

The SPACeR

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Spanish Peaks Arts Council
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Notes from the President

Greetings, Members and Patrons;

The first quarter of 2026 has seen some changes at SPACe. Susan Smith, our Treasurer, is moving to Texas to be closer to family. She is working with Rose True to make the transition smooth. We need to find a bookkeeper and fill the Treasurer position on the board as soon as possible. A professional bookkeeper with proficiency in Quickbooks is preferred.

I have decided to step down as President of SPACe. The President of the Board is definitely a working position, as are the other Board positions, so whoever steps up should be prepared to take on more than supervisory responsibilities. Active members are the key to working with SPACe and we require someone who can inspire others to join or volunteer. I will stay on as President until the board elects my successor.

Speaking of active members. Many opportunities exist at SPACe for paid coordinator positions: Youth Art Workshop, The Adult Art Workshop series, Art in the Park; all are positions that are paid with commissions based on how successful they are.

One of the key activities at the Council is having someone to research and write grants. Grants are a very important source of operating income for us as a nonprofit and we currently have no one to fill that position. If you have written grants or know someone who does, let us know.

We will celebrate the fifty year celebration of SPACe (1976-2026) this year. No one can put a value on the work and support that the Spanish Peaks Arts Council has provided to its artist members. If you are not a member, join; if not a supporter, support! If you even agree that art is important to society, then join and support the Spanish Peaks Arts Council!

Sincerely,

A.D. McGregor

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A.D. McGregor, **"The La Veta Pioneer"**, dressed in his best duds serving sliders for "The Western Rendezvous Show" held every summer at the SPACe gallery.

A. D. McGregor has served as both President and Administrator for the Spanish Peaks Arts Council since 2023. He began as the administrator in 2021 and was elected President in 2023. He has resigned as president and administrator; however, the search continues for his replacement(s). Being administrator for SPACe is a complex position with so many aspects to oversee. In spite of roadblocks, complaints and continued challenges, he is always calm.

Before relocating from Texas, he worked as a designer, production artist and art director with several corporations in the Dallas area. He received a B.A. degree in Advertising Art with a minor in Business Administration from the University of North Texas.

2026 La Veta School's Student Art Show

The Spanish Peaks Arts Council is pleased to once again host the La Veta School's Student Art Show from April 1 – April 11 ! Examples of Student's Work that were awarded memberships in the SPACe Cadet Art Corps were represented along with additional examples of student works!



Furs, Feathers & Fins Show



April 16 - May 16
Reception:
April 18 4:00-6:00pm



SPACE is having an “animal themed” show this year and we wanted to invite artists to submit their pieces in any medium for consideration. We had a great time at the reception!

See the website for further information and details:
www.SpanishPeaksArts.org

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!

Members who have joined since last November, their names will appear on the next newsletter.



Art in the Park

**July 3 and 4,
2026**

**See website for
details and
applications.**

Gallery/Gift Shop Hours:

**Thursday, Friday and Saturday
10 am-3pm**

2026 Schedule of Shows and Events

Winter Show
February 5 - March 28
Reception: February 7

Student Show
March 31 - April 11

Furs, Feathers & Fins Show
April 16 - May 16
Reception: April 18

Spring Show
May 21 - June 13
Reception: May 23

Western Show
June 16 - July 25
Reception: June 20

Art in the Park
July 3 & 4

Youth Art Workshop
July 6 through July 10

Photography Show
July 28 - September 5
Reception: August 1

Fall Into Color Show
September 8 - October 10
Reception: September 12
Fuller Gallery: Al Clymer & Friends

Artists' Choice Show
October 15 - November 14
Reception: October 17

Gift of Art Show
November 19 - January 2, 2027
Reception: November 21

This schedule is preliminary. Please refer to this page from time to time for any changes in times or dates. You may rent the Fuller Gallery if it is not already rented (see schedule above). The Fuller is not available during the Western Rendezvous and Photography Show.

SPACE Cadets

The Space Cadets have lifted off and this program has boosters. Several people have graciously donated memberships special for the Cadets. During the Student Show reception we awarded nine memberships. Kids can show and sell at SPACE with special youth benefits as we continue to work toward more art related talks and demos at the school.

Teachers, Mr. Anderson & Mrs. Huff, were helpful with discussions about each young artist as we looked through the show.

2026 Youth Membership Awards :

1st grader Logan Tannhauser,
2nd grader Donna Sporcich,
4th grader Nevaeh Maldonado,
5th grader Peightyn Pierce,
7th grader Kersey Huff,
8th grader Karly Ingram
10th grader Hayden Blakely,
11th grader John Kemp and
11th grader Luke Valdez

Colorado Creative Industries Summit

Program Summary

The Creative Industries Summit is the annual event for Colorado creatives to connect, learn, and be inspired. More than 350 creative stakeholders from over 60 Colorado cities and towns attend the summit.

The two-day event offers exhibits, performances, networking opportunities, speakers, classes, and workshops. The event is ideal for both early to late-career creative leaders including artists, board members, community leaders, creative entrepreneurs, creative industries advocates from all sectors, elected officials, emerging creatives, executive directors, municipal and nonprofit cultural workers, and program staff.

Summit is in Trinidad on June 4 and 5. Click on the link below for more information and registration

[Colorado Creative Industries Summit | Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade](#)



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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