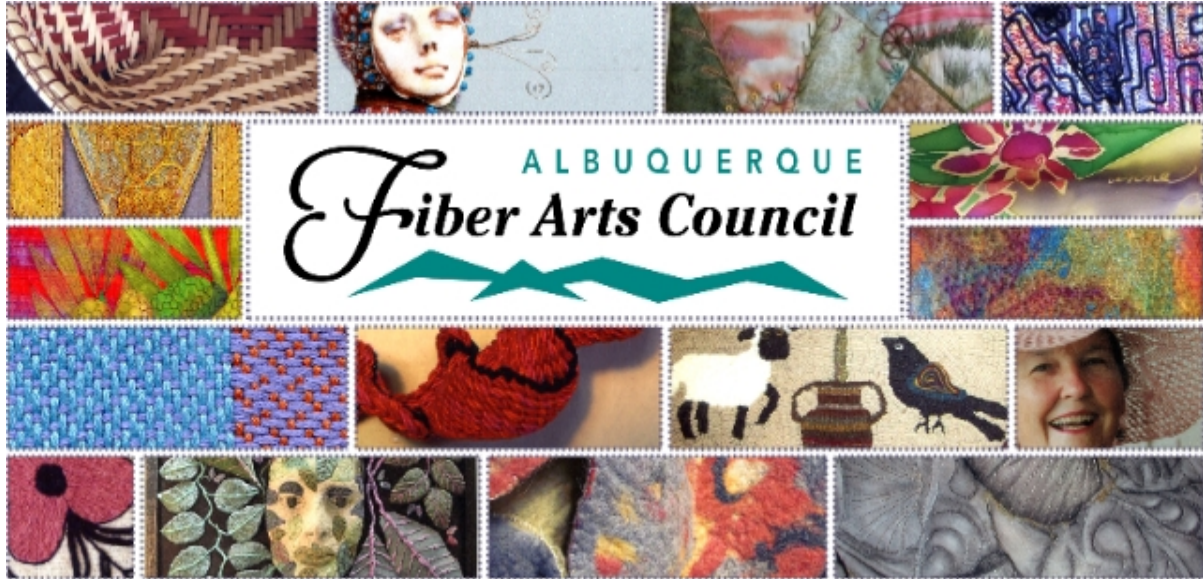


MarchING Forward

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## All ... MOST MISSED MARCH ... my Aunt Mimi and Measuring UP

As your editor, I got called away right at my usual newsletter time because my Aunt Mimi made her farewells to this earth. I squeaked by my "call" deadlines and took the first plane to California. Time on the plane and time to reflect on a great teacher and a woman of inspiration beyond compare in my life, has set the tone for this month's greeting. Usually we get the start of winds in March. The weather is changeable and just like my aunt, this year Mother Nature wags her fingers at us. What ARE our expectations for 2018? What will we accomplish? Will we tackle life head-on? If my aunt taught me anything, it was to trust in my convictions, help others and take a wide view of the world. What a great place to start the month! What a great place to start the year over if we need to... What inspiration to forge into our arts...

Your editor.

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[EVFAC Call for Artists'](#) deadline is March 15, 2018: Recall, ReCapture, Remember

**GOT BEADS?** ABQ Bead Society need you! [\(more...\)](#)

AND

Would you like to make a **POSTCARD** to enter into the Robert Kaufman WISH Card Challenge?

[Information](#) and [instructions](#) are linked here....

ZUNI Basket Making presentation below will be held at the Indian Pueblo cultural Center, 12th and Menaul, ABQ

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Basketmaking - "Weaving Plants, Sowing Traditions." Christopher Lewis from Zuni Pueblo will provide a demonstration and discussion about traditional basketmaking, and the importance of passing along cultural knowledge and skills.

**SAT.**  
**3/17**  
**12-2PM**



## THIMBLEWEEDS QUILTERS' GUILD

### GREAT OUTDOOR QUILT SHOW

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GREAT OUTDOOR QUILT SHOW--yup, worth saying TWICE!

**April 22, 2018**

Thimbleweeds Quilters Guild of Rio Rancho will hold its annual outdoor quilt show at Veterans' Memorial Park on Sunday, April 22nd, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

There is no admission charge.

What a great opportunity to wander through the lovely park and admire its flowers, view nearly two hundred beautiful quilts, listen to the live music provided by a local ensemble and just enjoy a beautiful Sunday outdoors surrounded by gorgeous colors, both natural and (wo)man-made.

There is ample free parking.

Members of the guild offer light refreshments, including home-made cookies, for a small charge. There are other vendors selling hand-dyed fabrics, notions, cotton quilting fabrics, and crafts. Even long-arm quilting machines are available for purchase. The main attraction, however, is the quilts!

