



The SPACeR

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Spanish Peaks Arts Council
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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 a letter letting you know that it's time to renew, there are two ways to do this:

- Print the renewal form included in the mailing, at the end of this newsletter, or at the SPACe website. Mail the form in with your payment.
- Go to the secure SPACe website and look on the left side for the link to the page where you can renew or join using your credit card!

Below are SPACe members who renewed or joined during 2025.

Family

Jeanine Anderson & Loren Albright
Erika and Mark Wrhel
Judith Sims-Barlow
Becky & Dean Myers
Barbara Kowalik & Chip Kraynyk
Beth & Jonathan Evans
Lori Utley
Robert and Connie Buckner
Joel Mathews
Larry & Sue Morgan
Paul, Susan and Kylee Smith
Wendy & Jim Hager
Karen & Tim O'Brien
Kenny Schneider & Family
Jolynn Chappell
Ben & Evelyn Zeller
Deb & Jay Obrecht
Debra & Joseph Malone
Cathryn Gladyshev
James Van Hoy
Bud Nickell & Nancy Goodenough
Celeste Melville
Michael Rosencrans

Individual

Mary White
Debra Greer
Patti Nickell
Joel Ohlsen
Jim Fowler
Albert Anderson Clymer
Judith Fuentes
John Manos
Lee Blakeney
Victoria Walker
Robin Richards
Cynthia (Cindy) Stroud
Emin Abbasov
Mary Byington
Diane Preiss
Karen Voepel
Peter Bergh
Debra Daray
Carl Zimmerman
Rita Kasper
Phyllis J. Smith
Gary Weston.
Paul W Nichols

Angel

Caryl Emerson
Charles Chauvin

Patron

Susan M Kummer

Sponsor

Betty Swindle
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George & Elecive Mellott
Peggy & David Zehring

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Greetings, Members of SPACe and Patrons of the Arts:

As we enter this year's fourth quarter, the Spanish Peaks Arts Council is preparing for a repeat of our successful 2024 Fall fundraising appeal with a 2025 Second Fall appeal. As with the previous fourth quarter drive, we will emphasize donations that are tax deductible and that funds an organization supporting the arts in our community. One added benefit of last year's appeal was the addition of a number of new members and renewals. We anticipate a good response from this important fundraising drive. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 for day-to-day operations and building maintenance.

The 2025 Art in the Park arts and crafts fair was a very profitable fundraiser with SPACe realizing much needed income for operating expenses! Dedication, planning and hard work by treasurer, Susan Smith and family, Rafe Schneider, Cherine and Mark Kuster, along with generous donations from San Isabel Electric and La Veta Creative District made this event successful! You can be a part of this paid event by being the coordinator for next year! Commission paid is 30% after expenses are satisfied.

Another fundraiser is one that was begun in 2015 when the Cottonwood Bench project was in progress. For that endeavor, personalized and memorial bricks were sold to raise funds. For one reason or another the project languished and was never finished. Our Treasurer Susan, being a thorough bookkeeper, restarted the project and we have been able to complete and place our order for 79 bricks with a tidy amount raised for SPACe. Thank you!

Our Youth Art Workshop was a really good experience for the small number of young artists who signed up. Taught by local artist, Cathryn "Kitty" Gladyshev, the five day event in July gave each student an opportunity to use a variety of mediums in a multitude of creative visual art activities.

Two big shows at SPACe, the Western and Photography Show, which are the highlights of our Summer art show season, were outstanding with great work, but somewhat tepid sales – a sign of the times.

SPACe plans our year of shows and other events during our January hiatus. Not only will we need a coordinator for Art in the Park, but a coordinator to plan and promote adult art workshops in 2026. This is also a position that pays the coordinator with a commission on the income from student tuitions. Please give some thought to coordinating this rewarding activity.

It is no accident that I emphasize fundraising in these notes. Spanish Peaks Arts Council is, in every sense of the word, a nonprofit. We spend the money we collect from fees, dues and commissions to produce shows that benefit our members and the community. We need income from fundraising to pay our operating expenses. We will always support you, our member artists, by keeping our costs low and still continue our mission to provide educational opportunities and a venue for displaying and selling your work. We would love your input on ways to better accomplish this. Leave a request for a call-back or email at spanishpeaksarts@gmail.com.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Council!

