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This property provides a unique opportunity with two homes adjoined near downtown Silver City. Set on spacious 0.689-acre lot, this property has one house in good condition and another in fixer-upper status, perfect for investment or multi-family living. Enjoy the convenience of a detached two-car garage, large backyard and a versatile workshop, providing endless possibilities for your projects or hobbies. Whether you're looking to renovate, expand, or simply enjoy your vibrant community, this property offers the best of both worlds. MLS #40646 \$200,000



Wonderful opportunity to own a home in the heart of Silver City, NM! Walk to the coffee shop, the Co-op, the Farmer's Market, the Park...well, you get the picture! This 2 bedroom + bonus room/1 bath home is full of charm. Coved ceilings add a classic, warm feel. Enjoy a fire in the fireplace on a winter evening. Share meals with friends and family in the formal dining room with built-in hutch. Newer kitchen has room for everyone to help! Lots of windows and natural light. You will feel right at home when you walk through the door! Make this yours! MLS #40666 \$350,000



This 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Pueblo-style home is sized for simplicity intertwined with modern comfort and a convenient location. From the moment you step inside, you'll be enchanted by the inviting warmth of a gas-fired flame of the kiva style fireplace, creating your cozy retreat in the heart of Silver City, NM. This well-crafted home has been thoughtfully designed around the kitchen, ensuring a seamless blend of style and functionality. Outside, a green oasis awaits in the form of a relaxing backyard, complete with irrigation system, offering the ideal setting for unwinding amidst the tranquility of nature. Don't miss your chance to experience the enchantment of southwest living, schedule a viewing today and prepare to be captivated! MLS# 40571 \$359,900



Escape to tranquility with this cozy 1,195 sq. ft. home on 13.99 secluded acres in Gila, NM. This two bedroom one bathroom site built home features 360 degree breathtaking mountainous views, a cozy guest casita, a unique Japanese bathtub, RV hookup, a carport, and plenty of storage. Originally a horse property, it is fenced nearly all the way around. This home offers full privacy and peace & quiet, and even has an outdoor bathtub for your enjoyment. The spacious grounds provide endless possibilities for outdoor activities and relaxation. Embrace quiet, peaceful and rural living just 35 miles out of Silver City. MLS #40598 \$397,000



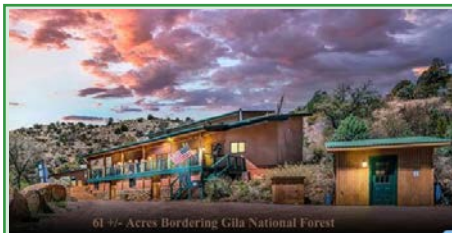
Country meets modern amenities in this BEAUTIFUL custom home on almost 12 acres in the Lower Mimbres Valley. The 1096 sq/ft home features 9 ft ceilings, a newly remodeled kitchen/granite counters, custom cabinets and newer appliances. The primary bedroom/bath features a jetted garden tub. Both showers are custom, designer tiled. Murphy bed highlights the guest bedroom. This gated and fenced horse property features a breezeway attached drive-through garage, a separate 875 sq/ft heated/cooled garage/potential casita with half bath, and a metal carport. Horse facilities consist of a 36x12 ft stable with tack room, corral and hay barn plus a run in shed and pasture. Fenced garden with raised beds. The yard is meticulously landscaped with beautiful plantings. MLS#40306 \$488,000



Gorgeous custom home in a park-like setting features 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, office, two living areas, dining room and big open kitchen with an island and breakfast bar. Laundry room services both primary bedroom and kitchen. Szygy tile featured plus laminate flooring in all bedrooms. Great split floorplan with french doors leading to patio from guest bedroom and primary bedroom. Also features a two car garage, paved driveway and parking area on 3.6 acres as well as 2 heating/air conditioning units. Don't miss the amazing views and private location. This is a relocation listing. MLS#40489 \$560,000



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EDITOR'S NOTE | DAVID SALCIDO

Changing with the seasons

Another month is upon us and festive season is winding down, but the holiday season is picking up and with it a whole new set of celebrations. Holiday markets abound and will continue to do so throughout the rest of the year. Because we live in New Mexico, however, it doesn't mean getting outdoors and enjoying all that our enchanting state has to offer ever really stops. We've got a few suggestions for you year-round adventurers. You'll find them inside, along with the winning entry in the annual Desert Exposure Writing Contest, and more. So much more.

You see, there's always something going on in our little corner of the world. If you haven't already done so, I would recommend that you sign up for our weekly newsletter. In it you'll find articles and information that go beyond our monthly print offering. Let's face it, we live in the land of mañana, which means sometimes organizers don't get around to promoting their events until closer to the date. All that information goes on to our website, and from there into our newsletter. If you're not

signed up, you're not getting the full DEX experience.

That said, you may have noticed that there have been a few changes in the pages of Desert Exposure. We've added a few more features and expanded others, so as to include more information about events and happenings taking place throughout the region. Plans are underway to include more voices, more ideas, more history. Our goal is to reach as many people as possible, and to do that, we need to broaden our horizons a bit. Unfortunately, that means having to remove other features that don't quite fit within that progressive model.

One of the casualties has been the column shrinking from several pages to one in a process that began long before I took over the editorial helm. Interest had been waning, and with it a call for more relevant information. We debated over when would be the right time to pull the plug, but ultimately it just came down to space. 36 pages doesn't give us much room to play with, especially when over half

that amount is dedicated to advertisements. We're working on expanding the format, but that takes time. In the meantime, changes had to be made.

I am always interested in hearing what you, the reader, has to say about Desert Exposure and, as such, invite you to drop me a line. Just no mean tweets, please. Negative reviews are fine. I don't expect everybody to agree with our changes. I do, however, ask that if you are going to correspond, you keep the dialog friendly and coherent. Civility never goes out of style. We really are receptive to your comments and criticisms. It helps us to grow. That said, I thank you, once again, for your patronage, and invite you to peruse the pages Desert Exposure at your leisure.



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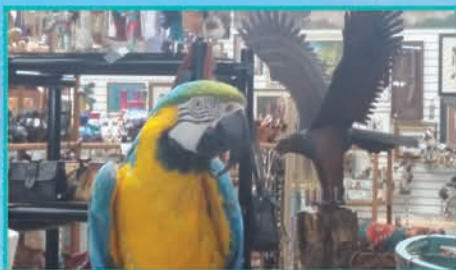
Kathleen Forbes took this beautiful shot at Trees Lake in Deming "on a serene late August morning."

If you have a favorite recent photo capturing the nature of life and living in southern New Mexico, please share it with us, along with some words about the image and where it was taken. It will be considered for publication in a future issue of Desert Exposure. Submit photos to editor@desertexposure.com.

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"Shadow Bear" is part of the ongoing exhibition at the Silver City Museum, by Mimbres artist Jesse Ochoa, whose profile can be found on page 10.



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The End of Life Film Festival takes place 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Silco Theater, 311 N. Bullard St., Silver City. Info: 575-574-2346

53rd Annual Renaissance Arts Faire →

The Dona Ana Arts Council's annual family-friendly affair – which annually attracts over ten thousand visitors – is back, with artists and vendors from throughout the realm, delicious food, children's activities, live entertainment on the main stage, and more.

The Renaissance Arts Faire runs 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 2-3, at Young Park, 850 S. Walnut, Las Cruces. Info: 575-523-6403

FESTIVITIES

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BY THE DEXTER



2024 Silver City Art Association Independent Artists Holiday Market ↓

The SCAA continues the tradition, after the pandemic, of offering holiday shoppers unique gifts at affordable prices, along with homemade treats, live music by Peter Dahl-Bredine and Marc Yakley, and a relaxing break from the holiday rush.

The SCAA Independent Artists Holiday Market takes place 4-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 8, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Murray Hotel Ballroom, 200 W. Broadway, Silver City. Info: SilverCityRed-Dot@gmail.com



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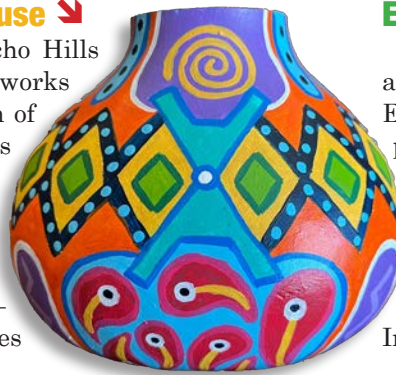




2024 Holly Day House ↘

The Artists of Picacho Hills annual event features works on display from fifteen of the group's members – including ceramics, folk art, jewelry, paintings, glass works, decorative gourds and weaving – proving great art makes great gifts.

