



# OTERO ARTS NEWS

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Check out the December monthly events page which will give you news of Christmas events in the county. It is a way to fulfill that part of our mission statement that includes: ...foster a spirit of mutual support and cooperation.... Merry Christmas to you and Happy New Year!

Fifty hardy souls braved the inclement weather on Sunday, November 17 to drop by the Artspace to celebrate OA's fifth organization anniversary, greet friends and renew or sign up for the 2025 membership. Sue Preslar, Janet Amtmann, Marlene Mankey, Paige Young and Ann Beacht comprise the Membership Committee which hosted this event. A beautiful and delicious cake was the centerpiece for the afternoon gathering and guests also enjoyed punch and coffee. Seven new members and eight member renewals decided to join/rejoin Otero Arts.



Anyone who missed signing up at the Open House will have other opportunities to join/rejoin. Anyone who joins or renews from Oct. 1, 2024 will have membership status for 2025.



Member Eve Bessier & Board member Kim Melton



A well-deserved rest for the weary Board Pres. Maria Aragon



Members Sue Kent & Paige Young



Our own inspirational Red Hat Lady, Carla Kerr



Another sold-out crowd for the November concert by classical guitarist Gerardo Perez Capdevila, who is obviously becoming a favorite returning artist at the Artspace!





# DECEMBER 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN OTERO COUNTY:** Here are some of the Christmas events scheduled in Otero County, so set your calendar to participate with your neighbors to enjoy the festivities together. Otero Arts will not be presenting an Artist Exhibition for the month of December, but instead will fill the gallery with Board members' favorite art pieces plus a display of samples of the 2025 All Ages Workshops planned for the upcoming year. The gallery will be open every Friday and Saturday of the month at the usual time of 1 to 4 pm. You are welcome to see our eclectic exhibition and we hope you will take the time to come by and spend a few moments at the Artspace. Best wishes for a New Year!

**FIESTA OF LIGHTS CHRISTMAS**  
AT WASHINGTON PARK

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 6** 5 - 9 PM

Snow Slide  
Skating Rink  
Cookies & Hot Cocoa  
S'mores & Kids' Crafts  
Food Trucks  
Christmas Tree Lighting at 6:30 PM!

**CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL**



Dec.. 11: The Flickinger Center will present a popular favorite annual tradition: Mariachi Christmas

PRESENTED BY ALAMOGORDO MAINSTREET

**Christmas ON MAINSTREET**

**FIESTA OF LIGHTS**

EVENT SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH 4PM TO 9PM**

Santa Village - Live Nativity - DJ Double XL - DJ ROB-E - Immaculate Car Club - Shopping - Food - Music - Beer & Wine Garden

4:00 - 5:00 PM	LITTLE MISS & MR. CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
5:00 - 5:15 PM	SANTA'S ARRIVAL
5:15 - 5:30 PM	PET COSTUME CONTEST
5:30 - 6:30PM	SALVADOR & SAL HERNANDEZ WITH HIS MARIACHI TIERRA DEL ENCANTO
6:30 - 7:00 PM	THE DANCERS OF MEXICAN BEAUTY FOLKLORICO
7:00 - 7:30 PM	UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST & MOST CREATIVE CHRISTMAS COSTUME
7:30 - 8:30 PM	SALVADOR & SAL HERNANDEZ WITH HIS MARIACHI TIERRA DEL ENCANTO

SHOPS WILL BE OPEN LATE FOR YOUR SHOPPING CONVENIENCE

Presented by the Alamogordo Music Theater:  
*Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at the Flickinger Center.*

Show Dates:  
Sunday, Dec. 1 matinee @ 2 pm  
Friday, Dec. 6 @ 7 pm  
Saturday, Dec. 7 @ 7 pm  
contact [flickingercenter.com](http://flickingercenter.com) for tickets

**Vintage Christmas Village**

Step back in time and enjoy the Museum's historical buildings decked out for Christmas!

SACRAMENTO HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
1000 JAMES CANYON HIGHWAY, GLOUDCROFT NM

**DECEMBER 14 & 21**  
5:00-8:00 PM

GLOUDCROFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Dec 5:** First Thursdays **Members Meet & Greet** at Artspace, 10 to noon. Join us for coffee, conversation and community. **SHARI ADKISSON will be demonstrating gelli printing, an art form of making prints with a gelli plate, that allows you to create prints without a press.**

**Dec 5:** Belly dance classes **every Thursday begins @ 5:30**, contact Claudia Powell, [claudia@tularosa.net](mailto:claudia@tularosa.net). email for details.

