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at the Arts

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Arts and crafts as unique as Mom

Northern New Mexico Spring Arts and Crafts Fair a success

With close to 100 of the finest artisans in New Mexico at this year's fair, shoppers were certain to find something perfect for Mother's Day.

"Despite the wind and sporadic rain, many of the artists had a great day," said LAAC Executive Director Marlane Hamilton. "Thank you, Los Alamos, for coming out in this weather!"

The 42nd Annual Spring Arts and Crafts Fair was held Saturday, May 2, on the lawn at Fuller Lodge. The Arts and Crafts Fair featured both traditional and contemporary art forms, including pottery, weavings, wood workings, paintings, jewelry and other unique works of art.

This year, food and beverages were provided by the LA Coffee Booth Cafe. A number of nonprofit organizations were on hand to share information. As part of the 60th anniversary of Los Alamos celebration, the fair included entertainment by the Lads of Enchantment during the morning and Ellen Walton's Pajarito Spanish Dancers in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, across the way at Ashley Pond, the Scottish Dancers performed at 1 p.m. and the Brass Trio performed outside of Starbucks.



Coming up – up, up and away!

The LAAC is already bringing its tried-and-true kite-building workshop to children around northern New Mexico as the council gears up for this year's Kite Festival. The 12th Annual Los Alamos Kite Festival kicks off May 15 at Overlook Park in White Rock with a concert and kite glow. The main festival will continue from 11

a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and will include music, food, kite-building workshops for the kids and lots of kite flying.

For those kids who missed the LAAC's kite-building workshops at their schools, kite-building workshops will be held from noon-2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Kite artists will also be on-hand for kite flying, stunt kite demonstrations and colorful decorative kites.

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE: Just a few months away

For more than 30 years, Los Alamos Arts Council (LAAC) has sponsored the Missoula Children's Theatre, giving many children the opportunity to learn and use acting and production skills. In recent years, Los Alamos County has been a financial sponsor of the program as well.

This year, the Arts Council will again offer a week of Missoula Children's Theatre to the community. Mark you calendars for the last week of July, which is July 20-25. The audition will be on the Monday, July 20, and the performance for the public will be held Saturday, July 25.

The production has yet to be announced. Watch for information; packets will be sent home with each elementary school child in late May. There will also be information printed in the LA. All children going into first through 12th grades are encouraged to audition.

There will be a minimal fee for all those who are cast in a role or are chosen as a stage manager.

More than 100 children auditioned for roles in the July 2008 Missoula Children's Theatre presentation of "Robin Hood." About half of these young actors and directors children received roles and even more participated in two free workshops offered through the program.

A week of rehearsals culminated in a performance – and drew an audience of more than 300.

Strings for spring

Since its inception only a couple of years ago, the Guitars & Gateaux series has proven immensely popular. The Arts Council plans to continue offering sweets and six-strings in 2009, at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at historic Fuller Lodge.

- April 23 – Jerry Barlow
- May 28 – New Mexico Duo
- June 25 – Rick Donovan



Brown-bag: A few changes in the lineup

Free lunchtime concerts continue at Fuller Lodge this season, though with a couple newly-announced changes:

- May 6 – Amrhan Trio
- June 3 – Kay Newnam and Sergio Rodriguez

Celebrating movies made in New Mexico

This year, the LAAC is collaborating with the county libraries to support Mesa Public Library Free Film Series. As a tribute to New Mexico's and Los Alamos' rich histories, library staff members chose only films that were made in New Mexico for this year's line up. Each month features a different decade. The season began in March with 1940's "Santa Fe Trail," continued in April with 1954's "Salt of the Earth," and will reach new heights May 7 with 1969's "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

On June 4, check out 1976's "Missouri Breaks," followed closely by a special showing of "Atomic City" on June 11. The 1952 classic tells the story of atomic scientist Frank Addison, whose son is kidnapped by enemy agents in order to extort H-bomb secrets.

The series picks up again July 2 with 1988's "Milagro Beanfield War," and finishes up with 1997's "Contact" on July 30 and a collection of New Mexico short films on Sept. 3.

All films will be screened at 6:30 p.m. See the Monitor for reviews published prior to the free events.

Come one, come all to the LAAC's Annual Meeting

The Los Alamos Arts Council annual meeting of the membership will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11, in the Nambe Room at Fuller Lodge. There will be socializing followed by a brief business meeting that will include a president's report and election of new board members. The following people have been nominated for three-year terms on the board: Kathy Hjeresen and Nancy Coombs. All members of the Arts Council are invited to attend the annual meeting.

For more information about any of the Arts Council's programs, call Marlane Hamilton, executive director, at 663-0477.