The Holly Day House art show runs 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 15, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday Nov. 16, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 Griggs Ave., Las Cruces. Info: LCFel01@msn.com



Elephant Butte Fine Arts & Crafts Show ↘

This holiday event features locally-made, one-of-a-kind items at two locations: the Elephant Butte Events Center, and Bigfoot Wine Patio, where you can peruse art and enjoy food, wine and holiday cheer to benefit Sierra County Cancer Assistance.

The Elephant Butte Fine Arts & Crafts Show takes place 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 23 at Elephant Butte RV Resort Center, 402 Butte Blvd, and Bigfoot Wine Patio, 212 Warm Springs Blvd. Info: 575-740-3971

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2024 Christmas Jubilee ↑

Over 75 local vendors and food trucks take part in this annual shopping extravaganza, with a family activity room for all ages, live performances, a visit by Smokey Bear and all proceeds going toward charitable organizations in Lincoln County.

The 2024 Christmas Jubilee runs 12-5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 8; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9; and 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 409-313-3868

11th Annual Red Paint Powwow & Indian Market

An international and intertribal event the entire family can enjoy as Native peoples come together to join in dancing, singing, visiting, renewing friendships, and making new ones, with contests, vendors, Native performers, and more.

The Red Pain Powwow & Indian Market takes place Nov. 15-17, at WNMU Double Intramural Gym, 1000 W. College Ave., Silver City. Info: RedPaintPowwow.com



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HomeGrown: A New Mexico Food Show & Gift Market ↓

The tenth annual event provides opportunities to sample and shop for New Mexico's award-winning food products from over 60 vendors that are part of NMDA's "Taste the Tradition" and "Grown with Tradition" campaigns.

HomeGrown takes place 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 23, and 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 24, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, Las Cruces. Info: 575-522-4100

**Winter Fling Holiday Crafts Fair** ↑

Hosted by the Deming Gem & Mineral Society, this annual holiday event features original art and fine handcrafts by local artists in a variety of mediums, including pen and ink, oils, watercolor, jewelry, photography, pottery, metals and more.

The Winter Fling Holiday Crafts Fair takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 23, and 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 24, at South Western New Mexico Fair Grounds, 4200 Raymond Reed Blvd. Deming. Info: 575-546-2554

**Winterfest** ↑

The city of El Paso is transformed into a winter wonderland as the Downtown Arts Festival Plaza and the surrounding areas come to life with lights, food, holiday shopping, festivals, and even an ice skating rink, kicking off with the WinterFest Lights Parade.

WinterFest starts at 4:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 23, and runs through Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025, at San Jacinto Plaza, 114 W. Mills Ave., El Paso. Info: EPWinterFest.com

Village of Cloudcroft Christmas Market ↓

Head out to the "Christmas Capital of New Mexico" for its annual holiday extravaganza, with a wide selection of homemade crafts, food vendors and live music, followed by a stroll down Burro Avenue and the Community Tree Lighting.

The Village of Cloudcroft Christmas Market runs 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 29, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 30, at Cloudcroft High School, 10 Swallow Pl., Cloudcroft. Info: 575-682-2733



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Elemental: The Indigenous-Inspired Art of Jesse Ochoa

By Lisa Jimenez

For the majority of his 80 years, Jesse Ochoa has had a love affair with wood. From owning his own lumber yard to selling hardwood and designer furniture for various international companies, to award-winning wood carver, today Ochoa's stylized, indigenous-inspired art works fill his dreams with design and possibility. Through December, his carvings fill the Besse-Forward Gallery of the Silver City Museum in the annual Arte Chicano Exhibit, alongside his photographs of The Crown Dance, an Apache ceremonial dance for healing and protection of the community.

"I don't know how I do it," says Ochoa, who insists that he's not an artist, nor a furniture designer, or interior designer, though he's invented novel solutions to perplexing furniture design challenges and designed more than one showroom in his day. "I'm able to see the proportions and the balance of a piece, but only as I get into the wood, then it all comes together."

The gradual process of revealing each piece, many of them quite large, begins with an image, often a drawing, which

is then translated to a cardboard pattern. He attaches the pattern to both sides of a large block of basswood, which has



been set with dowels, then using a bandsaw, the initial shaping begins. He then takes it apart, clamps it back together, and begins carving.

"I like to start with something fat and take it off until I'm able to see it," he explained. "The process keeps me hooked, present in the

moment."

The process also provides a therapeutic channel for his active mind and deep desire to problem solve and to chase perfection. His fascination with wood carving actually began in earnest after a particularly stressful time in his career "I push myself pretty hard, and am my own worst critic," he said, reflecting on his life.

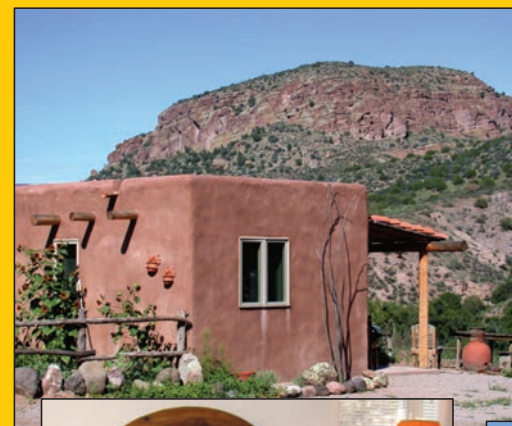
That continual striving for perfection is evident in each carving, inspired by the indigenous peoples of the North-

western U.S., where he visited and was enthralled with their depiction of orcas, ravens, bears and totem poles. His pieces are characterized by movement; wind blowing through a horse's mane, the shape of a whale's dorsal fin and tail as it glides through water, or the angle of a raven's wings in flight. A bear in the exhibit, now three years in the mak-

JESSE OCHOA

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ing, still awaits its final touches as it silently walks across the land, it's head turned inquisitively toward the viewer. The final signature of Ochoa's work is a silky-smooth surface, offering no hint of the hundreds of tool marks lovingly laid to breathe life into each piece.

Diana Ingalls Leyba, exhibit curator, artist and recipient of this year's Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, said she is thrilled to feature Ochoa's work in Arte Chicano, an exhibit she created years ago to celebrate Chicano art, which she calls "underrepresented."

"I appreciate the fact that he's self-taught. I was really surprised by that," she said. "His pieces have elegant lines and fine craftsmanship. I'm happy to show his work to a wider audience."



His interest in photography began later in life, after he and his wife Olivia relocated from Southern California to the Mimbres Valley. He landed a job as an advertising sales rep for the Silver City Sun-News, and soon began taking photos for his customers. Now his obsession with excellence includes this art form, and the earnings from his creations support his penchant for new carving tools and photo gear. "I've never smoked or drank," he said with a wide smile, "I buy equipment."

He became interested in the Chiricahua Apaches after relocating to their native lands. He volunteered with the annual Red Paint Pow Wow (happening this year on November 17-19 on the campus of WNMU in Silver City) and was invit-

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ed recently to photograph The Crown Dance at the Gila Cliff Dwellings. Each of his carvings in the exhibit is accompanied by a photo Ochoa took at the dance, held in darkness, pierced only by the flames of the ceremonial fire.

The casual viewer could miss the connections between the carvings and photographs, yet each speaks of something elemental, born of the earth: wind and wood, fire; creatures of the earth and the sea. Both reflect and honor the indigenous way of life, a call to steward all of creation. Master carver and photographer Jesse Ochoa's love affair with wood inspires all this and more.



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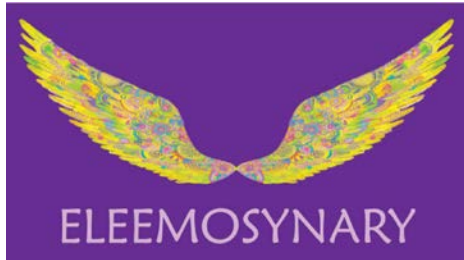
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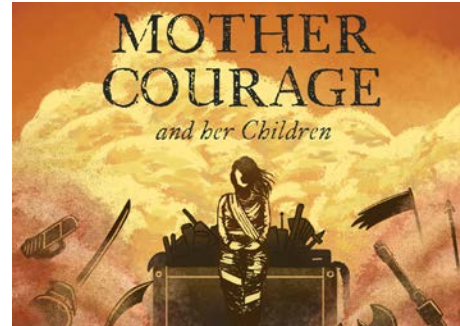
Eleemosynary runs 4 p.m., Oct. 31 – Nov. 14, at Starlight Theatre, 1915 Gold St., Silver City. Info: 575-519-8375



President's Chamber Music Series: WOR

A band of five musicians whose curiosity, charm, and talent has led to a niche goldmine of 18th-century melodies, from the Flanders region of Belgium, set to stunning contemporary arrangements, shining an inventive spotlight on the past.

