

# ***NEW MEXICO VETERANS ART ASSOCIATION***



New Mexico Veterans Art Association Newsletter

Spring 2018

## ***Message from the President***

My thanks to everyone who helped make our 20th annual show a success!

From Board members, take-in staff, set up, hanging committee, and take-down volunteers; Including those who took the time to fill our Critique Forms. Those forms are a key element in improving the show and a method for each of you to have your voices heard. Of the 14 forms completed all 9 comment lines were rated as either good or very good. Comments included a need for “Greeters” outside to hand out programs, a better method of attaching ribbons to winning entries and a need for members to donate nicer items for the Silent Auction.

Our Treasurer, Karen Rogers, reports that we had 163 entries, 44 prizes were paid to member totaling approximately \$2,875.00 and members were paid \$989.42 from sales of art during the show. The Silent Auction brought in \$612.50 thanks to the efforts of Vikki and Karen.

The Board is currently working on an NMVA Summer Show for July in KD Neeley’s Gallery in Albuquerque. We will send out details after coordination is complete. The Board has also approved competition by members to design an NMVA poster which will be sent out to all 16 Veteran Service Offices throughout the State—more later.

Bob Bryers, our Secretary deserves a thank you for volunteering to fill in as our Acting VP this past year. Quite a task while doing his regular duties and holding down a full-time job! During our last Board meeting Jim Rogers accepted nomination as the full time VP and the Board approved unanimously.

In closing, I am thankful for all that we achieved during 2017 and hope that you are looking forward to new things for 2018 as I am.

## **NMVA News:**

- For those who wish to display your work in a gallery, Katie Neeley can give you that opportunity at her gallery : e-mail her at: [events@neeleyarts.com](mailto:events@neeleyarts.com) for further information.
- Hero's Walk Among Us—NMVA members currently have artwork shown at their location and they are looking for more art work to display.
- EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITY: July 4, Field of Arts; Edgewood Soccer field 9am-4pm—[www.Route66ArtsAlliance.org](http://www.Route66ArtsAlliance.org).
- Honor Flight Northern New Mexico has a flight scheduled for June 7, 2018. Anyone interested contact: <https://www.honorflight.org/regional-honor-flight-hubs/>
- Students over 62 can take classes at CNM for only \$5 a credit. It does not include lab or art fees but that is still a savings of \$147 a class. Contact CNM for more information. Students over 65 can take classes at UNM for \$5 a credit, but you cannot register until the first day of classes.

## **Msg from Board of Directors:**

There are approximately 170,000 veterans who reside in NM; 50,000 are treated by the VA in the Albuquerque area.

These veterans are served by Veterans Service Offices (VSO's) who have daily contact with their respective veterans. The VSO's are scattered throughout the State.

The Board want to reach out to all 16 + VSO's to explain the benefits to their veterans and spouses, who are artists, for joining NMVA..

In order to do this we are offering all interested members chance to help design the new poster. If this does interest you please contact Roy via email at: [president@nmveteransart.com](mailto:president@nmveteransart.com) NLT Friday April 20th.

The entries will be displayed at the April meeting and you will have a chance to cast a vote for your favorite.

## Upcoming Events:

- ◆ April 22nd: 1PM—General meeting at Bob & Vikki Bryers—Rio Rancho
- ◆ June 24th: 1PM—General meeting at Gloria & Roy Breckenridge—Paako
- ◆ July 2018—Show at Neeley Art Gallery (exact days to be determined)
- ◆ Sep 23rd: 1PM—Karen & Jim Rogers—Edgewood
- ◆ Nov 4th: 10am-3pm—Take-in for 2018 NMVA Art Show
- ◆ Nov 9th: 6-9PM—Show opening ceremonies at EXPO-NM
- ◆ Nov 25: 10am-3pm—Show take down/pick up

## Kitchen Art

### Easy Chicken Pot Pie

2-16oz cans cream of chicken soup  
1lb mixed veggies  
1lb chicken breasts, diced  
1 pkg Grandma's buttermilk brisquets

Cook chicken on medium heat for 10-12 minutes. Add mixed veggies & mix w/ chicken. Pour both cans of soup over mixture (don't add liquid). Open biscuits & place on top of mixture to form crust. Place, covered, in oven at 375 degrees for about 45 minutes or until biscuits are brown. (Serves 4)

Contributed by Roy Breckenridge.

### NMVA Discounts Available - "It pays to belong"

1. Artisan: 3017 Monte Vista NE, ABQ, 505-256-4540  
10% