

October,  
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2022



# The SPACeR

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## Thank You!

Your membership dues enable SPACe to stay open. When you receive an email letting you know it's time to renew, please print out the renewal form at the end of the newsletter to mail with your payment. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

## Renewing & new members

between July & November

George & Ellie Mellott  
Jim & Maryjean Fowler  
Allison & Lukas Dearmin  
Robin James  
Rebecca & Dean Myers  
Sheigla Hartman  
Mike & Laura Rosencrans  
Sheila Weiss  
Judith Fuentes  
Cherine Kuster  
Roberta Chambers  
John Wooldridge & Candis Massingill  
Richard Mehringer  
Jim Stalder  
Kevin Maricle

## 2022 Angel (\$500)

Caryl Emerson  
Judith Fuentes

## 2022 Business Members

Huerfano County Branch 1<sup>st</sup> National  
Bank in Trinidad  
Artisans on Main  
Steve Riley  
Armida's Boutique  
State Farm Insurance

## Notes from the President

As 2022 comes to a close, I can't help but wonder what 2023 will bring. Despite the many differing outlooks, lifestyles, and ages among SPACe members and others who enjoy the arts in our community, we all come together to share our art. Additionally, artwork that has been shown in the SPACe Gallery is increasingly more diverse.

Abstract, non-objective, expressionistic, realistic, fiber art, ceramics, metal sculpture, printmaking, graphite, and digital art are just some of the varieties of artwork that were seen at the SPACe Gallery this year, in addition to oil, watercolor and acrylic painting.

For a small, rural community, all those who volunteer to make every show happen need to be congratulated for our amazing exhibits. Unfortunately, a handful of dedicated volunteers is not enough to keep our organization a vibrant base for the arts in La Veta, Cuchara, Walsenburg, and Gardner.

Due to the endless increases in operating expenses, we raised the membership dues \$5 annually this year for individuals and families. So far that is the only adjustment made to keep our budget in the black. Your continued support as members is immensely valuable. Our volunteers and staff are still in the process of eliminating glitches in our record keeping. Your patience is appreciated.  
Kathy Hill, President.

## Annual Gift of Art Show Nov. 10 – Jan. 7

The Gift of Art show has been the longest continuously scheduled exhibit at SPACe since the creation of the Spanish Peaks Arts Council in 1998. The first Gift of Art show almost didn't happen due to a snowstorm dropping 4' of snow. In those days there was no social media or email blasts to let people know whether an event was cancelled. The weather service indicated the storm would move out quickly, but that didn't happen. It was decided to have the opening anyway, even though people mostly had to walk to get to the Gallery.



## Annual General Membership Meeting & Holiday Party

### Dec. 10

As a nonprofit organization, the Spanish Peaks Arts Council is required by its by-laws to hold a meeting for all the members once a year. This year's meeting will be a combination meeting and holiday party hosted by Tracey Paolone and George Orłowski at their home on Dec. 10, 5:30 - 8 pm. Bring an appetizer (tapa) or wine to share. The meeting will include a BRIEF overview of 2022 and plans for 2023. Other financial information will be available. 310 E. Francisco, in La Veta.

## A New Look for SPACe Gallery

Thank you, Janice Benham, for donating the beautiful new desk now in use at the SPACe Gallery. It adds to the much-loved appearance of the Gift Shop.

Janice also donated use of her building for the Youth Art Workshop—**Thank you, Janice!**

She did an awesome job organizing this year's successful Adult Art Workshop program.



**This year's Gift of Art show includes** a special showing by the Adams State Art Faculty featuring works by Art Department professors Annaliesa Connor-Meissner, Margaret Doell, Kristian Gosar, Anthony Guntren, Nora McBride, E. A. Schilling, and Bill Tite, curated by the La Veta Creative District. Thirteen area artists are sharing their art in the Gift of Art show. In addition the Gift Shop is loaded with marvelous original art, cards, jewelry, pottery, and more—great for gift-giving. The two shows will be on display until January 7. Visit the SPACe website to see pictures of the artwork.