WOR will perform at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Light Hall Theatre, 1000 W. College Ave., Silver City. Info: 575-538-6300



Mother Courage and Her Children

German dramatist Bertolt Brecht's 1939 anti-war musical set in 17th century Europe and following the plight of a woman who operates a rolling canteen business during the Thirty Years War is given new life under the direction of Larissa Lury.

Mother Courage and her Children runs 7:30 & 2 p.m., Nov. 8-17, at the ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave., Las Cruces. Info: 575-646-5122



Pamyua

Alaska's most famous Inuit band makes two stops in southern New Mexico, showcasing their culture through music and dance performance, derived from traditional melodies reinterpreted with contemporary vibes, that has been described as "Inuit Soul Music."

Pamyua performs first at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 14, at Light Hall Theatre, 10-00 W. College Ave., Silver City; then at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave., Alamogordo. Info: Pamyua.com

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Upcoming area art happenings

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SILVER CITY

• The **Francis McCray Gallery of Contemporary Art**, 101-237 W. Rhoda Rd., Silver City, presents a retrospective exhibition of the works of **Lois Duffy** as part of the Edwina and Charles Milner Women in the Arts Lecture and Exhibition Series. The exhibition runs through Nov. 14, with an artist lecture at 6 p.m., Oct. 17., in the Light Hall Theater, followed by an opening reception.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Info: 575-538-6517

• The **Besse Gallery** at the **Silver City Museum**, 312 W. Broadway St., Silver City, presents the work of **Jesse Ochoa**, who brings a distinctive style to his art known as stylized wood carving, while his photographic work reaches new heights with a rare and privileged glimpse into contemporary Apache culture. The exhibition will run through the end of Dec.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday-Sunday. Info: 575-538-5921

• The **Grant County Art Guild Gallery**, 316 N Bullard in Silver

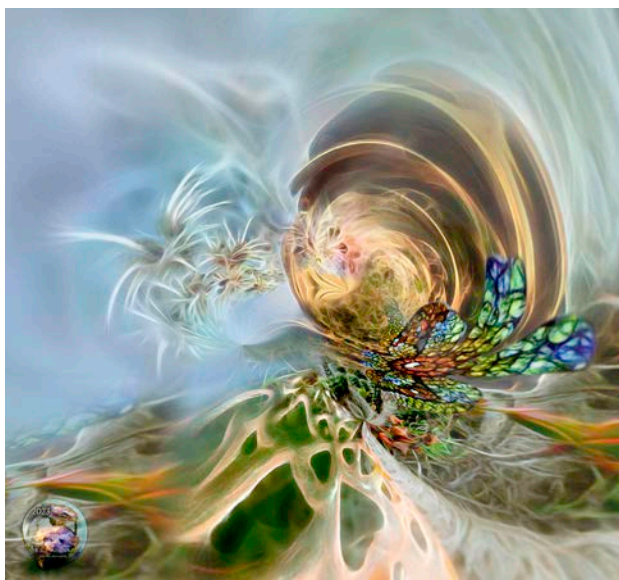
City, will hold multiple drawings for free art on **Love Local Saturday**, Nov. 30. Love Local is a national event that supports small businesses, and a number of downtown businesses will offer special discounts or prizes throughout the day. Doors will stay open until the start of the parade.

The GCAG Gallery, 316 N Bullard, is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. seven days a week, with additional hours for special events. Info: gcag.org.

• The **Grant County Art Guild Studio**, 211 N. Texas, Ste C, Silver City, presents **“Reconfigured Visions,”** an exhibition by **Kenneth Hadlock** and **Val Weston**, November 16-17; 22-24. While their styles are quite dissimilar, the artists both reconfigure their original photos until they morph into a fresh incarnation of reality. An opening reception will be held 4-7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 15

Studio hours for this show are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Nov. 16, 22, 23; and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 17 & 24. Info: Studio@gcag.org

• **Light Art Space**, 209 W. Broadway, Silver City, presents the **“Fearlessly Independent Artist Showcase,”** a selection of works by independent artists who are currently members of the



“Like a Refuge,” a 36x30” metal print by Ken Hadlock is part of the Fearlessly Independent Artist Showcase at Light Art Space, opening Nov. 14. (Courtesy photo)



“Ghost Orchid” by Clyde Butcher is one of 45 large format photographic prints on display at the Las Cruces Museum of Art. (Courtesy photo)

Silver City Art Association. The exhibition runs Thursday, Nov. 14 – Sunday, Dec. 1, with an opening reception 5-7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 15.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday; and by appointment. Info: LightArtSpace.com.

ALAMOGORDO

• **Otero Artspace**, 1118 Indiana Ave., Alamogordo, presents **“Desert Light & Mountain Shadows,”** a showcase by Silver City artist **Donna Foley** who works with native and traditional dyes to create intensely colorful tapestries, which are then finished with beads, roots, stones and feathers. The exhibition runs Nov. 1-30, with an opening reception 5-7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 1.

The gallery is open 1-4 p.m. Thursday to Sunday every week. Info: oteroarts.org.

CLOUDCROFT

• The **Cloudcroft Art Society**, 90 Swallow Pl., Cloudcroft, presents its annual **Holiday Arts and Crafts Show**, featuring art in many mediums, including photography, pottery, greeting cards, glass art, fiber art, jewelry, gourd art, and

more. The show starts on Oct. 5 and runs 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturdays, through November. Info: ccartsociety@gmail.com.

DEMING

• The **Deming Art Center**, 100 S. Gold St., Deming, presents the annual **Recycle Show**, sponsored by Luna County and “Keep Luna County Beautiful,” featuring pieces of art made from at least 90% recycled materials and crafted by artists of all ages. The show runs Nov. 2-29, with an opening reception from 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday. Info: 575-546-3663 and DemingArts.org.

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

• **RioBravoFineArt**, 110 N. Broadway, Truth or Consequences, presents **“Mergers and Acquisitions,”** a fiber exhibition by **Suzanne Pointon** mixing textures, fabrics and colors to explore themes with a certain familiarity that are given a fresh perspective with the dimension-

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ality of fiber elements. The exhibition runs Nov. 9, 2024 – Jan. 26, 2025.

Gallery hours are 12-5 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday, and by appointment. Info: www.riobravofineartgallery.com.

LAS CRUCES

• **The Agave Artists Cooperative Gallery**, 2250 Calle de San Albino, Mesilla, features the work of four mosaic

artists: Cate Thommasen, Vickie Morrow, Lisa Carlson, and Glenn Philips for the month of November. A discussion of mosaic art history and the varied techniques and materials used will take place at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday-Monday. Info: 913-302-1111

• **The Branigan Cultural Center**, 501 N. Main St., Las Cruces, presents "The Ballard Photo Studio: A Portrait of Community," featuring more than 200 photographic works by Las Cruces photographer Jim Ballard of



The first exhibition by the Las Cruces Metals Guild continues its run at The Hood in Las Cruces through Nov. 11. (Courtesy photo)

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fering a portrait of the Mesilla Valley community between 1930 and 1950.. The exhibit will be on view through Feb 15, 2025.

The Branigan Cultural Center is open 10 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday. Admission is free. Info: 575-541-2154.

• **Gallery 925**, 925 N. Mesquite St., Las Cruces, presents **The Potters' Guild Holiday Market** featuring the largest display in Las Cruces of local ceramic works – both decorative and functional – by the potters who make Empty



“Serjisim: The Industrial Art of Serjik Leon” is on display through Nov. 26 at the Mad Hatter Gallery. (Courtesy photo)

Bowls possible. The exhibit will be on display Nov. 22 – Dec. 22, with an opening reception 4-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 22.

Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m., Fridays; 11-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Info: Gallery925LCNM.com

• **The Hood**, 3206 Harrelson St., Las Cruces hosts the first exhibition for the **Las Cruces Metals Guild**, featuring work by eight New Mexico State University metalsmithing students, three alumni, and seven community members. The exhibit will be on display through Nov. 11.

Gallery hours are 12-5 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, 12-4 p.m. Sundays. Info: 575-621-0931

• **The Las Cruces Museum of Art**, 491 N. Main St., Las Cruces, presents “**Clyde Butcher: Lifeworks in Photography**,” featuring 45 photographic prints in large format black & white, spanning his 50-year career and encompassing a wide range of images, from intimate portraits of a rare ghost orchid

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to majestic American landscapes. The exhibit will be on view through Dec. 28.

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday. Admission is free. Info: 575-541-2137.

