

ART ON THE HILL

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Thank you for picking up the first ever issue of *Art on the Hill*. My goal with this bi-weekly newsletter is to promote the arts in Los Alamos. If you would like to promote your event in an upcoming issue, just let me know at email@mandymarksteiner.com.

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Emotional Quilt

Umi Raby's first solo exhibition



Umi Raby, an abstract painter from Los Alamos, will display 129 of her mixed media and oil paintings

at the Fuller Lodge Art Gallery, September 2–17. There will be an opening reception at Fuller Lodge on Friday, September 2nd, from 4–6 p.m.

In her artist's statement, Raby wrote, "The creative process that I engage in while painting is similar to that of a quilt maker. The initial compositions and color combinations that I choose for each canvas create a pattern that is reminiscent of quilt designs...I metaphorically compare my paintings to quilts because they are the result of my efforts to stitch together the various memories that comprise my life experiences. The methodical act of giving



pattern and structure to once disconnected bits and pieces help me to associate visual form with memory. The images that evolve from this process become members of an "emotional quilt" that blankets my body of work."

▲ www.umidesantafe.com

Forty Paces Due North

X Marks the Spot

On Friday, September 2nd from 4–6 p.m., the Los Alamos Historical Museum will open their exhibit of Pre-Statehood Maps of New Mexico. This exhibit will be available September 1 through October 31.

On September 13, at 7:30p.m. in the Pajarito Room of Fuller Lodge, Toni Gibson and Sharon Snyder will kick off the Centennial Lecture Series: Celebrating 100 Years of Los Alamos History and New Mexico Statehood, with their lecture, "Los Alamos and the Pajarito Plateau." After the lecture Gibson and Snyder will be available to sign their new book, co-authored by the Historical Society. (Sponsored by Los Alamos National Bank)

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REGISTER FOR THE CHALK WALK

On September 17, from 10a.m.–2p.m., the Los Alamos Arts Council will hold its annual Sec Sandoval Chalk Walk Festival on the sidewalk behind Fuller Lodge. Pre-registration will be ongoing. Pick up an application at the LAAC office in Fuller Lodge. The first 25 entrants will receive free bags of chalk.

Other creative groups are invited to participate in the "art in the park" festival, taking place behind Fuller Lodge on September 17, 2011, in conjunction with the Next Big Idea.

Little Theater's 8x10³

This Short Play Festival, produced by Roxanne Tapia and Pat Beck, will run September 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 2011. Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays and 2:00 p.m. Sunday Matinee. Tickets are available at C.B. Fox or at the door. \$12 General Admission and \$10 Students & Seniors Tickets.

Theater located at 1670 Nectar Street

Support Karen Wray during her surgery and recovery

On September 7, Karen Wray, owner of Karen Wray Fine Art Gallery will have both knees replaced at UNM Hospital in Albuquerque. She will then spend around two weeks at an in-patient rehab facility. Her husband, parents, and gallery artists will take care of the gallery in her absence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Las Tejedoras Tapestry Show will continue through September 16th. Las Tejedoras Tapestry Group is made up of tapestry artists from northern New Mexico who gather to share ideas and critique each other's work.
- The opening reception for Tim Althausen's solo exhibition will be on Friday, September 23, from 5–7p.m.

▲ www.karenwrayfineart.com

Eliot Fisk will perform at Duane Smith on September 25

The Los Alamos Concert Association presents Eliot Fisk on September 25th. A creative innovator linked to the great romantic tradition of the past, Eliot Fisk is known world wide for his adventurous repertoire and willingness to take art music into unusual venues (including schools, senior centers and even prisons!). He has expanded the repertoire for the guitar enormously through countless ground breaking transcriptions. Many of his best selling and award winning recordings include repertoire never before performed on the guitar.

LACA now offers online ticket sales at <http://www.losalamosconcert.org/tickets.html>.

Use Constant Contact to promote your art

When Ken Nebel, owner of Village Arts, was ready to spread the word about their current gallery show, "Serendipity" (which runs through September 9th), he let Constant Contact do most of the work.

Nebel used the free trial offer. In less than 30 minutes, using the Constant Contact templates, he was able to build a color email that he sent out to his email list.

The best part was that people who viewed the email could instantly share it with Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and any other social media site. Plus, they could join the email list with the click of a button.

"It was a really easy way to get in touch with people," said Nebel. "We're trying to build the email lists for both the Fuller Lodge and Village Arts. I could tell that people were starting to share it, which was great."