**Dec 10** OA Board Meeting, 1:30 pm, all members are welcome.

Free Christmas Card Making Workshop  
Kids from 10-12 and Adults from 1-3, Dec. 14, 2024  
All Materials supplied, no experience needed.  
You supply the postage!  
Click QR code to Enroll or call 575-442-1676

kids qr code    Adult QR code

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**Dec. 17:** Lecture Series by Jornada Research Institute, 6 pm, presented by David Greenwald. Lecture topic is "Settlement Complexity of Tularosa Canyon during the Mesilla Phase B."

*Otero Arts members wish each and every one of you and your family Happy Holidays and we look forward to another successful year at the Artspace.*







# JANUARY, 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

There will be no Meet and Greet for January due to the holiday timing. See you in February!

Plans for a January Artist Exhibition were still in the works at time of publication. Deadline for Young Artists show in January is Dec. 20. Apply now at to oteroartsinc@gmail.com and send 3 images of your work for the Young Adult Artists Exhibition (ages 19 - 28).

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## Otero Arts Starts New Lecture Series

In line with OA's mission "to enrich the lives of the people of our community through art and culture...", the organization has started a new lecture series funded by New Mexico Arts. The inaugural lecture was held before a packed house on November 19th when Dave Greenwald of the Jornada Research Institute, based in Tularosa, presented a program on the Institute's discovery and excavation of Creekside Village in Tularosa Canyon. Creekside Village was occupied by the Jornada Mogollon between 1100 and 1400 years ago.

The Jornada Mogollon traveled into the Tularosa Basin area and abandoned their villages approximately 600 to 700 years ago. Through its work, the Institute has established the Creekside site contains pit houses, a kiva and irrigation ditches. The first lecture dealt with the processes of excavation and the results of the research. Greenwald plans two more lectures at the Artspace about the work at Creekside Village, one December 17: "Settlement Complexity of Tularosa Canyon during the Mesilla Phase", a focus on how the various irrigation communities managed the Rio Tularosa and examine the roles of the various great kivas now identified. In the January 21st lecture, Matt Cuba, HAFB CulturalResource Manager will present on "Gypsum Overlook: A Structural Early Archaic Site", a site on WSMR just north of WSNP boundary. Consider supporting JRI by joining. Go to the website: [jornadaresearchinstitute.org](http://jornadaresearchinstitute.org). JRI will continue excavations in their sites in the Basin during the winter months. Join and participate in the excavations.



Creekside Village site

**A NIGHT OF BROADWAY REVUE SHOW**

10 & 11 JAN 2025 @ 7:00 PM  
12 JAN 2025 @ 2:00 PM

Otero Artspace  
1118 Indiana Ave  
Alamogordo, NM 88310

Enchanted with timeless melodies from the stages of yore to the present day!!!

**\$10 ADMISSION**

Brace yourselves! A brand-new force is emerging in the local theater scene, promising a captivating blend of musical performances and unwavering dedication to the arts. Rebel Music Theatre is a non-profit organization fueled by passionate individuals and is thrilled to announce its inaugural showcase at the Artspace.

RMT is an emerging collective of local artists spanning all ages, united in the joy of presenting revue shows, variety spectacles, and captivating plays. Many talented members hail from esteemed theater groups like Alamogordo Music Theater and OSO Productions (theater group in Ruidoso, performing on stage at ENMU-Ruidoso).

Rebel Music Theater debuts in Alamogordo with a 3-performance Extravaganza at the Artspace on January 10, 11 & 12 (2 pm performance). \$10 admission at door or online at [oteroartsinc.org](http://oteroartsinc.org)

Come and witness the beginning!

Jan 14: OA Board Meeting (2nd Tues) 1:30 at the Artspace. All members welcome.

## Otero Arts Writing Series

Kathy Roark-Diehl

2025: New Year, New Journal!

January 16 - February 20

Tuesdays 5:30 - 7:00pm

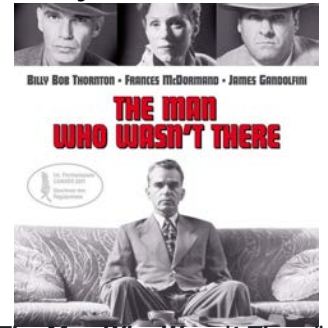
This January, join Kathy Roark-Diehl for a 6-week journal writing workshop to explore different modes and styles of journal keeping. A new year is a great time to make a commitment to write daily or even weekly. The goal of this workshop will be to combine *disciplined writing time* with a variety of prompts, exercises, techniques, and responses. Each week we write via a guided practice for at least one hour. Participants will need a journal and the writing tool/tools they like best.

Kathy Roark-Diehl, is Professor Emerita of English from NMSU-Alamogordo and an avid journal keeper. She emphasizes "pen to paper" techniques in order to free writers from their fears of evaluation. She has promoted journal writing as a way to learn content, organize time and ideas, calm fear, and explore the self.

