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## Artful News and Notes

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### FEATURED ARTICLES

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#### Celebrating the Year Ahead A Note from Your Co-Chairs



Tracy King



Lucy Finch

Thank you for being a subscriber, and welcome to our reimagined newsletter. In this edition, we share highlights from the National Museum of Women in the Arts latest initiatives, along with updates on our ongoing work in New Mexico to champion women through the arts.

Founded in 1981 by Wilhelmina Cole Holladay, the National Museum of Women in the Arts (NMWA) was created to elevate women's contributions to the arts. To extend its reach, Holladay established regional committees that advance NMWA's mission at the local level. Today, NMWA supports a global network of 27 committees. The New Mexico State Committee, founded in 1997, is proud to be part of this network, offering programs and events that spotlight both NMWA and women-identifying artists throughout New Mexico.

Looking ahead, we are excited to introduce you to our new website very soon. Watch for our announcement email! Features will include a member events calendar, an expanded artist registry, and a new resource library. We are also developing a podcast and expanding our programming with additional tours, talks, and special events.

We invite non-members to join us and receive exclusive access to these offerings. Thank you for your continued engagement, and our sincere appreciation to everyone who supported our work financially over the past year.

Lucy Finch and Tracy King

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#### NMWA Connections



*Ruth Orkin, American Girl in Italy, 1951 (printed 1980 by Ruth Orkin Estate); Gelatin silverprint, 23 x 28 in.; National Museum of Women in the Arts, Promised gift of Steven Scott, Baltimore, in honor of NMWA Director Susan Fisher Sterling; © Ruth Orkin Photo Archive*

On the second and fourth Friday of each month, start the weekend with art from the comfort of your home by joining one of NMWA's Art Talks. Led by NMWA educators, these informal 45-minute discussions explore selected

works from the museum's collection or special exhibitions. Registration is limited to 45 participants per session.

To participate, click [HERE](#) for additional information and registration details.

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## What's Happening: New Mexico State Committee



Photo courtesy of Lucy Finch

### Exciting Updates for the Year Ahead

We are thrilled to share some of the exciting initiatives and offerings planned for this year. Here's what's coming:

#### A Fresh Look for Our Newsletter

As you may have noticed, our newsletter has been refreshed. It is now designed to help subscribers stay informed about the National Museum of Women in the Arts and highlight the many ways the New Mexico State Committee is championing women artists across the state.

All member in-person events will now be featured in the online calendar of our soon to be released website. The calendar can be filtered by location, date, and event type. Please note that individual artist news, events, and

announcements will no longer appear in the newsletter. Now and in the future, our social media volunteers will continue to post these announcements and events on our social media platforms: [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#). Scroll to the bottom of the newsletter for links to submit your news.

#### A Redesigned Website

We are developing an exciting new website that will be more visually engaging and aligned with the National Museum's brand. Key features will include:

- A dynamic events calendar that is filterable
- Search all artists in the Registry by media and location
- A resource library for artists and art enthusiasts alike

We anticipate the new site going live in the first quarter of 2026. Stay tuned for more information!

#### Introducing our herART Podcast

Thanks to Mande Nicole, a passionate volunteer with professional podcast experience, we will be launching a podcast later this year! On it, Mande will interview member artists, art businesses, and art lovers, on the life and times of women-identifying New Mexican artists and the art eco-sphere that supports them.

#### More Programs and Events

New Board Member Lynette Jennings has taken on the role of Program Director and is working to bring fresh opportunities for member events, tours, and talks. Keep an eye on your email for announcements and registration information.

#### Studio Visits

The 2026 Program Calendar offers an exceptional lineup of experiences starting in March. Mark your calendar for March 7, our first Studio Visit with accomplished "Perceptualism" artist Mokha Leget, along with a docent tour of the Vladem Contemporary Museum in Santa Fe. Watch for more Studio Visits this year, several of which are combined with Museum Docent Tours around the state. Plus, there is a guided all-day art excursion to Taos, and a Multi Gallery and Museum Combo Tour highlighting Albuquerque's art scene. The registration window for all programs will open two weeks before each event.

