



The SPACeR



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THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to all of our members, new and renewing. Your membership dues are what enable SPACe to keep operating. When you receive an email letting you know that it's time to renew, please print the renewal form included in the email.

Join online using a credit card!

Go to the secure SPACe website and look on the left side for the link to the page where you can renew or join. Please print and mail SPACe the renewal form.

Below are SPACe members who renewed or joined in January to mid-March 2020. New/renewed members will be 2020 members beginning Oct. 1.

A heartfelt THANK YOU
for your continuing support!

John & Patti Davis	Adrienne Berkun &
Rena Kaplowitz	Mary Backiel
Stephan Goldstein	Gary Weston
Marnee Camp	Elizabeth Feckler & Micky Sinko
Charlie & Betty Stone	Marjorie Joy
Lori Hannan	Kathleen Moody
Jerry Lynn Riser	Beth and Jonathan Evans
Mary Scott & Susan Kirch	Kathy Hill
Russel & Karen Austin	Barb Kowalik & Chip Kraynik
Johnnye Dee Mullen	Kate McCabe
David & Vickie Vogel	Nicole Copel & Brad Atchison
Tom Doerk	Laura Bedford
Larry & Helen Hollar	Kenny Schneider & family
Jon & Donnis Manos	Robin Richards
Patti Nickell	Valley Lowrance
Betty Swindle	Cathy Mullens

Notes from the President

As I write this, we are all in the midst of total uncertainty about the next few months. SPACe will be closed at least until April 11, per the Governor's directive for non-essential businesses to close. Since this may extend beyond April 11, we are uncertain about the Changing Climate show. Artists, please email if you have questions about your artwork.

We are going ahead with plans for Art in the Park, the Youth & Teen Art Workshops, as well as the Adult Art Workshops. The workshops are limited to no more than 10 students in each age group. (The Youth Art Workshop is divided into 2 age groups—5-8 and 9-12) Laura Bedford is putting together a fantastic line up of experiences for the Youth and Teen Art Workshops and Rena Kaplowitz is seeking artist teachers for the Adult Art Workshops. If you are interested in teaching a one-day or half-day class to adults this summer, give her a call at 719 989-8801. If we have to cancel these events, all fees will be refunded.

The Artists Choice show and Ann Gethen's show will be displayed as scheduled, as well as the Western Rendezvous show; however, receptions may have to be curtailed. Please visit the SPACe website for updates.

Our new director, Joél Mathews has been sprucing up the Gallery, painting colorful stands and you will see a new look in the Gift Shop sometime in April or May. Please contact Joél about information pertaining to SPACe.

Kathy Hill, President

2020 PATRONS- \$250 Donations

Russel and Karen Austin

Ed and Deb Donovan

2020 SPONSORS - \$100 Donations

Peggy and David Zehring

Betty Swindle

Thank you for your generous support!

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear SPACe Friends and Supporters,

What a challenging time for all of us! My heart goes out to all of our supporters and friends across the country and around the world, as we navigate the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) on every aspect of our daily lives. Although we may be having different regional and local experiences as we follow state and city guidelines to keep ourselves and our neighbors safe, I've deeply felt the importance of remaining in close contact (virtually) with friends, family, and loved ones no matter how far away they may be. I found this to be a true comfort during this time of crossing uncharted waters.

Each day we are learning more about COVID-19 and how it is impacting the communities where we live and work. As this challenge evolves, we at SPACe continue to monitor and adhere to guidelines from all officials.

SPACe continues to be deeply committed to our work serving our creative communities here in Huerfano and surrounding counties while keeping the safety of our staff, residents, and patrons as our highest priority. The information below highlights the changes we have implemented until further notice:

SPACe Staff and Board Members

SPACe board and staff regret to say that we have closed the Gallery and gift shop until April 11th or until further notice by state mandated orders.

SPACe Venues and Events

We continue to hold the vision of all other events scheduled will be able to come to fruition however we have postponed the Student Art Show which is a public annual event and are following federal, state, and city guidelines. We will continue to monitor our building for safety and security concerns. For updates go to www.spanishpeaksarts.org or call us at 719-742-3074.

While the full impact of this unprecedented challenge is still unknown, we've found ourselves turning to the arts for inspiration during this challenging time. Perhaps you have too. I've been amazed at the ways artists, arts organizations, and organizations that support the creative sector have pivoted their resources to become an immediate resource to one another, and together they have created a place of compassion and hope.

