

Art Scene

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Las Cruces/Mesilla

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.

Showing **through May 12**: "The Illuminated Landscape," new watercolors by David Drummond.

Also showing for the Spring 2012 show are works from members of the area chapter of New Mexico Watercolor Society: William Coon, Robin Makowski, Beverley Pirtle, Marie Siegrist, Penny Simpson, Janey Walch, Laurel Weathersbee and Phil Yost, as well as by area artists Bill Baker, Carolyn Bunch, Linda Giesen, Kelly S. Hestir, Annetta Hoover, Jim Hunter, Joyce T. Macrorie and Tony Pennock.

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 **through June 2**: "Just Friends," works by Better Hummer and Virginia Roach.

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, or by appointment. The gallery occupies an 80-year-old former gasoline station that has been restored as an art gallery, representing local area artists including paintings, photography, woodturning and weavings. Information: (575) 233-3037 or the gallery manager at (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 **April 27-May 3**: Works by graduating Las Cruces area high school seniors. Opening reception is 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, **April 27**.

Showing **May 11-29**: "Artscool" NMSU BFA/BA Exhibition 2012. This graduation exhibit features works in a variety of media and styles. Selected artists will discuss their work in the show at 2:30 p.m. Friday, **May 11**, followed by an opening reception 5 to 7 p.m.

Family Art Adventures are 10 a.m. Saturdays, for families with children age 6-12 with projects and films related to current exhibits.

The Reading Art Book Club meets at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, **May 9** to discuss "...isms Understanding Art" by Stephen Little.

Registration begins **May 15** for the 2012 summer classes. The one-week sessions meet Tuesdays through Saturdays beginning the week of June 4.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery — 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. New works displayed every three months. Information: (575) 522-2933 or mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

Mesquite Art Gallery — 340 N. Mesquite in Las Cruces. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Information: (575) 640-3502 or mesquiteartgallery.com.

Showing **May 3-31**: Photographs by the Santa Fe photographer's group, Untitled XII, featuring images from their recently published portfolio "The Lost Years." Described as "cerebral, witty and often surreal," the images reflect the diverse experiences of the artists, who range in age from their mid twenties to late seventies. Reception is 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, **May 12**.

New Mexico Watercolor Society, Southern Chapter — The chapter meets 2 to 4 p.m. one Sunday each month at Good

Sam's Arts and Crafts Room, 3011 Buena Vida Circle in Las Cruces. The **May 20** meeting is a presentation by Silver City artist, designer and instructor Marilyn Gendron, who will demonstrate techniques to "Create Glowing Color" in watercolor. Members and Guests are welcome. Fee: \$5. Information: (575) 522-6382, (575) 649-3502 or mayannahoward@comcast.net.

The society's 2012 Spring Show, "El Camino Real" runs **May 4-June 9** at Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main in Las Cruces, juried by David Drummond. Opening reception is 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, **May 4**, during the Downtown Ramble.

Policy on Art hearing — The City of Las Cruces is developing a policy on art that will cover various aspects of art in Las Cruces including city-owned art, the Art on Loan program and public art. A hearing to gather public input is 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, **May 4**, at Las Cruces City Hall, 700 N. Main, conference rooms 2007 B and C. Information: (575) 528-3477.

Comments may be sent to: Lori Grumet, Community & Cultural Services Director, P.O. Box 20000 Las Cruces, 88004 or to lgrumet@las-cruces.org.

Rio Grande Theatre — 211 Downtown Mall in Las Cruces. Gallery in theatre lobby. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Information: (575) 523-6403 or riograndetheatre.com.

Showing in May: works by expressionist painter Luis Navarro. Artist's reception is 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, **May 4**, as part of the First Friday Downtown Ramble.

Rokoko Art Gallery — 1785 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla. The gallery features the work of Mitch and A.me Alamag. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday, or by appointment. Information: (575) 405-8877 or rokokoart.com. Showing **through June 23**: "Gods, Goddesses, Gurus and Gremlins," Artwork finding faith and fantasy.

Tombaugh Gallery — First Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Information: (575) 522-7281 or uuchurchlc.org.

Showing **April 29-May 25**: "unsplintered," life-size expressionistic self portraits by Lyle K. West. West works in ways that fragment the image, either physically or conceptually, to create artwork that is evolving in time rather than being a static portrait. Public reception is 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, **April 29**.

Also

Summer Art Workshops — Cloudcroft Art Workshops are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at the "Old Red School House" Public Library in Cloudcroft, N.M. **June 11-Aug. 17**. Cost per workshop varies; registration fee is \$50. Discount for registration 30 days prior to workshop. Information: (575) 687-2453 caw@CloudcroftArt.com or CloudcroftArt.com.

The Village of Cloudcroft has hosted the summer art workshops for more than 60 years. Workshops offered for all levels, led by accomplished area artists.

- **June 11-15** — Motivational Drawing with David Barranti
- **June 18-22** — Mixed Media with Pat Dews
- **June 25-29** — Watercolor with Jo Beth Gilliam
- **July 9-13** — Pastel/oil painting with Alan Flattman
- **July 9-13** — Watercolor with Jan Hart
- **July 16-20** — Watercolor with Ken Hosmer
- **July 23-27** — Watercolor with Cathy McAnally Lubke
- **July 30-Aug. 3** — Watercolor with Sterling Edwards.
- **Aug. 6-10** — Acrylic/oil painting with Caroline Jasper
- **Aug. 13-17** — Oil painting with Krystyna Robbins.

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