Participating studio visit artists represent diverse practices, including ceramics, jewelry, multimedia, large-scale painting, and textile arts, offering attendees a rich and varied perspective on contemporary creative work.

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## Introducing New Board Member Lynette Jennings



Please join us in a warm welcome for our new Board Member and Program Director, Lynette Jennings. A passionate advocate for the arts, Lynette brings a remarkable breadth of experience to our organization.

At age 24, she co-founded a multidisciplinary architecture firm that garnered national attention, leading to a syndicated newspaper column, regular television appearances, a weekly live radio show, multiple books, and an eight-year international television series on the Discovery Channel featuring architecture and fine artists from the U.S., France, and Italy.

Today, Lynette is focused on her studio practice, creating layered abstract paintings inspired by memories of her experiences in nature. Reflecting on her role with the NMC of NMWA, she shares, “Not only did I find my tribe as an artist, but as Program Director, I can bring all my skills to advancing the tremendous talent within the membership, and I am very excited about the coming years. When I need a break, we find the nearest trout river. And when the universe lays a little too much at my doorstep, I’m known to break out a jigsaw puzzle.”

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## Featured Business Member Monroe Gallery



Monroe Gallery photo



Photo by Jason Poole

Michelle Monroe and her co-owner husband, Sid, founded the Monroe Gallery for photojournalism and humanist images over 30 years ago. Over her 24 years in Santa Fe, Monroe has been passionate about the importance of photojournalism from around the world and said the gallery exhibits images that are embedded in our collective history.

“I’m so protective of journalists,” she said. “Their work shows the beauty of humanity in struggle and in triumph. Their stories are universally interesting to all of us because we recognize them in our own lives.”

Monroe recently joined the NMWA as a business member because she thinks it is vital that women form collectives to support and highlight the contributions women make and have always made.

As a woman in what she called a “male career environment,” she said her relationship with her own sense of belonging has changed more than the world outside.



"I thought I had to prove myself to the men in those spaces," she said looking back on her career, "but the reality was that I had to prove myself to myself, and the rest naturally followed." "Santa Fe has been a great town to be a woman entrepreneur. It has been a wonderful life and career. This is a gallery for everyone, our heritage is for everyone," she said. "This legacy is why we are open."

Starting in February the gallery will focus on the remarkable photojournalist, Margaret Bourke-White, who among her many firsts shot the cover of the very first Life magazine.

Interview by Carol Mell

## Join US and Connect with our Growing Community



2025 Volunteers at the Volunteer Appreciation Event. Photo courtesy of Lucy Finch.

We are an all-volunteer, nonprofit membership organization sustained by the generosity and engagement of people who believe in the power of the arts. Your support makes our work possible and helps strengthen a vibrant, connected arts community.

There are many meaningful ways to contribute—through a financial donation, by joining as a member or business member, or by volunteering your time and

expertise. Tax deductible [donations](#) and [memberships](#) are easily completed through our website.

Volunteering offers a unique opportunity to connect more deeply with the arts community while making a lasting impact. Opportunities to get involved are readily available on our [website](#).

## Tell Us What's Happening!



Photo courtesy of NMWA

We encourage all members to submit their events, classes, and workshops for promotion on our social media channels and inclusion in our upcoming online calendar.

As mentioned above, the newsletter will no longer feature individual artist news.

To submit your information, click [HERE](#) to complete our online form.

## NEW and RENEWING MEMBERS

Actions from September 28, 2025 to January 30, 2026: **Thank You!**

New Members	Renewing Members (continued)	Renewing Members (continued)
Susan Allison-Hatch	Barbara Doroba-Ogg	Carol Miraben
Leslie Broughton	Katy Dorsey	Penne Mobley
Barrie Brown	Karyn Drum	RoseMary Molnar
Marie Romero Cash	Janelle Dry	Miranda Morehouse
Theresa Cashman	Leslie Pino Durant	Pat Morrow
Katy Cooper	Alexandra Eldridge	Dorothea Ney
Jude (Judith) Deason	Molly Elkind	Kuzana Ogg
Judy Eckhart	Susan Faust	Leigh Oviatt
Amy and Phil Geier	Laura Feierman	Monique Parker
Cathy Haight	Lucy Finch	Liz Penniman
Sue Halpern	Robbi Firestone	Ashlyn Perry
Leota Harriman	Laura Flores	Pat Pitcher
Amanda Jaffe	Elizabeth Geier	Rose Marie Prins
Deborah Lonergan		

