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gallupARTS announces the opening of Studio123 at ART123 Gallery in February 2023

Gallup, NM - GallupARTS, the nonprofit arts council serving Gallup and McKinley County, is excited to announce the opening of Studio123 at ART123 Gallery in downtown Gallup, NM in February 2023.

Studio123 is an all-ages, artist-led, dynamic classroom and workshop space, the goal of which is to increase access to arts education for the entire community and provide high quality arts learning and creative experiences for young and lifelong learners.

Initial program offerings include:

- **Kids' Crafter-noons:** Held weekly on Fridays from 1 - 3pm starting February 3, Kids' Crafter-noons are an invitation for kids ages 8+ to use their imaginations, build their skills, and express themselves in a collaborative and fun environment. Flexibility and adaptability are built into the program design. Participants can choose from a menu of projects engineered by local artist Shelia Nez, completing as many as they would like in a single session or working on one project over the course of several sessions. The drop-in rate for Kids' Crafter-noons is \$5/person. More information is available at www.galluparts.org/kidscraft
- **Weekend Workshops:** Held on the last Saturday of each month beginning in February, Weekend Workshops offer deep dives into a given medium. Designed for adult learners and taught by local artists, Weekend Workshops are project-based, giving participants a chance to learn techniques and then apply them to create a take-home work of art. The Spring Series is as follows:
 - February 25 - Classic Calligraphy with Mariea Hall: Learn to write in beautiful Italic-style calligraphy. Practice with a calligraphy pen, then choose a quote to calligraph in black ink for display!
 - March 25: Art Journaling with Tasha N. - Learn techniques, tips, and tricks for art journaling and spend the afternoon channeling inspiration into beautiful personalized pages.
 - April 29: Not-Your-Grandma's Embroidery with Shelia Nez - Learn basic embroidery stitches, how to embellish embroidery with beadwork, and create a decorative masani scarf-inspired wall hanging.All Weekend Workshops are \$60/person and advanced registration is required. More information is available at www.galluparts.org/workshops.
- **Spring Break Art Camp:** To be held March 13 - 18 from 9am - 3pm each day and designed for ages 8 - 13, the Spring Break Art Camp will give kids the opportunity to explore different media, create a meaningful personal project, be immersed in Gallup's art history and scene, and meet local artists. Morning sessions will be taught by local artist and GallupARTS Program Coordinator Tasha N. Campers will learn techniques like gelli printing and collage to create a mixed media self-portrait. In the afternoons, campers will be guided by GallupARTS Executive Director Rose Eason on downtown walking field trips to check out public art, local art businesses, and cultural institutions. To conclude each day, guest artists will present demos/talks. The cost of the Spring Break Art Camp will be \$150/camper and advanced registration is required. More information is available at www.galluparts.org/springbreak

"We're so excited to be opening Studio123. We hear all the time from gallery visitors and families that they want more art classes and opportunities," says Ms. Eason. "We're very happy and proud to be able to fill that community need with minimal-cost programs led by local artists."

The Studio123 program is supported in part by an award from New Mexico Arts, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs (www.nmarts.org), and by the National Endowment for the Arts (www.arts.gov). It is also made possible by the generosity of "Kids Need Art" donors.

For more information about GallupARTS and ART123 Gallery, visit www.galluparts.org. ART123 Gallery is on Facebook @ART123Gallery. GallupARTS is on Facebook @gallupARTS and Instagram @_gallupARTS.

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