Thanks to new and renewing members

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May, June 2009

- May 2** LA Arts Council's Northern NM Spring Arts and Crafts Fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fuller Lodge Lawn
- May 6** LA Arts Council's Brown Bag Performance Series, Amrhan Trio, Fuller Lodge, 12:30 p.m.
- May 7** Mesa Public Library 60th anniversary Film Series, *Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid*, Upstairs Meeting Rooms, 6:30 p.m.
- May 8** LA Little Theater performance, "Sarah Plain and Tall," LA Little Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- May 8** LA Big Band Mother's Day Dance, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 7:30 p.m.
- May 9** Atomic City Children's Theatre free performance, "Music Man," Duane Smith Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- May 9** LA Symphony Orchestra performs a Pops Concert, Betty Ehart Senior Center, 7 p.m.
- May 9** LA Little Theater performance, "Sarah Plain and Tall," LA Little Theater, 2 p.m.
- May 10** Atomic City Children's Theatre free performance, "Music Man," Duane Smith Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- May 12** Historical Society Lecture and Ice Cream Social, Craig Martin, speaker, Fuller Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
- May 15** LA Arts Council's 12th annual Kite Festival, Overlook Park, White Rock, 6 p.m.-10 p.m.
- May 15** LA Summer Concert Series, *Rod Piazza & the Mighty Flyers*, White Rock Kite Festival, 7 p.m.
- May 15** LA Little Theater performance, "Sarah Plain and Tall," LA Little Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- May 16** LA Arts Council's 12th annual Kite Festival, Overlook Park, White Rock, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- May 16** Starstruck Youth Theatre, "The Labors of Hercules Fitch," Duane Smith Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- May 16** LA Community Winds performs "Legends of the Rings," White Rock Baptist Church, 7 p.m.
- May 16** LA Little Theater performance, "Sarah Plain and Tall," LA Little Theater, 2 p.m.
- May 17** LA Arts Council's 12th annual Kite Festival, Overlook Park, White Rock, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- May 16** Senior Recital, Adam Nekimken & Ben Harrison, Fuller Lodge, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- May 17** Choral Society Sacred Classics Concert, First United Methodist Church, 3 p.m.
- May 22** LA Summer Concert Series, *Igor & the Red Elvisses*, LA National Bank Night, 7 p.m.
- May 22** LA Little Theater performance, "Sarah Plain and Tall," LA Little Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- May 23** LA Little Theater performance, "Sarah Plain and Tall," LA Little Theater, 2 p.m.
- May 28** LA Arts Council's, Guitars & Gateaux, New Mexico Guitar Duo, Fuller Lodge, 7 p.m.
- May 28** Mesa Public Library Authors Speak Series, Marta Weigle, Upstairs Rotunda, 7 p.m.
- May 29** LA Summer Concert Series, *Waybacks*, Del Norte Credit Union Night, 7 p.m.
- May 30** DALA Spring Ballet Recital, Duane Smith Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- June 3** LA Arts Council's Brown Bag Performance Series, Kay Newnam & Sergio Rodriguez, Fuller Lodge, 12:30 p.m.
- June 4** Mesa Public Library 60th Anniversary Film Series, *Missouri Breaks*, Upstairs Meeting Rooms, 6:30 p.m.
- June 5** LA Summer Concert Series, *Greg Abate & the Pete Amahl Trio*, Ashley Pond, 7 p.m.
- June 7** Senior Recital, Catherine Chen, Fuller Lodge, 2 p.m.
- June 7** Senior Recital, Carolyn Wurden, Fuller Lodge, 7 p.m.
- June 9** Historical society Lecture Series, Rosalie Heller, Pianos, Performances & Politics, Fuller Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
- June 11** Mesa Public Library 60th Anniversary Film Series Special Event, *Atomic City*, Upstairs Meeting Rooms, 6:30 p.m. Reception at 5:45 p.m.
- June 12** LA Summer Concert Series, *Nathan & the Zydeco Cha Chas*, LA County 60th Anniversary, Central & Main, 7 p.m.
- June 12 & 13** Chamberfest 2009, Downtown, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- June 13** LA Summer Concert Series, *The Nomads*, LA Chamberfest, Central & Main, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- June 14** Deborah Beene Winners Recital, Betty Ehart Senior Center, 2 p.m.
- June 19** LA Summer Concert Series, *Tomas Mapfumo & the Blacks Unlimited*, Ashley Pond, 7 p.m.
- June 19** Art Center at Fuller Lodge Opening Reception, Yesterday and Today, 5p.m. to 7 p.m.
- June 25** LA Arts Council's Guitars and Gateaux, Ricko Donovan, Fuller Lodge, 7 p.m.
- June 26** LA Summer Concert Series, John Nemeth, Pajarito Mt. Ski Area & Los Alamos Monitor Night, Pajarito Ski Area, 7 p.m.

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