



The SPACeR

October – November – December 2020



Spanish Peaks Arts Council, PO Box 803 , 132 W. Ryus, La Veta, CO 81055
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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 2020 since June. New/renewed members will be 2021 members beginning October 1.

Paul Foster Anjillee (Jill) Schwarz Jim Hanks Laura Lester Charlie Hackbarth Diane Lather Belfour Janeen Marie Ted Shafer Linda Shelley	Rev Harold & Evelyn Nelson Karen & Tim O'Brien Steve & Debbie Channel Don & Joyce Pike Thom Anderson & Louise Ille Gordon "Shorty" Shockey
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Notes from the President

Summer was quite different this year, with no Art in the Park, no Youth Art Workshops, and no food or beverages at receptions. However, we have been delighted to have continued visitors to see our shows and make purchases in the Gift Shop. Memberships have held steady, which is also heartening. Only 3 businesses who support our Exhibit Award Fund were unable to continue their support with ads in the show brochures that are created for every show.

We received a grant to help pay for our Executive Director, as well as the renewal of our Colorado Creative Industries grant for operating expenses.

Beginning October 6, we will reduce the days we are open to three: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, but we will keep the same hours: 11 am to 3 pm. Face masks are still required, as well as social distancing, with only 10 people at a time allowed inside. We provide gloves and masks for those who don't have them as well as hand sanitizer, and regularly sanitize the door handles.

The Board regrettably accepted the resignation of Joel Mathews as Executive Director, who has moved to Trinidad. We are interested finding a replacement, so if you or someone you know is interested in the position, please call, come in or email us.

Kathy Hill, President

2020 PATRONS- \$250 Donations

Neecee & Nelson Lane

SPONSORS - \$100 Donation

Susan Kummer

Whealen & Laura Koontz

Thank you for your generous support!

Gallery Hours

**Tuesdays and Thursdays and Saturdays
11 am – 3 pm**

Letter from the Executive Director

Hello members and all:

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as Executive Director that was given to me to assist SPACe gallery and its members during this time of great change. After all that has occurred this year, both for the collective whole and individually, I have decided to resign my position as of September 2020. Due to the Covid19 pandemic, I have made the decision to move closer to family and friends, as I believe this is what is most important for my life.

Little did we know what we were going to face during this time, and I believe we have set in motion some good new possibilities for the future of the gallery and the arts for the community. We have stayed open and continued our art events with social distancing in place. This includes a recording of the featured winning artists being posted on our new YouTube site, as well as a new Etsy store for sales for these artists' products. There have been other small accomplishments like a new roof and filing systems for the office, and I feel that there are more changes of course to come, but that you will continue to face them bravely together and get through them step by step. After contemplating my new direction in life, I have gone ahead and resigned my job with a thankful heart and best wishes for all!

Thank you everyone for your continued support of the SPACe Gallery, and best wishes for all.

Sincerely, Joel Mathews

ETSY and SPACe Artists

We have set up an Etsy Store for listing artwork in shows online for sale by credit card, including shipping. The link [SPACe Etsy Store](#) is on the SPACe web page for the shows. There is a "gallery" of one piece of art by each exhibiting artist in the current show on view.

Be sure to check it out! We are working on getting better quality for the images and the site. If, as a volunteer, you would like to become involved with this exciting effort to enlarge our exposure, please contact the gallery at **719-742-3074**.

Schedule of Shows

Clay & Fiber

October 6 – November 7 • Reception
October 10

Inner Idea Artists - Fuller Gallery

Gift of Art

November 10 – January 2 • Reception
November 14

Photography Show

The Photography Show on exhibit during the summer was a success! According to Alvah McGregor organizer of the exhibit at the SPACe gallery, "it was a good show, well attended and the judging by Cynthia Holling-Morris from Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs was very beneficial". He emphasized praise and thanks to the volunteers who helped with the exhibit.