• **The Lundeen Gallery** at the Lundeen Inn of the Arts, 618 S. Alameda Blvd., Las Cruces presents the colorful paintings of **Rebecca Courtney** whose work represents how the desert creates balance and beauty as expressed through the Zia symbol. The exhibit will be on view throughout the month of November, with a reception 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 2.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Fri-

day, and by appointment on Saturday. Info: 575-649-9080

• **The Mad Hatter Gallery**, 221 N. Main St., Las Cruces, presents “**Serjism: The Industrial Art of Serjik Leon**,” featuring a collaboration between waste and art utilizing manufacturing castoffs to create light boxes illuminated by led lights. The exhibition will be on display through Nov. 26, with an opening reception 5-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday. Info: 575-528-9297

• **The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery**, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the historic Fountain Theatre, features two local artists for the month of October: **Ray Baird** and



The works of five local artists creating “Wearable Arts” will be on display at the Tombaugh Art Gallery for the month of November. (Courtesy photo)

Kerry O’Neill. Baird is an oil painter whose work, lightly described as Impressionistic Expressionism, uses translucent complimentary colors that represent feelings. O’Neill is a ceramicist who teaches elementary art in the public schools.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Info: 575-522-2933, mesillavalleyfinearts.com

• **Rio Grande Fine Art/Picture Frame Outlet**, 382 S. Walnut St., Las Cruces, presents “**Foundlings**,” a new series of genre-defying artwork by **Dina D’Argo**, combining abstract with realism, and traditional painting techniques with three-dimension forms. The exhibition runs throughout the month of November.

Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday. Info: 575-526-4048

• **The Tombaugh Art Gallery**, Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S Solano, Las Cruces, presents its holiday exhibition

“**Wearable Arts**,” featuring local artists – Ann Angelo, Kathy Baker, Michelle Arterburn, Sally Dent and Nancy Anderson – who make jewelry, weaving, clothing, and hats for everyday wear.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday-Saturday; 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Sunday, or by appointment. Info: 575-522-7281

• **The University Art Museum**, 1308 E. University Ave., Las Cruces, presents “**Border Destroyer**,” a monumental mural project by New York-based artist and educator, **Carlos Rosales-Silva**, installed in the Mullennix Bridge Gallery. Border Destroyer will be on display through March 8, 2025. An artist talk with Rosales-Silva will be held on Thursday, October 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Info: UAM.NMSU.edu

• **The University Art Museum**, 1308 E. University Ave., Las Cruces, presents “**Night Vision**,” a solo exhibition showcas-



The work of Donna Foley will be on display throughout the month of November at Otero Artspace. (Courtesy photo)



“**Fighand**” by Carolyn Salas, is part of the “**Night Vision**” exhibition at the New Mexico State University Art Museum. (Photo by Lawrence Elizabeth Knox.)

ing the spellbinding sculptures of Carolyn Salas whose finished pieces are steel-cut aluminum, marble, wood, glass and a variety of new printing technologies. Night Vision will be on display through March 8, 2025.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Info: UAM.NMSU.edu

• **The University Art Museum**, 1308 E. University Ave., Las Cruces, presents a group exhibition showcasing artwork

by **Andy Warhol** and his contemporaries, including **Jasper Johns**, **Roy Lichtenstein**, **Sol LeWitt**, and **Fritz Scholder**. The exhibition will include loaned artwork from the Tucson Museum of Art and works from the NMSU Permanent Art Collection. “**Warhol & Friends**” will be on display through July 19, 2025.

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The Passenger by Therese North

Sammy was tired. 'Dog tired' his mother used to say. He felt like the double-shifts at the mine were killing him, 'but the pay was killer,' he laughed to himself. So, as the late October day stretched into dusk, he wasn't quite sure that the figure standing by the side of the road had his thumb out or not. All Sammy knew was that it was cold and raw, spitting rain. Not typical Southwest New Mexico weather, but one he wouldn't want to be out in, so he pulled his car over to the side of the road in front of the man and waited for him to come up to the passenger door.

As the man rather slowly and stiffly got into the car, Sammy smiled. "Lousy night to be out in, huh? Where

to friend?"

Without looking at Sammy the man pointed straight at the windshield and muttered lowly, "Memory Lane."

The way he pointed forward with just his one finger extended, reminded Sammy of the 'Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come' from Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol.' He wanted to laugh but thought better of it. There was something about the somber figure that was unsettling. If he was hoping for some lively conversation to keep him awake while he drove, he knew that wasn't going to happen. Still, he was grateful for the company, and it was only about five miles into Silver City and Memory Lane.

It occurred to Sammy that there wasn't much on Memory Lane, a couple of houses, a bowling alley, the RV Park and the cemetery. He wanted

to say something, but instead turned the radio station to KRWG, hoping the program 'Fiesta' would lighten the mood. The thought of stealing sideways glances at the man seemed somehow perverse, plus his fatigue was enticement enough to keep his eyes on the road. By the time they turned left onto Memory Lane, it was completely dark, and the rain had gleefully picked up its pace.

Because the man still hadn't said anything, when Sammy came up to the entrance of the cemetery, he cleared his throat and spoke.

"Okay, this is it. End of the line," which it was, as the road dead-ended at the cemetery.

His passenger nodded thanks, again without looking at him, and as silently as he entered, he exited the car and closed the door. As he did so, a sharp

glance of lightning cut the night sky, and the rain poured down with abandon. The man was nowhere to be seen.

"What the...?!" Sammy quickly got out of the car to look for the man but was just as quickly chased back in by the fury of the storm. He gripped the steering wheel tightly and tried to peer through the rain-soaked windshield and past the movement of the wiper blades.

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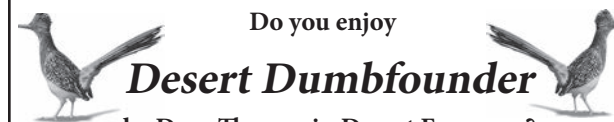


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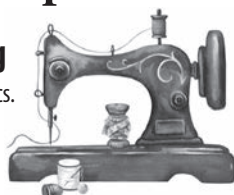
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Did you know that fifty artists within Silver City Art Association are independents, the largest bloc in the Association? SCAA independent artists work on their own and generally do not own a studio or gallery. Every year at this time, these artists come together to exhibit their works. This year, the exhibition will be held at Light Art Space, 209 W. Broadway.

Thirty-eight artists are represented: working in a wide variety of media, including painting, sculpture, ceramics, fiber, jewelry, assemblage, photography, printmaking, and mixed media. This show promises to be the largest and most eclectic ever!

I asked five independent artists, who will participate in this year's showcase, to share their creative lives here in Silver City. I asked each artist some questions I'd been asked as an artist new to Silver City: What do you make? Where do you work? How did you learn of Silver City? Has your move to Silver city affected your work? How has SCAA nurtured your art life? These are their answers.

Susan Mach, ceramic artist, moved from California after visiting Silver City several times with a teaching friend who introduced her to the Clay Festival and the arts community in town. She was drawn to the small population; having taught in a sprawling L.A. suburb for thirty years. Silver City's geography and seasonal changes were also welcomed and have been a positive influence on her life and work.

Settling in Arenas Valley, Susan built a studio to house her ceramic practice. She makes functional and sculptural pieces, using hand built and wheel thrown techniques, and uses several decorating techniques, nearly always the element of texture and often a sense of whimsy. Susan is very appreciative of the comradery, sense of community and support SCAA provides her.

Myron Weckwerth, painter, arrived in New Mexico as a high schooler, and lived in many places throughout the state. He settled here to be closer to family.

The biggest influence Silver City has had on Myron's art is the Mimbres designs. His paintings reflect Native American symbology and spiritualism. Adapting them to the round surfaces of his home-grown gourds is his latest passion. The weather is important because Myron works outside (spray

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painting and power sanding), and the long growing season is beneficial to his gourds. This process could take a year: planting, harvesting, drying, carving and painting. His gourds are grown in containers on the north side of town.

Myron feels lucky to have found artists, gallery owners, and the SCAA. They have been very supportive; giving him encouragement and inspiration.

Rhonda Munzinger, jeweler, spent her career in large west coast cities and was attracted to Silver City's size. She wanted to live in a small town with low traffic; in a way that leaves a very small energy and resource footprint. She lives in a tiny house with a studio near downtown that uses both city electricity and solar energy. She also collects rainwater. Silver City is a town

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By Kathleen
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where one gets to know the arts community, and Rhonda was able to slow down, get closer to nature and concentrate on developing her jewelry ideas. The SCAA artists she has become close to stimulate, challenge and support her. Rhonda's unique jewelry style begins with meticulously chosen stones and rare pearls which inspire her organic style.

Cheryl Howard, mixed-media artist/poet, discovered Silver City driving from El Paso to Tucson. After spending time exploring, she decided this would be a good place to retire. She liked the museums, art, coffee shops, number of artists and friendly people, university, hospital, and the beautiful landscape. Cheryl settled in the Mimbres Valley, with a spacious studio, gardens, fruit trees and chickens.

Cheryl was making jewelry, which is still part of her practice, but lately she has become drawn to gel plate printing, collage, acrylic and watercolor painting. Cheryl writes

poetry and incorporates her writings into handmade books and folded paper projects, often decorated with prints, beads, and found objects. She recently joined SCAA and is getting to know other members who are active in the arts community.