Indeed, working creatively has always been an effective way to bring people in the community together during challenging times in the past as well. I am grateful to live in a world where creativity, connection, and community can still exist as we collectively tackle the ongoing challenge of COVID-19 while physical distancing and following important guidelines.

I feel that another difficult aspect of the corona virus's impact is that we really don't know what new information will transpire from day to day. I am hoping that you all seek comfort in talking with your friends and family (however you define family) and keep updated with the latest information from reliable sources.

I also gently encourage all of you to consider the individual artists and arts organizations across the country (especially the smaller ones) that have impacted your lives and give support where you are able, as we move through this uncharted territory together.

I and all the board members wish to thank everyone and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Joel Mathews, Executive Director

Art is a Lifeline!

SPACe Board of Directors

Kathy Hill, President
Carole Kramer, V.P.
Deb Donovan, Treasurer
Rose True, Secretary
Kenny Schneider
A.D. McGregor
Joel Mathews

Wanted for Summer Adult Art Workshops

Rena Kaplowitz is seeking artist teachers for the Adult Art Workshops. If you are interested in teaching a one-day or half-day class to adults this summer, give her a call at 719 989-8801.

Great News from the NEA Survey Results

The National Endowment for the Arts released the results of its latest Survey of Public Participation in the Arts (SPPA). And once again, Colorado came on strong! Did you know Colorado ranks 1st in adults attending performing arts events, 5th in adults reading literature and 6th in adults personally performing or creating art.

Knowing the survey results of the NEA we may ask ourselves during this COVID-19 restrictive time, what art or cultural experiences can I enjoy in my home on my own or with a couple of other persons with social distancing?

If you have internet access and a microphone and camera on your phone or computer, the possibilities related to art activities and experiences are endless. A few of the following can be considered and experimented with.

You could obtain a free Zoom online account where you use the camera and microphone on your laptop or cell phone to see and hear everyone at the same time and participate in discussions or other activities. This is great when you want to connect with others that live far away or out of town.

With this technology, you can participate in group meetings, wine and cheese tastings, meal get-togethers, nights with movies related to the visual or performing arts and discussions afterwards, as well as art related book or article discussion groups.

Other activities with Zoom are those where every person in their own home can participate either in art making activities or gourmet cooking sessions. With a simple supply list of items found in the home or garage, groups can create yummy meals, collages, origami shapes, cards, simple watercolor or monoprint designs. Each person sets up their phone or laptop overlooking their work area and shares in the laughs and challenges in the process of making their artistic creations. Then these art forms can be shared with each other in person when the restrictions have been lifted.

If you have Youtube, you might want to watch the Great Pottery Throw Down or Blown Away on Netflix. Both of these shows are serials and are similar in concept to the Great British Baking Show.

One is about pottery making techniques (spoiler – many mistakes aren't known until the pottery comes out of the kiln) and the other is concerned with glass blowing (spoiler – lots of broken glass!). Both are exciting, tense and educational.

If you have any other ideas for activities or online viewing, please contact Becky Myers at beckymyers9268@gmail.com. I would be happy to share ideas and resources with the community at large in this newsletter. Remember this too shall pass!

Photographer Wanted!

A volunteer is needed to photograph events such as receptions and art workshops at SPACe. These photographs would be placed in the newsletter, website or Facebook page.

We would also like to set up virtual tours of gallery shows and would appreciate the help of someone with video capabilities on their phone or camera. We could create a simple video of a walking tour with commentary while moving through the galleries. The short virtual tours of the different shows would be placed on the website and the Facebook page.

Please contact Becky Myers at 719-964-0451 if interested.



Tribal Women II by Peggy Zehring

2020 Spanish Peaks Arts Council (SPACe) Membership Application Date _____

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

E-mail (for sending newsletters and notices of events) _____

Interests in the Arts: artist? (media) other— _____

Volunteer? When? How? _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (circle one)

Individual \$30 ▪ Family/Couple \$40 ▪ Business \$75 Sponsor \$100 ▪ Patron \$250 ▪ Angel \$500

OTHER DONATIONS

Youth/Teen Art Workshops \$ _____ Exhibit Award Fund \$ (for awards) _____

Other (Specify) \$ _____

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Or pay by credit card on the SPACe website. **However, we still need a copy of this completed form for our records.**



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