

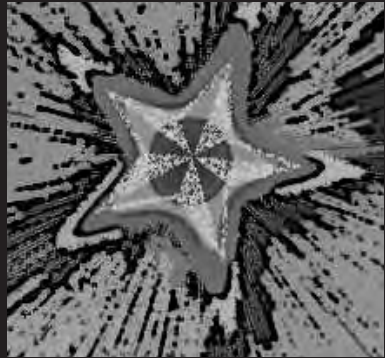
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friday
Dec 4
from **5-8:30pm**



Bonnie's Birthday Bash & the OFFCenter Gift Show!

Don't miss it! Help us celebrate OFFCenter's 8th Birthday! and Bonnie's birthday, too! plus the Annual Holiday Gift Show with cool, hand-made & affordable gifts by our local artists.

art
show!

Curiouser and Curiouser!

by Ayren Valery

Ayren Valery by Leo Neufeld

OFFCenter is a magical place. This is a fact. People never discover it until it's the perfect time in their life to tumble down the rabbit hole. I lived here for many, many years and had never even heard about it. Then, one day, Alice took me by the hand and down we tumbled. When I landed inside I felt very dizzy and a little "off center." I discovered so many wacky, quacky and tacky objects to make art out of. The child inside me began to discover art all over again. That's what saved me. I've experienced a kaleidoscope of events, people, parades and exhibits, some very big and some rather small. Being off center when I hang out at OFFCenter feels magical, strange, inspiring and timeless. Drop by any time for a game of croquet using some found objects made into flamingos. I will list three of the strangest objects I've found inside OFFCenter:

- A U.S. Navy boat anchor, now anchored in my living room
- Animal bones, one of which I used as a bone for the torso of a ceramic animal
- Small black-and-white photos from the 1800s that I might make into postcards
- An antique cello case, which I just finished sanding down to the bare wood which will be part of OFFCenter's Day of the Dead exhibit



OFFCenter has opened many new doors for me and the staff feels like family. One day I was learning to draw. We were drawing everything that begins with an "M?"

"Why with an M?" you ask.

"Why not?!" Things like mousetraps and the moon and memory and muchness - you know, you say things are "much of a muchness." Did you ever see such a thing as a drawing of a muchness?

"What's that you say? You are very confused?" Welcome to OFFCenter. I myself am still at the crazy tea party. It's always teatime so I just keep moving from one chair round to the next. Very curious!

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CALENDAR

FREE CLASSES EVERY WEEK • Stop by!
 Tue, 3-5pm Handmade Thank You Cards with Karen
 Tue, 1-3pm Drawing with David Blecha
 Wed, 3:30-4:30pm Free Guitar Lessons - iCreate
 Thurs, 4-5pm Writing Workshop with Mandy Gardner
 Thurs, 5:30-6:30pm Emerging Artists Meeting

Wed, Dec 2, 5pm-7:30pm **FREE HOLIDAY ART NIGHT – GIFT CARDS and RECYCLED PLASTIC PLACEMATS.** Bring your recycled plastic to use and share. Free.
 Fri, Dec 4, 5-8:30pm • **OFFCenter & Bonnie's Birthday Bash!** DON'T MISS THIS ONE! Art, music, friends!
 Wed, Dec 9, 5pm-7:30pm • **ORNAMENTS and GIFT CLOTHING AND SCARFS.** Susan Tische will be on hand to show how to turn recycled fabrics into the coolest attire. Free
 Wed, Dec 16, 5pm-7:30pm • **HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS & PAPER.** Our last Holiday art night this year will feature decorating paper and folding gift bags using stamps, paints, markers, glitter and anything else you can find in the studio that touches your spirit! Free and open to anyone. Bring your family.
 Mon, Dec 21, 6:15pm • Board of Directors Meeting
 Friday, Jan 15, 2010, 5:00pm • **"CELEBRATION"** RAINBOW ARTISTS 20th ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT
 Monday, Jan 18, 2010, 6:00pm, Board of Directors Meeting

\$2800. raised for OFFCenter!

Many thanks to Evolution Body Piercing, Crystal Sims and all the volunteers behind the Craft Punk 2 Fashion Show, held at the Launchpad on November 13th, for donating the proceeds of their event to OFFCenter. Your generosity helps us to continue our work in providing a creative, supportive and safe environment for the whole community to make art, to attend workshops, and for our artists to sell their work in the Shop, and participate in gallery shows.

Congratulations John! and Thank you iCreate!

John Ortiz completed his recital today at the OFFCenter Studio and earned his new guitar after his 12th lesson. He is planning to continue taking classes so he can work on reading. He currently plays only by ear. Congratulations John! May you have great enjoyment from your playing.



Check out our other edgy, cool, hand-made & affordable gifts at the OFFCenter Shop.

Get OFF Center on Park Ave, in Downtown ABQ

THANKS! we're still here thanks to you!

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