Kit West, printmaker, first heard about Silver City from a customer in the bookstore she owned in southern Mexico. A long journey from there to here, she now lives off grid and works in a tent in the woods near the Gila Forest.

Kit is a printmaker and writer. She makes lino-cut prints, using slow drying acrylics due to New Mexico's dry climate, and because she likes the coverage and how it looks: not so harsh but softer, when printed. She also uses thin Japanese rice paper with high cotton fiber content. This gives the print a soft, antique look. Lately she is adding poetry, photo transfers and bits of other prints, like collage.

The Silver City Art Association's Fearlessly Independent Showcase takes place Thursday, Nov. 14 to Sunday, Dec. 1. Meet the artists at the opening reception 5-7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 15 at Light Art Space gallery, 209 W. Broadway. Prizes will be awarded, and refreshments served.

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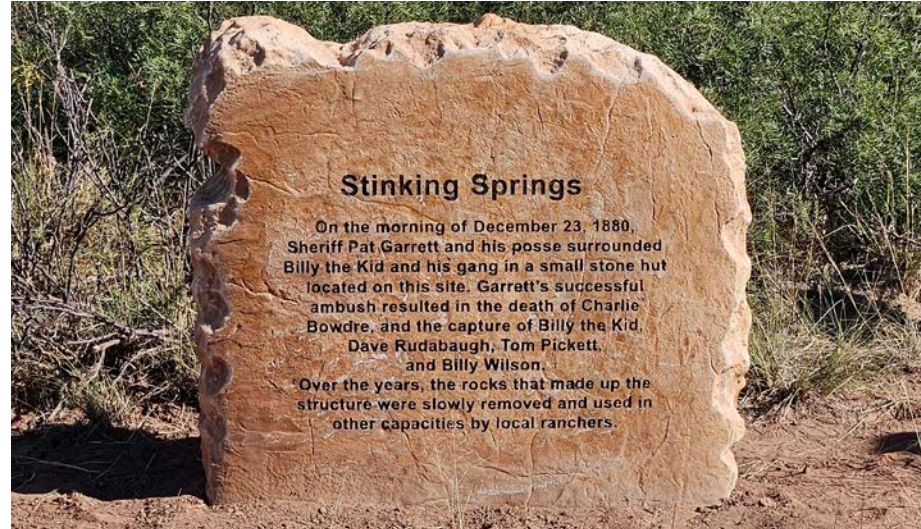
Local History

Tracking the Kid

DEX Report

Local history buffs have yet another reason to rejoice, with the addition of a new historical monument in southern New Mexico. The marker, set in one of the most significant locations in the life of the legendary outlaw Billy the Kid, now stands at Stinking Springs, where Charlie Bowdre was killed, and the Kid was captured. Long a point of interest for historians and enthusiasts, the site has faced a challenging history of neglect and vandalism, but thanks to the Billy the Kid Historical Coalition, it has now been marked for future generations to explore and appreciate.

Stinking Springs first entered the historical record on December 28, 1880, when the Santa Fe New Mexican reported the capture of Billy the Kid and his gang. Over the years, this remote location, about 16 miles east of Fort Sumner, New Mexico, has attracted the attention of historians such as Maurice G. Fulton, who documented the site



in 1925, and Jarvis Garrett, Pat Garrett's youngest son, who visited in 1979. However, the significance of Stinking Springs was lost to time until grassroots historian Allen Barker rediscovered it in 1987. His efforts ensured that the history of this location was once again accessible, though its marker on Highway 60 frequently fell victim to

theft.

"Stinking Springs has always held a unique place in Billy the Kid's history, and preserving its legacy has been a priority for the Billy the Kid Historical Coalition," said Josh Slatten, Executive Director of the Billy the Kid Historical Coalition. "We're standing on the shoulders of giants like Maurice Fulton and Allen Barker, whose work helped keep this history alive. Now, we've taken a critical step in ensuring this site is preserved and honored."

The new stone marker, installed through the generous donations of coalition members Aaron Presley and Seth

Mogavero with Boulder Designs, is intended to permanently commemorate the site. Unlike past efforts that fell prey to souvenir hunters, this marker is designed to stand the test of time and prevent the erasure of this pivotal piece of Billy the Kid's story.

Slatten, a lifelong Billy the Kid historian, expressed his gratitude to property owner Janice Grissom, who has long welcomed enthusiasts to the site and shared her extensive knowledge of the land and its storied past. "Every time I visit Stinking Springs, I feel as if I'm standing in the middle of history. The emotions are overwhelming, and it's a reminder of why this site needs to be protected," said Slatten.

The coalition has been actively involved in marking historical graves related to Billy the Kid's life, but the preservation of Stinking Springs marks its first effort to safeguard a historic location. This accomplishment ensures that Stinking Springs, the site of one of the most pivotal moments in Billy the Kid's life, will remain accessible and appreciated by history enthusiasts for years to come.

For more information about the Billy the Kid Historical Coalition or to learn how you can support the preservation of historical sites like Stinking Springs, please visit BTKCoalition.com.

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Discover the Joy of Creating Art Outdoors

By Cheryl Fallstead

If you've been intrigued by creating art outdoors, you're in luck. In Las Cruces, there are three groups aspiring artists can explore. The New Mexico Watercolor Society—Southern Chapter (NMWC-SC) holds plein air “paintouts” at locations around the area. The Las Cruces Outdoor/Urban Art Meetup Group has embraced the practice of recording urban and nature scenes in sketchbooks. The Mesilla Valley Audubon Society (MVAS) Nature Journal Club helps members form a deeper connection with nature through art.

New Mexico Watercolor Society Paintouts

Nancy Tipton is the paintout coordinator for the NMWC-SC. She says, “Observing the natural elements, breathing fresh air, and taking in all the natural colors is so inspiring. Painting outside with fellow artists is fun and we learn a lot from each other and become even better painters through plein air painting.”

Finding a lovely location is important, but so is accessibility. Tipton explains, “I search for safe, easily accessible, and aesthetic places for us to enjoy



Nancy Tipton, paintout coordinator for the New Mexico Watercolor Society—Southern Chapter, enjoying a session with the Las Cruces Outdoor/Urban Art Meetup Group. (Courtesy photos)

painting.” They have painted at parks, gardens, Fort Selden, Old Mesilla, and other interesting locations.

The NMWC-SC meets on the second Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. at Good Samaritan — Las Cruces Village at 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Guests are welcome and membership is \$50 per year. Paintout dates and more at nmwatercolorssociety.org.

Las Cruces Outdoor/Urban Art Meetup Group

Ann McPhee formed the Las Cruces Outdoor/Urban Art Meetup Group over two years ago. The group gathers to sketch outdoors, unless the weather forces them inside, twice a month and once in December.

“We have all levels of artists, and all are happy to share information or advice,” McPhee says. “We have had photographers and writers attend also, just to spend a pleasant two hours out in nature.”



A member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society—Southern Chapter at a paintout in Mesilla.

Location is key for these artists as well. “I will set us up at anything interesting,” McPhee explains, including at public buildings, private homes (with permission), and natural areas.

To be notified of upcoming events, search on meetup.com in the Las Cruces area and look for Outdoor/Urban Art. Join the group and RSVP when you can attend an outing. There's no

charge to join.

MVAS Nature Journal Club The newest option for outdoor art is the MVAS Nature Journal Club. I formed the group with co-leaders Julia Osgood and Ellen Jaffe Castello this February to help others join this worldwide movement.

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record what we see in nature. In November, we'll take a longer trip out to White Sands National Park.

One of the goals of nature journaling is to form stronger connections with nature because we care about what we've connected with and when we care about something, we help protect it. While creating a beautiful journal page is satisfying, nature journaling is more about the process than the product.

Learn more about the MVAS Nature Journal Club on Facebook and at MVASAudubon.org. You don't have to be a member to participate, and beginners are always welcome. Events are also posted on the Las Cruces Outdoor/Urban Art Meetup Group schedule.

What Do You Need? Artists, like other hobbyists, love to collect new supplies, but you can get by with the basics. If you're heading out with

the outdoor/urban art group or nature journaling club, a sketchbook is helpful, but you can use some sheets of paper on a clipboard and a ballpoint pen or pencil. Beyond the very basics, travel watercolor sets, waterproof

pens, water brushes (paint brushes that hold water in the handle), and a cloth to clean your brush can enrich your experience. You can also use watercolor pencils or sticks, colored pencils, or brush pens.

If you're going plein air

painting with the Watercolor Society, you may want a pad or block of watercolor paper instead, but a sketchbook with watercolor paper will work, too.

For any outdoor activity in the desert, a wide-

brimmed hat, sunscreen, water, and layers are important. You may want to bring a portable stool or camp chair, bug spray, and snacks.

