

April Palette NEWSLETTER and Calendar

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~ Our monthly Soiree will be Thursday April 16th, 5:00pm to 7:30 pm ~

The upcoming monthly Soiree on the 16th marks the conclusion of the "Transitions" Invitational Art Show. Guests can still cast their votes for the People's Choice winner up until the event, with the \$50 prize recipient being announced at 6:00 pm. The show remains on display until May 9th, when the artists are to collect unsold works. Attendees at this gathering will also get an exclusive first look at the details for the next invitational exhibition.

This community open house is held every third Thursday and serves as a social hub for meeting local artists, volunteers, and board members over snacks and refreshments. In an exciting update for the venue, this particular event marks the first time alcoholic beverages will be available under a new license. All neighbors, friends, and family are welcome to join the festivities and enjoy the local creative culture.

~ Plein Air Sessions ~

What is Plein Air? Plein air painting, from the French term *en plein air* meaning "in the open air," involves painting outdoors rather than in a studio, allowing artists to observe and depict the changing qualities of light, color, and weather in real time.

Plein Air Sessions will begin on April 11th at "The Farm", 4572 Highway 348 here in Delta, just off the by-pass, 1.3 miles on the Southeast side of the road. You will find plenty of friendly animals, yurts, outbuildings, and beautiful views of the surrounding landscapes. We're planning for these sessions to take place on the second Saturday of each month from 7am until noon. Folks may stay past noon if they wish. Arts on Main will provide display space for a week following each session; a 40% commission on artwork sales is standard. The next session is on May 11th, it will be at 5th and Palmer in front of the little white church, across from the Delta County Courthouse. Access to restrooms, water and coffee will be available.

~ Monthly Themes ~

We are doing themes each month: May/Cubism & Abstract, June/Unplugged Road Trip, July/Colorado Up Up & Away to follow Delta's Hot Air Balloon event which is also in celebration of the U.S.'s 250th Anniversary, August/State Fair Time, September/School Days, October/Gone Before Us, November/Livin' in the Wild West, December/Holiday Fun.

~ Upcoming Events ~

We are working on establishing a monthly "First Fridays Art Walk" that is popular in many areas of our great state. For more info about this, visit this website:

https://coloradoinfo.com/blog_post/first-friday-art-walks-in-colorado-resort-towns/

We are on track for having our Monthly Membership Program for both artists and community supporters ready by the first of May, more info is to come.

Would you be interested in a booth at our **First Annual Art Festival**, which will be held during Delta's own Balloon Festival, on July 4th. Only \$50 from 9am to 4pm. If so, please let us know. This is going to be really fun and festive as our iconic corner is right in the center of town! We will reserve 3rd Street from Main to the alley for the Festival. We'll help with volunteers and their organizational skills, and hustle to bring it together, planning starting now!

~ Monthly Guest Lecture Clinics Start This Month ~

We are excited to announce a new Arts Center resource for the community; we'll be hosting Guest Lecturers. Our own John Mitchell, resident artist and award-winning painter, will be offering his expertise on two Saturdays this month, on April 18th and the 25th, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, the cost is only \$15 but you'll need to bring your own supplies.

John's class details are as follows:

The class will explore the approach to watercolor painting as opposed to oil or acrylic. We will learn to apply washes for skies and areas of basic colors. The initial week will produce a finished simple snow-covered mountain painting. The second meeting will explore wet into wet and produce a fairly straight forward mountain range painting. Please reach out individually or see our Social Media for more information and a list of materials.

Future speakers include Susan Humphrey, who will be speaking on "Promoting Your Artistic Self", Markus Van Meter from the Western Lensman, lecturing on "AI and Its Opportunities within the Art Industry", and Dr. Jill Haliday, CMU Art History Instructor. Dates and times to be determined, please stay tuned.

Presently, LeeAnne Golden with the B-Sisters Non-Profit, is teaching weekly Free Jewelry Making Classes, a different theme each week on Thursdays or Fridays.

Coming Soon:

- Beginning Oil Painting Class with Garris Flebbe

We are looking for instructors to teach creative lessons utilizing our classroom. If you have a creative skill to teach, please contact AliceMarie to talk about a sublease opportunity and to get on the calendar. Social Media Marketing will be done by LeeAnne and Jo-An.

~ More Resources for Our Great Community ~

Would you be interested in serving as a mentor for our High School Artists' Internship Program? Our goal is to provide educational opportunities for young artists to learn more about various media from experienced artists, as well as learning about gallery operations and the business of art. We are searching for an underwriter for this program, as we plan to provide a stipend to the students for their hours in the Center and Gallery. ART TEACHERS, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FIND YOUNG ARTISTS!

We continue to develop plans for Kids Art Camp for the Summer and other times when school is not in session. The curriculum is on the drawing board, and we are looking for a teacher.

~ ALWAYS STAY UP-TO-DATE ON SOCIAL MEDIA ~

We are building the website, it includes all of our information across all platforms; upcoming events, the monthly calendar and newsletter, blogs and more. We have a YouTube channel now, it is @ArtsOnMainDelta. Be sure to stay tuned about that and follow. We are still discussing whether or not we'll be able to sell art online and provide shipping.

We are present on most Social Media Platforms, with regular postings to Google, Facebook, Instagram, X, Pinterest and Tik Tok, and Nextdoor. Feel free to reach out to LeeAnne Golden on Messenger or at the Gallery.

The Board of Directors:

Charlie Mason - Chair

Michelle Willer – Member At Large

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AliceMarie Slaven-Emond – Secretary/Center Coordinator




Arts On Main Gallery & Arts Center

301 Main Street in Delta

This Month's Theme:

"Busy Bees"

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 1st Friday Art Walk 4-7pm Free Art Supplies B-Sisters Jewelry Class 3-7 pm	
5		7 PHOTO CLUB 6pm	8	9 B-Sisters Jewelry Class Art Nouveau	10	11 PLEIN AIR SESSION 7:00am - Noon
12		14 PHOTO CLUB 11am	15	16 ARTISTS SOIREE 5:30 - 7:30pm	17 B-Sisters Jewelry Class Boho Butterflies	18 Beginning Watercolor Class w/ John Mitchell 1-3:00pm
19	20 	21	22	23 B-Sisters Jewelry Class Feathers!	24	25 Beginning Watercolor Class w/ John Mitchell 1-3:00pm
26	27	28	29	30 