The many quilts are the work of many Albuquerque's and Rio Rancho's most talented quilters, many of whom have won awards at the NMexico State Fair, the Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta, and other well-known quilt shows. The show is not juried, there is no judging and there are no awards. This is a quilt show for the sheer joy of displaying art works for our friends and neighbors to see in a beautiful outdoor setting. The combination of flowering trees and plants in the park, the quilts, the sun, and the breezes are simply intoxicating.

It is a day not to miss!

Veteran's Memorial Park is located on Pine Tree Road in Ro Rancho. It is just off Southern Blvd., between the main Rio Rancho Post Office and the Esther Bone Library building. Look for posted signs on Southern Blvd. near the park

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**More things to put on your calendar.....**

[Sherri Lynn Wood](#) visits Hip Stitch!

Author of "The Improv Handbook for Modern Quilters", Sherri Lynn will be teaching a 2-day workshop Saturday & Sunday, April 21 & 22 on "Get Your Bias Strip On"

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**ART QUILT SANTA FE - April 23-26, 2018**

Teachers: The FABULOUS Betty Busby  
and, new this year: Rod Daniel and Jim Carnavale

[WWW.artquiltssantafe.com](http://WWW.artquiltssantafe.com)

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Prepare for the

**Taos Quilt & Needlecraft Guild Show**

at The Stables Gallery

133 Paseo del Pueblo NORte

Taos, NM

May 25(10-5), 26(10-5), & 27(10--4)

That is Memorial Day Weekend AND admission is **free**.

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**15<sup>th</sup> Annual East Mountain Fiber Farm & Studio Tour**

**June 9-10, 2018**

Come join us for a day or two of fiber in the East Mountains of New Mexico. Come see alpaca, angora rabbit, sheep and goat farms to visit with the animals, talk to the shepherds, learn about raising fiber animals and purchase fleeces. Tour fiber studios and shops for handpainted yarns, handpainted silks, roving, handwoven and felted garments, handwoven guitar straps, hand hooked rugs, one-of-a-kind buttons, equipment and other fiber art supplies. Learn about spinning, weaving, dyeing and



felting from fiber artists. Hours 10-4. Admission is free and maps are available at Edgewood Yarns & Fibers and online at <http://www.eastmountainfibertour.com>.

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### **Learning to Machine Knit**

The Desert Designs Machine Knitting (DDMK) Guild held a free-to-members two-day hands-on class for new and/or returning machine knitters in February. Seven machine knitters participated for both days, learning how to cast on, bind off, increase and decrease stitches, along with getting to know how their machines work and the differences in process between hand and machine knitting. Carol Ellis, DDMK member, led the group through the class materials, demonstrating techniques and then assisting the ladies on their own machines. Guild members Frances Starnes and Sue Townsend were there to help in the learning process.

In early March the new group will tackle machine knitting a vest. Watch for those new vests at this year's State Fair and at Fiesta 2019. If you have a

knitting machine under your bed, and/or would like to join our guild, please contact Carol at [elliscjw@aol.com](mailto:elliscjw@aol.com). We love having new knitters in the group!

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## Colcha

## Corner

Regular meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at the ABQ Bio-Park, Heritage Farmhouse, 9:30-noon

March 16 National Hispanic Cultural Center, Domenici Ed. Building, Cervantes Library, 9:30-noon

Contact Annette Gutierrez-Turk, [colchera@comcast.net](mailto:colchera@comcast.net), 505 238 7654

Colcha artists in the Sandia Mountains Chapter (EGA) are always looking for more company!

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### **Next Guest Teacher at The Yarn Shop: Jen Lucas is coming April 16-18!**

Jen Lucas is a lace specialist. As a designer, knitter, crocheter, author, and teacher, she's published 5 books and numerous patterns. See her Ravelry page here: [www.ravelry.com/designers/jen-lucas](http://www.ravelry.com/designers/jen-lucas). You can also check out her website: [www.knittinglikecrazy.com/](http://www.knittinglikecrazy.com/)

Jen will be teaching classes on beginning though intermediate lace, offering lots of tips and tricks, an intro to lace lecture, and book signing. More info coming soon!

## BLOCKING MINI WALLET Class at Quiltworks



The **RFID Blocking Mini Wallet Class** has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 14, 1:00-4:00 pm. (This new date has been posted on our CLASSES pages on our website and on the Newsletter that can be viewed on our website.)



