



Community Celebrations, Painting Workshop, New Advisors...and more!

It's not too late to join us tomorrow, Wednesday, March 24 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm for our community celebration. We'll report on 2020, plans for 2021, and our guest Hakim Bellamy along with our writing group, will share some wit and wisdom. Oh, and there'll be puppets! [Register in advance](#) After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Painting Workshop Returns!



Dave Blecha returns with his popular painting class on Tuesday, March 30, from noon to 3 pm. This is a series of six, limit of five participants (for COVID safety.) We ask a minimum donation of \$10 for each session, but if that doesn't work for you, come anyway! We'd love to see you.

First come first reserved,
info@offcenterarts.org

Our New Advisors Council Welcome Our First Members

We're always seeking new ideas and perspectives, so beginning this year, we have an advisors council.

Dr. Lee Francis IV, [Native Realities](#), an Indigenous Imagination Company. Lee is an educator, activist, poet, and comic creator; he founded Indigenous Comic Con and is expanding to it to international locations.

Vanessa Bowen, [Bowen Creative](#)

Design with an Indigenous Perspective

Vanessa is a Diné (Navajo) multi-faceted artist, graphic designer, and entrepreneur. A graphic and web designer turned UX designer, she's motivated by community building and uplifting, empowering minority voices through art, design, and technology.

Helen Juliet Atkins, HelenAtkins.com

Helen is an interdisciplinary artist and former OC program manager. She is a co-founder of Plates Against Patriarchy, a visual arts and storytelling project that challenges patriarchal systems of power. You can see her work all over Albuquerque, with new projects happening all the time.

Gabe Gallegos, Program Manager, [Abq Art Walk](#)

Gabe is one of Albuquerque's original placemakers, starting Abq Art Walk, one of the city's most successful placemaking initiatives. Thousands come downtown for First Fridays, enjoying the wonderful art, music, and food of our wonderful city.

News Bits & Bytes

- **Sharing the Little House Love:** We're now providing Little House Maker Kits to Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity. We had boxes of raw houses when we had to sadly cancel our annual fundraiser due to COVID. So, we're spreading the love out into the community!
- **New Puppet Committee:** Janine Al-Bayati, board vice president, is chairing our new committee. We'll be making puppets, selling puppets, giving plays, going on parades...and more fun to come.
- **Parking Lot Art Sale Coming in May:** We get great donations, and we've uncovered treasures as we've been cleaning and reorganizing. It'll all be for sale, pre-priced and ready for your home gallery wall installation. If you want to donate items, those will need to be pre-priced and delivered the day of the sale. Details coming soon!
- **More Evolving Artists Coming:** If you applied, we'll be in touch soon and we hope to further expand the program as COVID and finances allow. (Next artist window installation beginning April 1; special email invite for the "opening" coming your way.)

Twenty Years - \$20,000 Goal

We're Making Progress on Our Goal for 2021!

Thank you to everyone who's contributed! We really appreciate it and it's adding up. Our ultimate objective is to diversify our revenue sources so we're not overly dependent on any one source such as grants.

You can make a donation [any time online](#). (And we ask you to consider making it a monthly automatic donation.) You can also mail a check to us at 808 Park Avenue SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102.