**Warm Regards.
A.D. McGregor
President
Spanish Peaks Arts Council**

Reflections on the Western Rendezvous Show And the Photography Show

The Western Rendezvous Show, on exhibit from June 17 through July 26, and the Photography Show that ran from July 29 through August 30 at the SPACE Gallery, were both very successful! The Western Rendezvous Show was a juried and judged show with cash awards. Featured artwork reflects Native American or ranching culture, wildlife, livestock, pioneers, western scenery and structures.

Western Rendezvous Show



Emin Abbasov – First Place



Bob Buckner – Second Place



Cherine Marie – Third Place



Karen Voepel

Merit Awards



Jenni Sheffield

Photography Show

The show consisted of 34 photographic works by 14 talented regional photographers.

Our judge for this show is noted Colorado Photographer, Albert Trujillo. Cash prizes to be awarded are \$350 for First Place, \$250 for Second Place, \$150 for Third Place, and \$50 each for two merit award winners.



**Jim Lambert – First Place –
“Lady Loves the Blues”**



**Gary Weston
– Third Place
– “Back to
Metropolis”**



**Raymond McCoy – Second
Place – “Yucca”**



**James Van Hoy - “The Coming
Storm”**

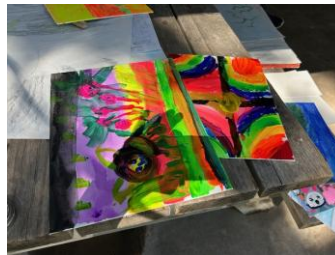
**Merit
Awards**



**Pat Newell - “Madonna in the
Clouds”**

Youth Art Workshop

The Youth Art Workshop this year was held July 14-18 at the Pavilion in La Veta Town Park from 9 am to 12 noon each day. On Friday, the 18th, we had a show and reception for family and friends. The workshop was open to youth from 8 to 16 years. The fee this year was still only \$35 per student for the week! Beautiful and colorful art work was created by the students!



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Carving, Textiles, Vessels and Sculpture Show

Artwork created primarily with clay, glass, fiber, wood or other sculptural material is included in this show. This provided a wide imaginative variety of expressions and creativity on the part of the artists and represented multi-media works of art as well. The different media made the show not only colorful to the eye but very tactual to the touch. Also, works by Albert Anderson Clymer is in the Fuller Gallery.



Call for Entries for The Collector's Show
and the Gift of Art Show!

Items for the Collector's Show should represent art objects from your personal collection(s) to place on sale either to enhance or change your collection(s). See the website at SpanishPeaksArts.org for further details and application.

Intake for the Collector's Show will be October 10 and 11 from 10:00am-3:00pm.

Art objects for the Gift of Art Show need to represent those art items that you have made as an artist or craftsperson during the past year. The good quality items will be put on sale in this exhibition.

Take in for the Gift of Art Show will be November 7 and 8 from 10:00am-3:00pm at the SPACE Gallery. More information and application can be found at the SPACE website.

2025 Schedule of Shows

**This year is almost over and it has passed quickly!
However, the schedule for the
remainder of the shows for 2025 is:**

September 2 – October 11 Carvings, Textiles, Vessels and
Sculpture Show

Opening Reception September 6, 4-6 pm
Also Albert Anderson Clymer in the Fuller Gallery

October 16 – November 8 Collector's Show
Opening Reception October 18, 4-6 pm

November 13 – January 3, 2026 Gift of Art Show
Opening Reception November 15, 4-6 pm
Also in the Fuller Gallery –

Rebecca Myers will exhibit her paintings on the South Wall that were inspired and created at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. Cherine Marie Kuster will exhibit on the East Wall and Kylee Smith on the North Wall .

Thank you!!

for attending the exciting exhibits at SPACE this year!
And we hope to see you in 2026!



Spanish Peaks Arts Council (SPACE) Membership Form

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

E-Mail(s) _____

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

Volunteer? When? How? _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES (circle one)

Individual \$35 ▪ Family/Couple \$45 ▪ Business \$75 ▪ Sponsor \$100

Patron \$250 ▪ Angel \$500

A donation in addition to your membership renewal would also be greatly appreciated.

Please consider adding an additional donation to your membership. Thank you.

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

General Fund \$ _____

Total amount enclosed (or paid online) \$ _____ Date paid _____

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

Or pay by credit card on the SPACE website. **Please email or "snail" mail a copy of this completed form to the SPACE office so we can keep our records accurate and up to date.**

Thank you.



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