Otero Artspace  
12th St. and Indiana Ave.  
[Oteroarts.org](http://Oteroarts.org)

Jan 21: Lecture Series by Jornada Research Institute, 6 pm, presented by David Greenwald. Lecture topic is "Gypsum Overlook", perhaps the earliest evidence of habitation in the Basin.

## Sunday Afternoon Matinee



"The Man Who Wasn't There" is a black and white film noir written by the Cohen Brothers, and directed by Joel Cohen. Starring Billy Bob Thornton, Frances McDormand, Michael Badalucco and James Gandolfini just to name a few.

A laconic, chain-smoking barber blackmails his wife's boss and lover for money to invest in dry cleaning, but his plan goes terribly wrong. The slippery slope for this introvert consists of blackmail, adultery and murder. **Join us at the Artspace, Sunday, Jan. 26 @ 2 pm. \$5 Donation is appreciated!**



# REGIONAL ART EVENTS

## MEMBERSHIP...THE LIFE BLOOD OF OTERO ARTS

All of the programs presented to the community only happen through the work of member volunteers. Thanks to the following new and renewed members for joining us in October and November for a total of 154 members to date:

*Note: We have begun our Membership Drive for 2025 and hope you will consider joining us and/or renewing your membership. We now have 154 members to date. Otero Arts has now proved our goals to become a ongoing organization that benefits our neighbors in Otero County. Come, be a part of a very satisfying project!*

### WELCOME to our new members:

Terry & Lyle Tanner      Ana Castro  
Heather & Robert Patrick      Loren Jackson  
Bob & Terri Ekmark      Julie Ford Oliver  
Kathy Roark & Steve Diehl      Wilma Hill

### AND a big Thank You to our renewals:

Jurgen & Janet Amtmann      Tracy Rivera  
Doug & Carla Kerr      Larry & Nona Henry  
Gary and Colleen Bond      Paul Duran  
Larry and Dee Beck      George Frost  
Lucinda and Robert Berglund  
Kim and Glenn Melton      Debra Martinelli  
Nathan & Paige Young  
Ann and Will Beacht      Annemarie Balentine

Welcome to the December/January newsletter.

We have much to look forward to as we end this year and enter the next one. In December, we're displaying some of our favorite artworks and doing a major promotional display for next year's workshops. Please come by when we're open for a look.

Now for serious, pressing matters: Otero Arts Inc is looking for volunteers to help manage OAI Volunteers and a Volunteer Committee:

1. Chair to step in for Shari Adkisson who developed the system to:
  2. Control the keys/access to the building.
  3. Oversight of the building.
  4. Keep records of volunteer hours and report the hours to the County.
- Shari will train the volunteer chair and the committee in the various aspects of volunteer coordination.

Grants are the main funding of the exciting and educational programs we present to the public. Otero Arts is in immediate need of a Chair for the Grant Committee, OA has grant writer, but a Chair needs to oversee the entire process from researching prospective offerings, applying, and follow through.

We need your expertise and leadership to continue offering relevant and innovative programming. Sitting on the board is not a requirement to lead the grant or the volunteer committee, just dedication and enthusiasm! We would be nothing without your continued support. If there is a particular committee you think you could help with or have a particular set of skills, please email us. We will endeavor to reach out as soon as possible.

Enjoy your holiday season.  
Maria Aragon, President, Otero Arts, Inc.



Ever notice the "Thrive" banners hanging on 10th street in Sept/Oct and ever wonder what exactly "Thrive" was all about?

Well, Thrive in Southern New Mexico is a non-profit corporation that filed in March, 1965 and it works exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes and it raises/solicits funds through fundraising and then disburses 100% of those funds in Otero and Lincoln

Counties. In Otero County, it partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, The Counseling Center, Kids Inc, Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, COPE, CASA, Zia Therapy, Southern NM Wellness Alliance, Tularosa and Sacramento Mtn. Senior Services and for the first time, this year, Otero Arts will receive a grant. All of these organizations are funded with grants from Thrive for their programs. Dependent on the yearly fundraising determines the amount each program receives. The goal this year: **\$500,000!**

Thrive's Mission Statement is: "To advance the common good, create lasting change and enrich lives by harnessing the collective compassion and resources of our community to improve lives." Funds are raised by donations and through fundraising events throughout the year, such as Valentine Gift Basket Fundraiser held in February, a benefit Concert in March (this year's Artist is the country super group Ricochet) and the just-held-in October Corcks and Shells Festival.

You can pledge a donation to Thrive and/or directly to Otero Arts through Thrive by filling out a pledge form at the Artspace next time you visit us.



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Youth Workshops are funded by the **Devasthali Family Foundation** with assistance from the Community Foundation of Southern NM.

**Thrive of Southern NM** also supports and funds Otero Arts programs.

