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Art Scene

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Showing in February is "Dichotomy Squared": contrasting styles in a square themed show by Mitzi Quirarte and Tina Yetter. The Second Saturday artist meet and greet is 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 11**.

"House" artists are Jose Clemente, Stephanie Conroy, Kathryn Gelinas, Manny Guerra, Winfrey Hearst, Candy Mayer, Shirley Morgan, Carmen Navar, Linda Noack, Mitzi Quirarte, Rami Scully, Reginald Watterson, Lorena Williams, T Yetter, Bob Adams, Ben Avant, Sally Backey-Avant, Gerardo Campos, Jeanne Campos and Marji Carrasco.

The "Gift Gallery" offers diverse original art including jewelry, gourds, encaustic boxes, ceramics and other art.

Sunland Art Gallery — The El Paso Art Association co-op gallery is in Sunland Park Mall, second level across from The Greenery, with 30 El Paso artists represented. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Information: 584-3117, 474-0053 or sunlandartgallery.com.

Artists interested in having a show at the gallery in 2012 may call Gallery Director Cil Abeyta.

Showing **Feb. 2-27**: "Sweetheart Special," art with a Valentine's Day and romance theme and small items suitable for gift giving. Opening reception is 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, **Feb. 3**.

The gallery is seeking artists for its March show, "Figuratively Speaking III," a popular show featuring portraits, figures or anything to do with people.

There are also openings for new artists in all media: paintings, jewelry, sculptures, woodwork, repujados, crosses, mosaics and other items.

Las Cruces/Mesilla

'For the Love of Art month' — February is For the Love of Arts Month in Las Cruces, celebrating the city's various performing and visual arts. The month, sponsored by ArtForms, is highlighted by several special studio tours, exhibits and performances. Information: (575) 527-0002 or artformsn.org. See various gallery listings for event details.

Adobe Patio Gallery and Studio — 1765 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla. The gallery, owned and operated by artists Carolyn and Henry Bunch, features works by Carolyn Bunch, Anthony Pennock, Kelley S. Hestir, Cheryl Derrick and other local and regional artists. Information: (575) 532-9310.

'Art Inspires' — "The exhibit runs through February at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho in Las Cruces as part of "For the Love of Art" Month, with paintings in all media and photography by Las Cruces GFWC Progress Club members. Opening reception is 6 to 7 p.m. Friday, **Feb. 3**. Information: (575) 528-4000.

ArtForms Studio Tour — The Las Cruces-based ArtForms Artist Association of New Mexico presents its 2012 Studio Tour 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, **Feb. 18-19** and **Feb. 25-26**, in celebration of "For the Love of Art Month." The tour features several area artists at Las Cruces galleries and studios. Maps available at several Las Cruces locations, including some of the participating studios. Some gallery hours may vary. Information: (575) 527-0200 or artformsn.org.

Featured both weekends:
• Studio 1490 — 1490 Via Norte. Watercolor, acrylic, and watercolor jewelry by Marie

Siegrist.

• La Jardin de Las Cruces — 4010 N. Valley. Southwest crosses and metalworks, wood-working, ceramics and watercolor by David Jaquez.

• Nancy Frost Begin — 1982 Avenida de Antigua. Watercolors, woodcuts and oil paintings.

• Lynn K. Miyake — 2050 Cortabella. Sacred images in egg tempura with gold leaf.

• Rokoko Gallery — 1785 Avenida de Mercado. Mixed media and paintings by A.me and Mitch Alanga.

• Studio 1060 — 1320 Kilmer. Clay sculpture, pottery by Deborah Moore.

• Gabriella Denton — 403 Court, # B. Folk art prints and contemporary paintings.

• Studio 308 #1 — 308 N. Mesquite. Digital imaging, pigment prints and prints on plexiglass by Yanick D'hooge.

• Mesquite Art Gallery — 340 N. Mesquite. Photography, prints, pastels and paintings by Mel Stone.

• Lynn Unangst — 4020 Red Yucca Court. Handwoven garments, petit point, woven gift items and "Spirit Minders."

• Ali Keyes Photography — 2001 Desert Springs Court.

• Western Traders — 1300 El Paseo. Beaded jewelry and artwork by Las Cruces Bead Society (Saturdays only).

Featured **Feb. 25-26**:

• The Village at Northrise Artists — 2880 and 2882 N. Roadrunner Parkway Hallmark and Morningside Buildings. Various media.

• Azadeh Arts — 5206 Mescalero Trail. Glass, ceramics, multi-media by Linda Reeder Sanchez.

• Cally Williams Pottery — 331 Capri Arc. Pottery, weaving, jewelry, silk painting, photography and paintings.

'Artists of Picacho Hills' — The group's "For The Love of Art Month" exhibit and sale is noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 5**, at Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre in Las Cruces. Information: (575) 523-1740 or artist-sofpicachohills.com.

Cutter Gallery — 2640 El Paseo (at University), Las Cruces. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Information: (575) 541-0658. Showing in February is an Estate Art Sale.

'It's All About Art' — Works by the City of Artists Promotional Association are featured **Feb. 1-29** at Lundeen Inn of the Arts, 618 S. Alameda in Las Cruces. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Opening reception is 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 4**. Information: (575) 526-3326 or lundeeninn@comcast.net.

La Mesa Station Gallery — 16205 Highway 28 in La Mesa, N.M. (north of Chope's). Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays. Showing through February: Paintings by Sam Cueto, 14, who is paralyzed from the neck down. An opening reception is 1 to 7 p.m. Saturday, **Jan. 28**. He will demonstrate his creative technique at 3 p.m. Information: (575) 233-3037 or (575) 644-3756.

Las Cruces Museum of Art — 491 N. Main (Downtown Mall). Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Information: (575) 541-2137 or las-cruces.org/museums.

Showing **Feb. 3-April 12**: "New Mexico: 100 Years of Art," featuring more than 60 works in a variety of media that focuses on New Mexico

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