



Route 66 ARTS Alliance

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Who we are & what we do

We are the artists and art lovers living and working in the East Mountains, of central New Mexico. We create opportunities for artists to show, sell and perform in this community by organizing educational programs, community festivals, exhibitions and workshops.

What have we accomplished?

The Alliance formed in 2014 and created a website www.route66artsalliance.org and a Facebook page. In 2015, we filed articles of incorporation with the state and have received nonprofit status, 501(c)(3). We now have our own offices and classrooms in the old Edgewood Elementary School, repurposed for community use. Annual membership dues are set at \$25.

- In February 2015 & April 2016, 2017 & 2018 members' work was showcased at the East Mountain Library.
- Since 2015, the Route 66 Arts Alliance sponsored, with the Town of Edgewood, the Edgewood 4th of July Field of Arts Festival at the soccer field on Hwy. 344. The festival has included many community groups participating in an arts and crafts show, a music stage featuring local musicians, local food, many artists and authors and special events like horseback riding. This has become a well attended, free, annual event. In 2019, we are adding an evening concert, free to the community.
- Our first Summer Arts Camp, for kids and adults, was held for 5 days in August, 2016. It was a big success and featured many classes including puppetry, acting, juggling, bagpipes, drawing and percussion. During the camp, we painted the first murals on the Edgewood Community Center. This is a project which will continue for a couple of years, supported by the Town of Edgewood and Santa Fe County Community Services. We have now expanded this annual program to include a drama class and performance and ceramics class. In 2020, a new program for 5-7 years olds will address the need in our community for activities for this age group. It is supported by Santa Fe County Community Services grants and local donations.
- Our members performed at the Edgewood "Sunday Music/Art Series" at Holy Cross Episcopal Church.
- On December 5, 2015, we sponsored our first Winter Arts Festival at the old Edgewood Elementary School at Dinkle and Hwy. 344. We had over 200 attendees, 24 artists and 6 bands. Winter Arts Festival has become an annual event including a Youth Art Exhibit. This event grows each year and has become quite popular. It is a free community event.
- In 2020, our Spring Arts Workshops happens on three Saturdays in March and April with fun classes for kids and adults in music and art. Ceramics will be taught over 6 Saturdays for the 8-14 age group and adults. Some classes will happen at satellite locations in Edgewood. All classes are low cost.
- 2019 is the beginning of our Local Art in Public Places program with the Town of Edgewood. We curate rotating art exhibits in the public buildings in Edgewood. An online art collection will accompany the exhibits and provide a place for all the artists in our area to show their work.

What is our vision for the future?

We are working with the Town of Edgewood to produce and promote an annual music and art festival. Fund-raising activities are conducted throughout the year to provide opportunities for families to participate in art activities through arts discovery classes/workshops and our first Autumn Arts Fiesta in 2020. We continue to expand the annual Summer Arts Camp and other educational programs with workshops and classes in the visual arts, theatre arts, literature and music. Our Mural Project is ongoing for young local mural artists. We see this as an opportunity to invest in our community to increase awareness and encourage active interest in experiencing a variety of local arts.

We welcome your participation!

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