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## Artful News and Notes

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### FEATURED ARTICLES

#### 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

### 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.

## 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 Mandee Nicole, a passionate volunteer with professional podcast experience, we will be launching a podcast later this year! On it, Mandee 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

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## 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](#).

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## 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.

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## NEW and RENEWING MEMBERS

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

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### New Members

Susan Allison-Hatch

### Renewing Members (continued)

Leslie Broughton

Barbara Doroba-Ogg

### Renewing Members (continued)

Barrie Brown

Katy Dorsey

Carol Miraben

Marie Romero Cash

Karyn Drum

Penne Mobley

Theresa Cashman

Janelle Dry

RoseMary Molnar

Katy Cooper

Leslie Pino Durant

Miranda Morehouse

Jude (Judith) Deason

Alexandra Eldridge

Pat Morrow

Judy Eckhart

Molly Elkind

Dorothea Ney

Amy and Phil Geier

Susan Faust

Leigh Oviatt

Cathy Haight

Laura Feierman

Monique Parker

Sue Halpern

Lucy Finch

Liz Penniman

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Robbi Firestone

Ashlyn Perry

Amanda Jaffe

Laura Flores

Pat Pitcher

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Elizabeth Geier

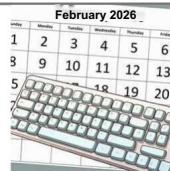
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Laura Luzzi	Shaun Gilmore	Victoria Rabinowe
Achsah O'Donovan	Rosario Glezmir	Debora Ratliff
Peggy Petrey	Molly Goehring Burke	Susan Ressler
Martha Reich	Roxanne Gonzales-Walker	Nancy Reyner
Noël Sandino	Meredith Gould	Vivienne Riggio
Sally Thomson	Carol Gove	Susan Roden
Liz Wolf	Sharon Grimes	Victoria Ryan
Amber Word	Sandra Jo Hackbarth	Jan Marie Sessler
<b>New Business Members</b>	Marianne Hall	Janet Shagam
Christie Nell	Irene Hardwicke Olivieri	Jane Shoenfeld
The Digital Opportunists	First name Last name	Mary Sloane
MAKE Santa Fe	Willi Haye	Marie Soderlund
Monroe Gallery	Karma Henry	Marcia Söderman
Taos Ceramics Center	R Melinda Hoffman	Christa Stephens
Wolf and Roadrunner	Elodie Holmes	Laurinda Stockwell
<b>Renewing Members</b>	Barbara Houghton	Karine Swenson
Chris Altman	Lindsay Iliff	Attasalina Theresa
Kim Arellano	Jonna James	S Thompson
Linda Armantrout	Deni Javas	Shawn Turung
Michelle Arterburn	Mary Ann Joca	Susan Uremovich
Olivia Ayala	Alison Johnson	Onna Voellmer
Luisa Baldinger	June Julian	Amanda Wageman Lawson
L Balombini	Kristine Keheley	Julie Wagner
Stephanie Baness	Annette Kelley	LWren Walraven
Donna Nelson Barnhill	Tracy Kimmons	Kimberly Webber
Kari Bell	Tracy King	Susan Weeks
Janet Bothne	Catherine Kirkwood	Marcia Williams
Gail Buono	Julianna Kirwin	Isabel Winson-Sagan
Ria Burnett	Peggy Klaus	
Mara Elana Burstein	Jeanne Klein	<b>Renewing Business Members</b>
Barbara Burzillo	Nancy Dean Kreger	Patina Gallery
Marcia Butler	Mokha Laget	Art Fusion West
Pam Caidin	Marietta Patricia Leis	

Mariah Cameron Scee	Linda Logan-Condon
Catherine Carlozzi	Hilary Lorenz
Page Coleman	Sandi J Ludescher
Jeanette Cook	Lucy Lyon
Rebecca Crowell	Barbara Macks
Sara Lee D'Alessandro	Patricia Marin
Jessie Dean	Diane Marsh
Julie Deery	Sarah McIntyre
Susan Delaney	Carol Mell
Mitra Devon	Rosemary Meza-DesPlas
Debi Dodge	

>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, @newmexicowomeninhearts, in your art posts and stories so we can help share your good news!

[News and Social Media Submission Form](#)

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