[On Higher Ground III Retreat](#), October 7-11, Taos NM

Following in the non-traditional footsteps of Jane Thornley, registration is now open for this retreat to be held at the Sagebrush Inn in Taos. Four teachers will each offer classes in creative, free form fiber creativity: Valentina Devine, Knitting without Boundaries; Debra Lambert, Weave Rock & Roll; Ilisha Helfman, Jazzknitting; Celeste Nossiter, Knitting the Landscape.

[El Rancho de las Golondrinas](#), last in the lecture series "Speaking of Traditions."

St. Francis Auditorium of the New Mexico Museum of Art in Santa Fe, March 27,



2018, 6:00 P.M. There is no need for reservations and donations are greatly appreciated as they are divided equally between El Rancho de las Golondrinas and the New Mexico Museum of Art, both 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations who rely on donations and contributions to fund their programming.



Nancy Owen Lewis will present, "They Came to Heal, They Stayed to Paint: The Birth of the Santa Fe Art Colony." Nancy will tell the story of the thousands of "health seekers" who journeyed to New Mexico from 1880 to 1940 seeking a cure for tuberculosis (TB), the leading killer in the United States at the time. By 1920, such health seekers represented an estimated 10 percent of New Mexico's population. The influx of "lungers" as they were called -- many of whom remained in New Mexico -- would play a critical role in New Mexico's early artist colony.

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# LIFE ALONG THE RIO GRANDE

An exhibition of contemporary fiber art presented by:  
Studio Art Quilt Associates of New Mexico

**April 3-June 9, 2018: Branigan Cultural Center**  
501 N. Main St., Las Cruces, NM, 575-541-2154  
Opening Reception, April 6, 2018, 5-8PM

**June 23-August 4, 2018: First Unitarian Church**  
3701 Carlisle Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM, 505-884-1801

**October 1-November 19, 2018: Macey Center**  
1 Olive Lane, Socorro NM, 575-835-5688

**December 1, 2018-January 26, 2019: Roswell Museum**  
100 W. 11th St., Roswell, NM, 575-624-6744  
Opening reception, December 1, 2018, 5-7PM

Cover artists (clockwise from bottom left): Cheryl FitzGerold, Ginny McVickar, Nicole Dunn, Gay Young, Michelle Jackson, Michelle Hardy, Vicki Conley, Betty Bosby



For more information, visit [saqa.com](http://saqa.com)

LIFE ALONG



THE RIO GRANDE

New Mexico SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates) will have two shows opening on April 6. SEEDS of SAQA will open at the Farm and Ranch Museum with a reception from 3-5pm. Life Along the Rio Grande will open at the Branigan Cultural Center with a reception from 5-8pm. Come join us.

**More Bits and Pieces:**

Southwest Decoratives [March/April Newsletter](#) is available....

ABQ Sewing Guild...The times and meeting place have been **changed** for the

Albuquerque chapter of the American Sewing Guild. They meet the second Thursday in February, April, July and November at 6:00 pm in the classroom of Hip Stitch, 2320 Wisconsin St. NE, Albuquerque NM 87110. The Albuquerque chapter is an affiliate of the national organization and is dedicated to providing information, education and programs in sewing arts, and to participating in charitable sewing projects for local organizations. Smaller subsets of the chapter, called neighborhood groups meet at multiple times and places around the Duke City.

AND, in case you'd like to join: Dues are \$50 for the first year and \$45 for subsequent years. For more information on ASG or its affiliated neighborhood groups contact Leslie Ashcraft at [lesash@g.com](mailto:lesash@g.com). ASG National Website: <http://www.asg.org>. Albuquerque local site: [www.abqsewingguild.org](http://www.abqsewingguild.org).



Link to our friends at [Espanola Valley Fiber ArtsCenter](#)



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Meeting and contact information for Albuquerque Fiber Arts Council's co-sponsoring guilds:

[Adobe Wool Arts Guild \(AWAG\) Guild](#)

[ABQ Modern Quilt Guild \(NMQA\)](#)

[Am. Sewing Guild, Alb. Chapter Guild](#)

[Bead Society of New Mexico](#)

[Desert Designs Machine Knitting Guild](#)

[Dropped Stitch Knitters Guild](#)

[Duke City Applique Society](#)

[East Mts. Cast 'n' Knits Guild](#)

[EGA Turquoise Trail Chapter](#)

[Enchanted Lacemakers Guild](#)

[Kokopelli's Enchanted Dolls](#)

[Las Arañas Spinners & Weavers Guild](#)

[Mixed Media Textile Artists of NM](#)

[New Mexico Crochet Guild](#)

[New Mexico Polymer Clay](#)

[NM Quilters' Assoc. Inc.](#)

[New Mexico Silk Painters'](#)

[Studio Art Quilt Associates](#)

[Thimbleweed Quilters](#)

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