The winners of the **Color Category**:

1st Place- Yellow Van by William Corcoran, 2nd Place-Tbourida by Joe Coca, and 3rd Place- Family Bonds by Lars Gesing

The winners for the **Monochromatic category**:

1st Place- Knife's Edge by Christopher Frost, 2nd Place-Portico by Carol Putnam, and 3rd Place- Subway Father by Claude Beller

John Shelton, Dave Hanson, Carlos Esguerra, and Robert Schultz received Merit Awards.



Yellow Van by William Corcoran



Knife's Edge by Christopher Frost

Again, thanks to all who participated and those who volunteered. You all helped to make this year's Photography Show a success!

Fall Show

There were 12 artists from the Spanish Peaks area who shared their original and diverse art for this show. Not only were there paintings but multi-media pieces as well. The creative expression was as varied and exciting as the media.

In addition to the artists participating in the Fall Show, three artists exhibited in the Fuller Gallery. They were Rebecca Myers, Hugh Keating and Carrie Fox. Each artist had their own expression and use of media, but all the pieces melded together to create a unified whole. It was a great way to celebrate the coming season!

What's Up with the La Veta Creative District

The La Veta Creative District (LVCD) has been working diligently. The application process to become a certified Colorado Creative District has been pushed back to January, giving us more time to satisfy the requirements. The LVCD board is comprised of: Susan Hanneman (President), Kenny Schneider (Vice President), Karen Austin (Secretary & Treasurer), Anjillee Schwarz and Kate McCabe.

We just launched our website:

www.lavetacreativedistrict.org and have a new email: info@lavetacreativedistrict.org – also find us on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/lavetacreativedistrict

We made a Spring 2020 Arts Award (\$250) to Cailee Sanchez in recognition of her creative talent and scholastic achievement. Lena Noordik received \$50 as the runner-up.

We selected our logo (designed by Jill Schwarz) a few weeks ago. We are working on our Strategic Plan and would like to hear from the local community about what they would like to see the LVCD accomplish over the next 3 to 5 years. The survey has been posted on our Facebook page and the website. It will also be emailed to our mailing list and distributed around town.

The website has a PayPal "Donate" button on each page. Checks can also be mailed to: La Veta Creative District, PO Box 1013, La Veta, CO 81055. The La Veta Creative District is a 501(c)(3) corporation, which makes donations tax-deductible. On the website's Home page there's an "I'd like to get involved" form or you can "sign up to receive information" via email.

Our mission statement: To inspire and cultivate our diverse rural community through the development of the arts and creative industries.

Artists Corner

Rebecca Myers



La Día de los Muertos!

That is the yearly celebration of the Day of the Dead in Mexico and other Latin American Countries. **Rebecca Myers** has chosen to honor this tradition by creating this sculpture Whatever Lola Wants Lola Gets!

Originating with the Aztecs, this celebration honors the deceased with people setting up altars in their homes dedicated to their loved ones who are deceased. Each altar is unique and decorated with marigolds as well as objects that the deceased person enjoyed while living. The altars usually have a full glass of water and a small loaf of bread (pan de muerto) and some sweets for the deceased's spirit to have during its afterlife travels. Sometimes a trail of marigold blossoms is spread from the front door to the altar so the spirit will know the way.

There is always joy, happiness and reverence during these celebrations that occur on October 31 and November 1. The celebration is for children and adults alike and coincide with All Saints Day in the Christian tradition. Often families join and remain in the graveyards during the night to keep their loved-ones company. They enjoy food and music that is often played by a roaming Mariachi band. Each village, city and country celebrate this time of year in their own special way with their unique traditions.

Other clay sculptures as well as paintings and multi-media art pieces can be seen on Rebecca Myers' website www.rebeccamyers.com. She is also available by appointment to give art historical lectures and tours of her studios in Huerfano County and Colorado Springs. Her paintings can be seen in the La Veta Gallery on Main.

2021 Spanish Peaks Arts Council (SPACe) Membership Application Date _____

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Alternate Address (seasonal) _____

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) \$ _____

Please send separate checks for memberships and donations.

Send your checks with this form to: SPACe, PO Box 803, La Veta, CO 81055

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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