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It would be remiss of us if we did not recognize all those who have contributed to the continuation of our organization. We are most grateful to Mayor Alice Lucero, the Española City Council, Len Cata, Director of Community Services; and Andrew Herrera, Director of the Plaza de Española. Special thanks are extended to Jose Villa and Clare Cresap Villa for their ongoing support of the NNMRAC. NNMRAC has recently proposed a plan to convert the vacant US Post Office building on Bond Street into a multi-cultural regional art education center. The programs that will be housed in this building will provide services at low cost to all, regardless of age and without prerequisites. Artists, teachers and students will work together, teaching and learning traditional and folk art as well as painting, digital communications, photography, sculpture and printmaking. The program and the facility will utilize the museums, galleries and gift shops located in the Plaza as resources. We hope that this education center will provide inspiration for generations to come.



Proposed site for NNMRAC Education Center

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From the Executive Director—John D. Werenko

Dear Board, Staff, Members and Volunteers:

These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Thomas Paine, December 23, 1776



Mision y Convento, Plaza de Española

I quote from patriot Paine because it is the most apt way in which I can express my feelings and appreciation to all those in our membership who stood by our nonprofit organization as it was transformed into the Northern New Mexico Regional Art Center (NNMRAC) on the Plaza de Española.

The NNMRAC Board of Directors (formerly ACFL), staff and volunteers performed at the highest level of professionalism under the principal of “Duty of Care,” in saving a nonprofit arts education organization for all the good citizens of the State of New Mexico.

Without interruption, NNMRAC fulfilled its arts and education program, including Access Art for the Developmentally Disabled, art classes for adults, as well as the summer art fair. We opened our consignment gift shop and held three gallery exhibitions, expanded the membership and met all fiduciary commitments to the County of Los Alamos, the City of Española and the State of New Mexico. In addition to the aforementioned the NNMRAC filed eight grant proposals including one to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support our 2011 Summer School program and outreach to under-served populations and tribal communities.

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From the Director continued...

NNMRAC also donated a new sign to the City of Española in gratitude for their support. This sign declares the Plaza de Española to be the location of the *Gateway to Northern New Mexico Visitor Center* and is located at the intersection in front of the Plaza. Under our agreement with the City of Española, NNMRAC will continue to provide arts education and arts management consulting services to the citizens of Northern New Mexico. As members of the NNMRAC you will continue to receive the same benefits as before. Your support for our service to artists and our arts education mission is vital. We hope to see you here in the Plaza de Española in the coming months as we move forward with our ambitious undertaking to serve the artists and residents of Northern New Mexico.



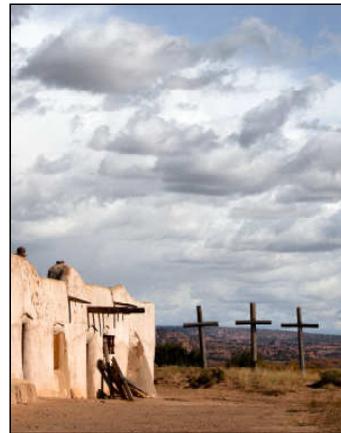
Mayor Alice Lucero at NNMRAC opening of Water exhibition

News Notes

NNMRAC is a proud sponsor of this year's Española Valley Arts Festival, to be held on the Plaza de Española, the first weekend in October. If NNMRAC members are interested in supporting this festival, donations are welcome and exhibitor spaces are available. Please contact Clare Villa at 505-852-2376. This is the Silver Anniversary of the Arts Festival (EVAF).

This summer we had our first Rawcliffe international intern. Her name is Ira Fedotova and she is currently a university student in Moscow, Russia. Ms. Fedotova worked in the gallery and gift shop, helped with numerous clerical jobs in the office, assisted both at the *Fiesta de Española* and our *Summer Arts and Craft Fair*. She worked at NNMRAC from July 6th through August 18th.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us at the opening of our next exhibition, *Abstraction*, on Friday October 1 from 5 – 7 PM.



Mike Hayden, *Abiquiu Morada*—from the exhibition, *Spirit of Place: New Mexico*

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The Convento Gallery & Gift Shop

A long-standing tradition of the *Art Center* has been to provide local and regional artists and craftsmen the opportunity to consign and sell their work in the gallery and gift shop. This tradition continues here in Española with the establishment of the NNMRAC Convento Gallery and Gift Shop. So far this year we have held three juried exhibitions in the Gallery: *A Fiber Arts Medley*; *Water, Water Everywhere!* and *Spirit of Place: New Mexico*. Upcoming exhibitions include *Abstraction* that opens October 1st, *Bits and Pieces* on October 29. Our annual *Affordable Art Sale*, will be held on December 4th, coinciding with a benefit concert and the Española Electric Light Parade. Proceeds from the benefit and sale will support our education programs.

Currently the Gift Shop has the work of thirty-seven artists and craftsmen on consignment. Our consignees represent all six Northern New Mexico counties and several individuals are from out of state. The Gift Shop was officially opened on August 6th. Members interested in consigning work should contact NNMRAC for an interview and portfolio review. We are currently putting together a group of volunteers to help staff the gallery and gift shop. If you are interested in helping please contact us at 505-500-7126 or director@nnmrac.org

Holiday News & Benefit Events

NNMRAC is planning a holiday party and benefit to help raise funds to continue our work with artists and craftsmen of Northern New Mexico and to further our outreach through arts education to under-served populations and tribal communities. More information and tickets for the event will be available in mid October. We hope that all members will actively participate by helping to sell tickets and by attending. We know that this will be a memorable evening for the arts in Northern New Mexico.

On December 4 we will participate in the Española Electric Light Parade and have the grand opening of our annual *Holiday Art* exhibition and sale. That evening we also will host a silent auction and book signing of artists' books. Don't miss either of these exciting events.



Convento Gallery Gift Shop