Laura Luzzi  
Achsah ODonovan  
Peggy Petrey  
Martha Reich  
Noël Sandino  
Sally Thomson  
Liz Wolf  
Amber Word

#### New Business Members

Christie Nell  
The Digital Opportunists  
MAKE Santa Fe  
Monroe Gallery  
Taos Ceramics Center  
Wolf and Roadrunner

#### Renewing Members

Chris Altman  
Kim Arellano  
Linda Armantrout  
Michelle Arterburn  
Olivia Ayala  
Luisa Baldinger  
L Balombini  
Stephanie Baness  
Donna Nelson Barnhill  
Kari Bell  
Janet Bothne  
Gail Buono  
Ria Burnett  
Mara Elana Burstein  
Barbara Burzillo  
Marcia Butler  
Pam Caidin

Shaun Gilmore  
Rosario Glezmir  
Molly Goehring Burke  
Roxanne Gonzales-Walker  
Meredith Gould  
Carol Gove  
Sharon Grimes  
Sandra Jo Hackbarth  
Marianne Hall  
Irene Hardwicke Olivieri  
First name Last name  
Willi Haye  
Karma Henry  
R Melinda Hoffman  
Elodie Holmes  
Barbara Houghton  
Lindsay Iliff  
Jonna James  
Deni Javas  
Mary Ann Joca  
Alison Johnson  
June Julian  
Kristine Keheley  
Annette Kelley  
Tracy Kimmons  
Tracy King  
Catherine Kirkwood  
Julianna Kirwin  
Peggy Klaus  
Jeanne Klein  
Nancy Dean Kreger  
Mokha Laget  
Marietta Patricia Leis

Victoria Rabinowe  
Debora Ratliff  
Susan Ressler  
Nancy Reyner  
Vivienne Riggio  
Susan Roden  
Victoria Ryan  
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Janet Shagam  
Jane Shoenfeld  
Mary Sloane  
Marie Soderlund  
Marcia Söderman  
Christa Stephens  
Laurinda Stockwell  
Karine Swenson  
Attasalina Theresa  
S Thompson  
Shawn Turung  
Susan Uremovich  
Onna Voellmer  
Amanda Wageman Lawson  
Julie Wagner  
LWren Walraven  
Kimberly Webber  
Susan Weeks  
Marcia Williams  
Isabel Winson-Sagan

#### Renewing Business Members

Patina Gallery  
Art Fusion West

Mariah Cameron Scee  
Catherine Carlozzi  
Page Coleman  
Jeanette Cook  
Rebecca Crowell  
Sara Lee D'Alessandro  
Jessie Dean  
Julie Deery  
Susan Delaney  
Mitra Devon  
Debi Dodge

Linda Logan-Condon  
Hilary Lorenz  
Sandi J Ludescher  
Lucy Lyon  
Barbara Macks  
Patricia Marin  
Diane Marsh  
Sarah McIntyre  
Carol Mell  
Rosemary Meza-DesPlas

GF Contemporary  
Lynch Pin Press  
Matthews Gallery

>4s an artist member, your membership includes your own Artist Registry page on our website. Visit our [Registry Submission](#) web page to add or update your information on the Registry.

## How to Submit News



**Calendar:** Click the button below to submit news of your in-person events, exhibition opening receptions, and workshops for publication in our new website calendar.

**Social Media:** Click the button below to submit information about your show, event, announcement, or exhibition for inclusion on our social media platforms.

And remember to tag us, @newmexicowomeninthearts, in your art posts and stories so we can help share your good news!

News and Social Media Submission Form



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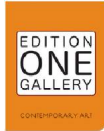
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