So, if you're art-curious, this is a great time to give it a try!

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Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge:

An Accessible Oasis in the Desert

By Elaine Stachera Simon

Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) sits along the Pecos River on the north side of Roswell, NM – an easy 15-minute drive from Main Street lodging, restaurants, and attractions. For families wanting easy access to nature to help their children discover the world beyond video games,

Bitter Lake NWR is an outstanding option.

For most visitors, birds are the main wildlife attraction, although plenty of mammals, fish, amphibians, and reptiles call the refuge home. Patrick Collins, a member of the United Field Ornithologists of Roswell (UFO-Roswell), knows the birds of Bitter Lake NWR as well as anyone, and says fall

and winter are especially good times to bring kids to the refuge for wildlife watching.

“The ponds are full of large numbers of waterfowl, especially cranes and geese, which are much easier to see because they are big birds,” he said.

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The group will head onto the refuge at 4 p.m. to watch the cranes return to the safety of the ponds after spending the day feeding in the fields. Friends of Bitter Lake NWR President Merideth Hildreth notes that volunteers will have spotting scopes so that you can view the birds up close.

Prefer to visit on your own? Wildlife is most active (very) early in the morning and late afternoon, so try to get to the refuge around sunrise or slightly earlier. Maps are located at the kiosk outside the vis-



Black-bellied Plover.

itor center – grab one and head to the eight-mile auto tour loop for a slow drive. (Pro tip: In the morning, drive clockwise so that the sun is behind you as you look out onto the ponds.) After about a mile, you'll find a wheelchair-accessible bird blind alongside one of the big ponds where you might see cranes, egrets, and ducks in the pond, plovers and Killdeer on

the mud flats, and Red-winged Blackbirds snacking on sunflower seeds.

When you reach the Oxbow Loop trail, get your kids out of the car and take a walk along the oxbow through the desert greenery. (Note that from October 15 through the end of February, the Oxbow Trail is closed until 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays to



Merideth Hildreth, president of the Friends of BLNWR.

accommodate hunting.) You might see Long-billed Dowitchers foraging in a puddle, stealthy Great Blue Herons, or a Belted Kingfisher diving for fish.

Ready for a break? Head back to the visitor center, open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Look around the parking area for comical Scaled

Quail and listen for meadowlarks. Inside, check out the displays, the nature store (lots of kid-friendly books), pick up a Watchable Wildlife brochure, and ask Park Ranger and Public Use Specialist Steve Alvarez to show the outstanding Oasis in the Desert and dragonfly videos, about 20 minutes total.

Bitter Lake NWR is located at 4200 East Pine Lodge Road in Roswell, NM, 88201, and the auto loop is open during daylight hours. When you visit the refuge, as with any outdoor activity, bring sunscreen, a broad-brim hat, water (available in the visitor center during hours of operation), bug repellent, sturdy shoes, and, as always, watch for snakes during warm weather.

For more information about Bitter Lake NWR, call 575-244-6256, or visit [FWS.gov/refuge/bitter-lake](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/bitter-lake) and the Friends of Bitter Lake NWR at [FriendsOfBitterLakeNWR.org](https://www.FriendsOfBitterLakeNWR.org).

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Dave Millsap & CW Ayon, 5-10 p.m. at Downshift Brewing Company, 2704 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-257-2273

Astronomy Friends of the Parks, 6:20 p.m. at Rockhound State Park, 9880

Stirrup Rd. SE., Deming. Info: 575-546-6182

The Esteban Ramirez Quintet, 7 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave., Alamogordo. Info: 575-437-2202

Dia de los Muertos Celebration with Curtis Pink & DJ Foxwit, 7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

Graveyard Party, 7-10 p.m. at

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November 1-3

Dia de los Muertos, at Mesilla Plaza, Calle Principal, Mesilla. Info: 575-524-3262

Dia de los Muertos exhibit, 8:30 a.m. at Taylor-Mesilla Historic Site, 2350 Calle Principal, Mesilla. Info:

NMHistoricSites.org/Taylor-Mesilla

Saturday, November 2

Sunrise Over the Ruins, 9 & 11 a.m., at Fort Selden Historic Site, 1280 Fort Selden Road, Radium Springs. Info: 575-526-8911

End of Life Film Festival, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Silco Theater, 311 N. Bullard St., Silver City. Info: 575-574-2346

Weaving for Justice Maya Annual Fundraiser and Fashion Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at First Christian Church

atrium, 1809 El Paseo Rd., Las Cruces. Info: Weaving-For-Justice.org

Messy Church, 2-4:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 518 Alameda Blvd., Las Cruces. Info: 575-526-6333 or <https://form.jotform.com/242705139242149>

Dia de los Muertos, 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Historic Site, 988 Calle La Placita, Lincoln. Info: NMHistoricSites.org/Lincoln

CW Ayon Live, 6-9 p.m. at Downshift Brewing Company,

2408 B Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-257-5300

Astronomy Friends of the Parks, 6:20 p.m. at City of Rocks State Park, 327 NM-61, Faywood. Info: 575-536-2800

8th Annual LCCS Gala: La Noche Encantada, 6:30 p.m., at Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave., Las Cruces. Info: 575-526-0100

Dia de los Muertos: Arte, Musica y Cultura, 7-11 p.m., at the Grapevine

Plaza, 3900 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces. Info: Las CrucesDiaDeLosMuertos.com

Jason Dea West, 7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

New Horizons Symphony free performance, 7:30 p.m. at Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe St., NMSU. Info: NHSOCruces.com



Alex Teller
Nov. 17, 21, 23

Info: 575-523-6403 or DAArts.org

Sunday, November 3

Black Cat Poetry Reading, 1-2:25 p.m. at Ingo's Art Café,

422 Broadway, Truth or Consequences. Info: 575-551-8186

The Oversouls, 1-4 p.m., at Little Toad Creek, 200 N

Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

Roshni 2024, 5-9 p.m. at Corbett Center Student Union Ballroom, International Mall, NMSU Campus. Info: API_Support@NMSU.edu

Peace Down Acupuncture Free Community Treatment, 7 p.m. at Dwell Yoga, 424 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: CrossroadsAcupuncture.com or 575-312-6569

Ghost Stories by Campfire in the Old Prison Yard, 7-9:30 p.m., at the Historic Doña Ana Courthouse, 251 W. Amador, Las Cruces. Info: 877-808-6877

Saturday, November 4

NMSU Homecoming Parade, 10 a.m. at Pan American Center, 1810 E. University Ave., Las Cruces. Info: NMSUAlumni.org/homecoming

Tuesday, November 5

President's Chamber Music Series: WOR, 7 p.m. at Light Hall Theater, 1000 W. College Ave., Silver City. Info: 575-538-6300

Swing on the Plaza, 7-11 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-541-2290

Peace Down Acupuncture Free Community

Treatment, 8 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, 100 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: CrossroadsAcupuncture.com or 575-312-6569

Wednesday, November 6

Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853

Know Your City Seminar Series: Public Works, 6-8 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 700 N.

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Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-528-3003

Thursday, November 7

Shalem, Imminent Oblivion, Mt. Metal, 7:30 p.m., at Jax Rooftop, 302 S. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-541-7417

Friday, November 8

Silver City Art Association Independent Artists Holiday Market, 4-8 p.m. in the Murray Hotel Ballroom, 200 W. Broadway St., Silver City. Info: SilverCityRedDot@gmail.com

Dave Millsap & SPIVY, 5-10 p.m. at Downshift Brewing Company, 2704 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-257-2273

Rhythm Mystic, 8-11 p.m., at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144



**Brea Burns
Nov. 16**

November 8-10

Ruidoso Christmas Jubilee, 12 p.m. at the Ruidoso Convention Center, 111 Sierra Blanca Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-258-5445

November 8 – 17

American Southwest Theatre Company presents Mother Courage, at ASNMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave., NMSU Campus, Las Cruces. Info: 575-646-4515

Saturday, November 9

Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853

Farmers Market of Otero County, 9-11 a.m. at Tractor Supply, 2900 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo. Info: 575-430-2081

Silver City Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at 1120 N. Main St., Silver City. Info: SilverCityFarmersMarket.info

Veterans Day Car Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Albert J.

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Support Groups

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N. Texas St. Silver City. Info: CoDAsilvercity@gmail.com

Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families meeting — 6-7 p.m. at Brewer Hill Church, 600 N. Corbin St. Silver City. Info: 575-654-8435.

Deming/Luna County

Bereavement Group — The first Tuesday of the month, 1-2 p.m. at the Deming Luna County Senior Center Day Room, 800 Granite St. Deming. Info: 575-546-8823.