## 2023 Show & Events (subject to change)

Feb. 9 – April 8 **Members Show** [Reception Feb. 11/Event TBD](#)

April 12 – April 29 **La Veta Schools Student Art Show**  
[Receptions April 12 & 15](#)

May 2 – June 10 **Spring Artists' Choice Show**  
[Receptions May 6 & May 27](#)

[July 1 & 2 – Art in the Park](#)

[July 10 – 14 -- Youth Art Workshop](#)

June 13 – July 22 **Western Rendezvous** [Reception June 17](#)

July 25 – Aug. 26 **Photography Show** [Reception July 29](#)

Aug. 29 – Sept. 30 **Changes** [Reception Sept. 2](#)

October 3 – November 4 **Clay, Glass & Fiber** with the **Inner Idea Artists** [Reception Oct. 7](#)

November 9 – January 6, 2024 **Gift of Art** with the **LVCD in the Fuller Gallery** [Reception Nov. 11](#)

Due to a lack of volunteers, next year's show schedule includes longer shows, reducing the total number of shows. Plans are in the works to include some special events during selected shows.

[Let a Board member know if you are interested in presenting a demonstration of how you create your art or if you would like to give a talk about an artistic aspect. Musical events are welcome, too. OR if you would like to curate one or more shows.](#)



## Clay, Glass & Fiber Show



## La Veta Creative District

It is now official! The Colorado Department of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) has given the La Veta Creative District official designation as a Creative District. The Colorado Creative Districts program certifies communities that contribute to our state's economy through creativity, culture, and the arts. The program's goal is to help communities increase jobs, incomes, and investments in creative places.

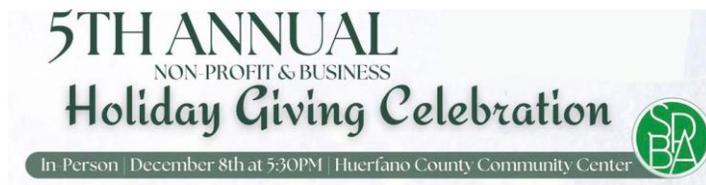
Colorado Creative Districts attract artists and creative entrepreneurs to a community, infusing new energy and innovation, which in turn enhances the economic and civic capital of the community. Districts also serve as a focal point for celebrating and strengthening a community's unique identity, become a space to showcase cultural and artistic organizations and events, and contribute to the development of healthy communities.

La Veta Creative District is the result of the hard work of many volunteers. The current Board consists of Susan Hanneman, President, Kenny Schneider, Vice President, & Kate McCabe, Treasurer, and Jill Schwarz. The Secretary position remains open. Volunteers are needed to implement services provided by the LVCD. For information on how to volunteer email [info@lavetacreativedistrict.org](mailto:info@lavetacreativedistrict.org) Visit the website at [www.lavetacreativedistrict.org](http://www.lavetacreativedistrict.org)

Stroll among La Veta's galleries and enjoy plenty of delicious food, live music, and possibly win prizes with your \$25 donation. Proceeds from the annual Holiday Art Walk will be distributed to local art programs. Tickets are available at H's Place, Artisans on Main, and the SPACe Gallery. Tickets may also be reserved online at [lavetacreativedistrict.org](http://lavetacreativedistrict.org)



## Fall Show with Al Clymer



The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Giving Celebration, put on by the SPBA consists of Twelve Days of Giving December 1st -12th online and an in-person holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 8th, at the Huerfano Community Center in Walsenburg. **Online donations may be made via the SPBA website.** [www.spba.huerfano.org/holiday-giving-donate](http://www.spba.huerfano.org/holiday-giving-donate). Donate to SPACe and get a membership

**2023 Spanish Peaks Arts Council (SPACE)  
Membership Form**



Thank you A.D. McGregor for videos of  
receptions

**A few of the Inner Idea Artists**



Peggy Zehring



Becky Havekost



Fred Bender



Lana Thomas



Mary Sewell Cooper

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Address (seasonal)

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Interests in the Arts: artist? (media) other

\_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer? When? How?

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**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES** (circle one)

Individual \$35 ▪ Family/Couple \$45 ▪ 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.**



