovely Grace. Keep creating.

(My apologies if I have missed anyone—have been barely functioning; today feeling better than I have in a couple months.)

Rainbow Business

Bank Balance: $2,063.65

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.

Remainder of 2026 Exhibition Calendar:

- Highland Senior Center
  July 10—July 31
  Drop off July 10 (details on page 3)
- 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 to 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:
  October 28—January 31
  Theme: Winter's Majestry

Exhibit Opportunity

Genie Gray has arranged a show for us at the Highland Senior Center July 10-July 31. It is a smaller space than she thought, a 26'x6' wall (image attached), so we are limiting it to **one piece per artist** maximum size 16"x20" at this time depending on interest. We think we can hang two levels. I will make labels. We are asking for an image of the artwork so we can do some preplanning.

Important Information
No Theme
Size - not larger than 16"x20"
Doesn't have to be current but not shown in a Rainbow show in the last two years. Let's keep our exhibits fresh.
Highland will **NOT** handle sales so contact information will have to be on the label.
There will be a Liability Statement to sign.

Dates
-**Monday June 15** - Deadline to get information to me Sue Clover (sjoclover@gmail.com) on interest. Put Highland Show in subject line.
Include:
- image of painting,
- title,
- size,
- artist name,
- media
- contact information for purchase.

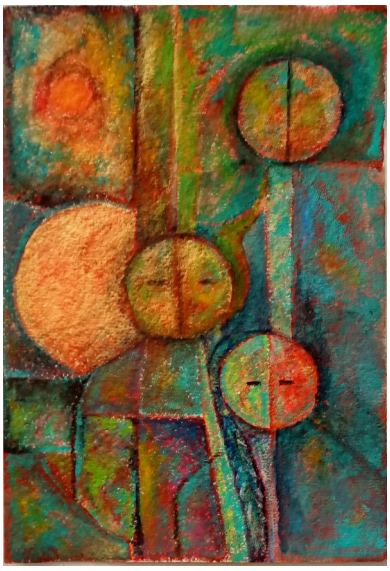
-**Dropoff-Friday, July 10th** 1 pm (*after lunch* -not before 1pm please). Bring artwork to social hall (cafeteria) of Highland Senior Center. Highland will do the hanging for liability reasons.
-**Pickup unsold work -Friday, July 31** - 1 pm (again *after lunch*, so as not to cause confusion with Highland staff and lunch folks.)

More Artspiration

Above: Invitation to *In the Spirit of Haiku*

At right:
Full Circle
Roberta Delgado

Below:
Sylvia Domney



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

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:

Janine Wilson
12812 Bryce Court NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112

Scholarships are available.

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.

Thoughts in Blue, Angela Storch