WEDNESDAY Silver City/Grant County

Arenas Valley Al-Anon Family Group — 6-7 p.m. at the Arenas Valley Church of Christ, 5 Racetrack Road, Arenas. Zoom ID: 781 471 031; password: 954941; info: nmal-anon.com

Las Cruces/Mesilla Overeaters Anony-

mous, hybrid on Zoom at noon each Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church, 102 St. James St., Info: 610-762-3779.

Meditation and Healing Service 6 p.m. each Wednesday at Unity of Las Cruces, 575 N. Main St. Through meditation, experience the presence of God. A new service with Rev. Jennifer Kleitz. Info: 575-523-4847.

FRIDAY Silver City/Grant County

Women Embracing Recovery Al-Anon Family Group — 5:30-6:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 314 College Ave. Silver City. Zoom ID: 411 858 127; password: 954941; info: nmal-anon.com

SATURDAY Las Cruces/Mesilla Overeaters Anonymous, hybrid on Zoom at 9:30 a.m. each

Saturday at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., Info: 575-405-9128.

Epilepsy Support & Education Services, Inc. meetings. 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. second Saturday of every month at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Info: 575-636-4500 or EpilepsySupportNM.org.

Desert SW Cancer Support Group, 10 a.m.-noon on the fourth Saturday of the month, at Memorial Medical Center Annex meeting room (entrance on the west side of the hospital). Info: Maricela at 505-453-1789.

SUNDAY

Las Cruces/Mesilla Grief Share Program. 3 p.m. Sundays at Morning Star Church, 2941 Morning Star. Program lasts for 13 weeks. Contact: Cris Fernandez, crisfern@me.com.

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Lyon Events Center, 2953 S. Broadway, Truth or Consequences. Info: 575-740-1004

Silver City Art Association Independent Artists Holiday Market, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Murray Hotel Ballroom, 200 W. Broadway St., Silver City. Info: SilverCityRedDot@gmail.com

29th Annual Las Cruces Veterans Day Parade, 11 a.m. at Main St., from Lohman Ave. to City Hall, Las Cruces. Info: LasCrucesVetDay.org

Holiday Market Open House, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mesilla Valley Fine Art Gallery, 2470A Calle de Guadalupe, Mesilla. Info: 575-522-2933

11th Annual Ag Day, 1-4 p.m. at Aggie Memorial Stadium, 1810 E. University Ave., Las Cruces. Info: NMDepAg.NMSU.edu/ag-day



Katie Mae
Nov. 16

Gila Mimbres Community Radio KURU Fundraiser, 6 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

Phil Hamilton, 6 p.m. at the Texas Club, 212 Metz Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-258-3325

Justin Howl Live, 6-9 p.m. at Downshift Brewing Company, 2408 B Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-257-5300

Second Saturday Art Hop, 6-9 p.m. on Main Street, Truth or Consequences. Info: 575-894-1968

El Paso Symphony Orchestra presents Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets in Concert, 7 p.m. at the Plaza Theatre, 125 W. Mills Ave., El Paso. Info: 915-532-3776

Sunday, November 10

Hunter Wainscott, 1-4 p.m., at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

El Paso Community Foundation Jewel Box Series presents This Murder Was Staged, 2:30 p.m. at the Philanthropy Theatre, One Civic Center Plaza, El Paso. Info: 915-533-4020

SIRSY Live, 6-9 p.m. at Downshift Brewing Company, 2704 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-257-2273

Tuesday, November 12

10th Annual Health Professions Fair, 2-5 p.m. at Corbett Center Student Union & Otero Room, International Mall, Las Cruces. Info: 575-646-4411

Swing on the Plaza, 7-11 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-541-2290

Wednesday, November 13

Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853

Know Your City Seminar Series: Communication and Visit Las Cruces, 6-8 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 700 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-528-3003

Freeman DeJongh feat. Tyler Jones Live, 6-9 p.m. at Downshift Brewing Company, 2704 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-257-2273

Thursday, November 14

Pamyua, 7 p.m. at Light Hall Theater, 1000 W. College Ave., Silver City. Info: 575-538-6300

Friday, November 15

Mesilla Valley Contra Dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago, Mesilla. Info: 575-932-8222

2024 Holly Day House, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., Las Cruces. Info: lcfel01@msn.com

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Poetic Outlaws Open Mic, 5:30 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

CW Ayon Live, 6-9 p.m. at Downshift Brewing Company, 2408 B Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-257-5300

Gila River Band, 8-11 p.m., at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

November 15-17

11th Annual Red Paint Powwow, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Intramural Gym, 1000 W. College Ave., WNMU, Silver City. Info: RedPaintPowwow.com

Saturday, November 16

Sierra County Farmers Market, 8:30-11:30 a.m. at 300 Riverside Dr., Truth or



**Ceschi
Nov. 17**

Consequences. Info: 575-894-1968

Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces,

Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853

Farmers Market of Otero County, 9-11 a.m. at Tractor Supply, 2900 N. White Sands

Blvd., Alamogordo. Info: 575-430-2081

Silver City Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at 1120 N. Main St., Silver City. Info: SilverCityFarmersMarket.info

3rd Annual Holiday Bake Sale & Silent Auction Fundraiser, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 518 Alameda Blvd., Las Cruces. Info: 575-526-6333

The American Legion Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave., Las Cruces. Info: 575-526-9139

Weaving for Justice Maya Textile Sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at First Christian Church atrium, 1809 El Paseo Rd., Las Cruces. Info: Weaving-For-Justice.org

Trails West Senior Community presents a Holiday Bazaar, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Trails West Club



**Jono Manson
Nov. 30**

House, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, Las Cruces. Info: 915-526-0368

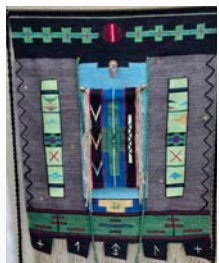
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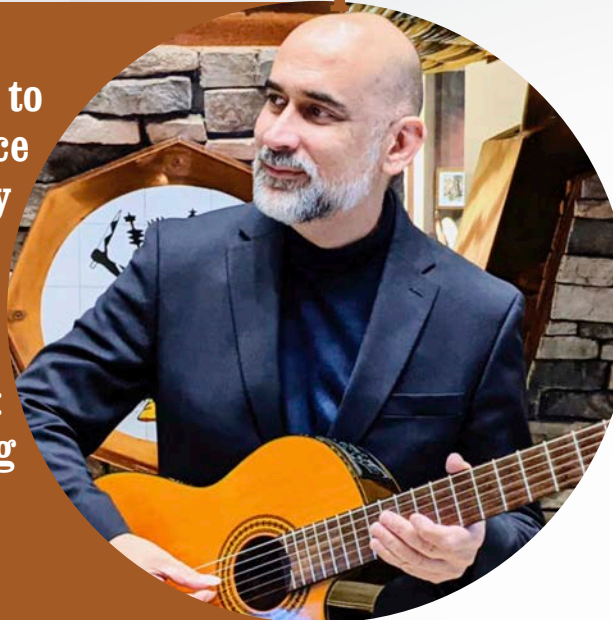
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West gate), 12125 Robert Larson Blvd., Las Cruces. Info: 575-993-7078

New Mexico Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network Fall meeting, 11 a.m. at Otero Artspace, 1118 Indiana Ave., Alamogordo. Info: 860-324-7614

New Horizons Concert Band free performance, 3 p.m. at Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe St., NMSU.

Info: NHBandLC.com

CW Ayon Live, 6-9 p.m. at Downshift Brewing Company, 2408 B Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-257-5300

Chris Baker Live, 6-9 p.m. at Downshift Brewing Company, 2704 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-257-2273

Pamyua, 7 p.m. at the Flickinger Center for the Performing Arts, 1110 New York Ave., Alamogordo. Info: 575-437-2202

Brea Burns & Katie Mae, 7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas

Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

Brea Burns and the Boleros, 8-11 p.m., at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

Sunday, November 17

Alex Teller, 1-4 p.m., at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society Membership Jam, 3 p.m. at Alma d'Arte Charter High School, 402 W. Court Ave., Las Cruces. Info: MVJazzBlues.net

Hip Hop Zócalo with Ceschi, Factor Chandelier, AJ Suede, Esh & the Isolations, 6:30 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

Tuesday, November 19

Fabian Romero, 6 p.m. at the Texas Club, 212 Metz Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-258-3325

Wednesday, November 20

Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1

p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853

Aggie Shark Tank 2024,

Scott H. Biram
Nov. 26



4-7:30 p.m. at NMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave., Las Cruces. Info: 575-646-7415

2nd Annual Bourbon & Beasts, 5:30 p.m., at Amador Live, 302 S. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-541-7417

Film Las Cruces presents The Wrap, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., Las Cruces. Info: 575-451-2290

Guitarist Gerardo Capdevila, 7 p.m. at Otero Art Space, 1118 Indiana Ave., Alamogordo. Info: 575-644-3880

