



Los Alamos Arts Council

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Who is the Los Alamos Arts Council

- One of the first “clubs” in Los Alamos County and Formed in 1946
- Incorporated as a non-profit in 1967; have had a variety of roles including repeatedly operating the Fuller Lodge Art Center Gallery over the years
- Kite Festival, Pumpkin Glow, Scarecrow Contest, Daytime Concerts, Classrooms, Missoula Children’s Theater, Arts and Crafts Fairs
- Three Full and 2 Part Time Staff, one UNM Work Study Employee, 7 frequent volunteers, CIC Program at UNM-LA participants
- Offices are located in the Fuller Lodge
- Currently part of the Community Services Department of Los Alamos County as a contractor to operate Fuller Lodge Art Center, The Los Alamos Arts Council, and the Step-Up Gallery inside the Mesa Public Library

Photos from our various programs at the Fuller Lodge Art Center Site



Why the Arts Council when talking about Parks and Recreation?

While our mission is to unite people in our community through the arts, we partner throughout the year on parks locations (Overlook, for kite fest and the Fuller Lodge grounds) we oversee a variety of activities from Craft Fairs to Evening of Arts and Culture, Day and Evening Performances in Fuller Lodge, and coordinate with our local MainStreet to give our community a wide variety of fun and diverse opportunities centered around the arts.

Additionally, we offer robust educational programs that meet recreational needs in the form of adult and youth classes that are not connected to summer camp or after-school childcare needs

When we (Los Alamos as a whole) discuss the needs of our community, often our lack of “things to do” gets brought up by those who are newer or just looking for a challenge; we strive to offer those “things” in place many may not think to look right away and as we return to more and more in person, we are finding that many are looking to the arts as a new way to engage with each other recreationally.

We offer classes in Ceramics, Watercolors, Acrylics, Fiber Arts, Sketching/Drawing, Plein Air Art in the Park Meet-ups, Photography meetups, and much more. Our adult and youth programs are built based on polls and surveys at the completion of each season.

Currently, our most requested adult classes take place in our Ceramics department and frequently sell out and have waitlists. Teachers and staff are working together to present more opportunities in our ceramics programs and expanding our other adult programs as we lead into our summer months.

Our most popular youth program is our Summer Camp, which will start on June 5th this year.





Post Covid-19
Challenges

Decrease in Funding
Decreased Volunteerism

Increased Community Demand for
Programming
Increase in Staffing Needs
Increase in costs due to supply
chain and inflation

Our organization hopes to be a hub for not just artists looking to sell or show, but for our community as it grows and expands to meet the needs of LANL and other local businesses. We are uniquely poised in the heart of our downtown to offer our community a place to gather, grow, and learn together and to reach out to surrounding communities to partner while we do so.

Open to Questions!

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Hours of Operation: (winter) Tuesday-Saturday 10AM-6PM