Thursday, November 21

Branigan Library Author Series presents Joanne Ivey discussing her book "Kernal's Boys", 1-3 p.m. at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Info: 575-649-8786

Dave Millsap & Alex Teller Live, 6-9 p.m. at Downshift Brewing Company, 2704 Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-257-2273

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Las Migas Spanish Flamenco, 7 p.m. at Light Hall Theater, 1000 W. College Ave., Silver City. Info: 575-538-6300

Friday, November 22

Snailmate, 7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

Lottie & the Ohm Wreckers, 8-11 p.m., at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

Saturday, November 23

Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1

402 Butte Blvd & 212 Warm Springs Blvd, Elephant Butte. Info: 575-740-3971

Campfire Kitchen – Horno Thanksgiving, 10-11 a.m., at Fort Selden Historic Site, 1280 Fort Selden Road, Radium Springs. Info: 575-526-8911

Scherr Legate WinterFest Lights Parade, 4:30 p.m. El Paso, Texas. Info: EPWinterFest.com

Alex Teller Live, 6-9 p.m. at Downshift Brewing Company, 2408 B Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-257-5300

Levi Platero Band, 7 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo,

Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Rd., Las Cruces. Info: NMFarmAndRanchMuseum.org

Winter Fling Holiday Crafts & Gift Fair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Southwestern New Mexico State Fairgrounds, 4100 Raymond Reed Blvd., Deming. Info: 575-546-2554

November 23 – January 1, 2025

WinterFest 2024, various times and places throughout El Paso. Info: EPWinterFest.com

Sunday, November 24

Ray and the Sun Shines, 1-4



Levi Platero
Nov. 23

p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853

Farmers Market of Otero County, 9-11 a.m. at Tractor Supply, 2900 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo. Info: 575-430-2081

Silver City Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at 1120 N. Main St., Silver City. Info: SilverCityFarmersMarket.info

Elephant Butte Fine Arts & Crafts Show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Elephant Butte RV Resort Center & Bigfoot Wine Patio,

11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

Hear No Evil, 7 p.m. at The Rabbit Hole, 10 Old Spanish Trail, Alamogordo. Info: GoAxeAlice.com

DJ Mischievous, 9 p.m.-midnight, at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

November 23-24

Homegrown: A New Mexico Food Show & Gift Market, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage

p.m., at Little Toad Creek, 200 N Bullard St, Silver City. Info: 575-956-6144

Tuesday, November 26

Scott H. Biram The Dirty Old One Man Band, 6:30 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

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Farmers & Crafts Market

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Nov 21



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How Peripheral Neuropathy Can Steal the Joy from Life—and What You Can Do About It.

Miriam B. remembers the days she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2015 like it was yesterday. The whirlwind of treatments and nonstop doctors' visits - radiation, chemotherapy, oncologists - all of it a harrowing experience, but she was blessed to emerge on the other side, now in remission. "Surviving cancer was a blessing, but I never expected the lasting effects," Miriam shares. "Chemo saved my life, but it also left me with this lingering nerve damage. I'm thankful to be alive, but I wish I could just feel normal again."

Chemotherapy, for all its life-saving prowess, isn't picky about the cells and tissues it attacks. While it's effective in targeting cancer cells, it can also cause significant damage to the nervous system, resulting in a condition known as Chemotherapy-Induced Peripheral Neuropathy (CIPN). For those unfamiliar, CIPN is like a bad connection in a wire. Imagine your nerves as electrical wires that carry signals between your brain and the rest of your body. In a healthy body, these wires are well-insulated and allow messages to travel quickly and smoothly. But with peripheral neuropathy, the insulation on these wires (called myelin) starts to wear away or get damaged, leading to a lot of problems. Think of it like a frayed phone charger. When the cord is in good shape, it charges your phone quickly and efficiently. But if the cord is damaged, it might still work, but not as well. Sometimes the connection is spotty, sometimes it doesn't work at all, and sometimes it even sends the wrong signal. That's what happens with your nerves in peripheral neuropathy. The signals they send—whether it's to move your muscles or feel sensations like temperature or pain—get mixed up or don't get through at all.

The nerves in your hands and feet are the most delicate and are usually the first to be affected. This can lead to symptoms like tingling, burning, numbness, or even sharp, stabbing pains. It's like your foot or hand has fallen asleep, but instead of that tingling going away, it sticks around and gets worse, making it difficult to walk, hold things, or even just feel comfortable. "It's like my feet were constantly asleep, but it's painful," Miriam describes. "Walking on anything, even carpet, feels like stepping on shards of glass. And don't even get me started on buttoning up a shirt - it's like my fingers just don't work the way they used to."

For cancer survivors like Miriam, this nerve damage isn't just an inconvenience it's a daily struggle that makes even the simplest tasks feel overwhelming. Buttoning a shirt, picking up a paperclip, walking around the grocery store, wearing socks - all things you once took for granted, suddenly become painful and difficult. That's where Sonoma Acupuncture Integrative Health comes in. Using their Outpatient Optimization Program® they specialize in the treatment of peripheral neuropathy - whether it stems from chemotherapy, diabetes, or its origins are unknown.

Maira Gaytan, Director of Patient Care at Sonoma, explains, "We understand that cancer survivors have already spent too much time in doctors' offices and undergoing treatments. Our goal is to offer a solution that allows them to heal from the privacy of their own home, their cruise ship, or wherever life takes them."

One of the groundbreaking treatments offered at Sonoma is ATP Resonance Bio-Therapy® a non-invasive therapy that helps to reverse the effects of neuropathy. By promoting cellular repair and restoring nerve function, this treatment offers real hope to those suffering from CIPN and other forms of peripheral neuropathy. "We've seen incredible results," Maira says. "Patients who couldn't walk without pain are now able to get back to the activities they love. It's been truly life-changing for people all over the country." Miriam, too, found relief through Sonoma's approach. "After everything I've been through, it's such a relief to have a treatment that actually works," she says. "I've spent enough time in hospitals and clinics. Being able to heal at home with this Outpatient Optimization Program® - it's a second chance I'm not going to waste."

For cancer survivors, life after treatment is about more than just surviving - it's about thriving. The team at Sonoma is dedicated to helping patients do just that. "You've been given a second chance," Maira encourages. "Don't let neuropathy hold you back from making the most of it."

If you or a loved one is struggling with peripheral neuropathy, be it from CIPN or another root cause, Sonoma is here to help. With personalized treatment plans and a commitment to patient care, they offer hope, healing, and the chance to truly live again. Schedule a complimentary consultation today by calling Sonoma Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine at (575) 618-6900. Or visit sonoma-acupuncture.com to learn more about their innovative treatments and patient success stories.

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of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces, Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853

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Village of Cloudcroft Christmas Market, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Cloudcroft High School, 10 Swallow Pl., Cloudcroft. Info: 575-682-2733

Astronomy Friends of the Parks, 5:05 p.m. at Rockhound State Park, 9880 Stirrup Rd. SE., Deming. Info: 575-546-6182

Ryan Painter Live, 6 p.m. at Rio Grande Winery, 5321 NM-28, Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3744

Saturday, November 30

Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Plaza de Las Cruces,

Downtown Las Cruces. Info: 575-201-3853

Farmers Market of Otero County, 9-11 a.m. at Tractor Supply, 2900 N. White Sands Blvd., Alamogordo. Info: 575-430-2081

Silver City Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at 1120 N. Main St., Silver City. Info: SilverCityFarmersMarket.info

Badger Athletic Club 2nd Annual Golf Tournament, 10 a.m. at NMSU Golf Course, 3000 Herb Wimberly Dr., Las Cruces. Info: 575-646-3219

Village of Cloudcroft Christmas Market, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Cloudcroft High School, 10 Swallow Pl., Cloudcroft. Info: 575-682-2733

Ruidoso Parks & Rec presents Turkey Trot 2024, 10 a.m.-noon at White Mountain Recreation Complex, 685 Hull Road, Ruidoso. Info: 575-257-5030



Astronomy Friends of the Parks, 5:05 p.m. at City of Rocks State Park, 327 NM-61, Faywood. Info: 575-536-2800

C.M. Adams & The 3W Band, 6 p.m. at Cloudcroft Brewing Company, 1301 Burro Ave. Cloudcroft. Info: 575-682-2337

Moksi Live, 6 p.m. at Downshift Brewing Company, 2408 B Sudderth Dr., Ruidoso. Info: 575-257-5300

The Village of Cloudcroft presents the Community Tree Lighting, 6-7 p.m. at the Otero County Electric Co-op, 404 Burro Ave. Cloudcroft. Info: 575-682-2411

Jono Manson & Juniper Djiin, 6:30 p.m. at Whiskey Creek Zócalo, 11786 Hwy 180 East, Arenas Valley. Info: 575-388-1266 or WhiskeyCreekZocalo.com

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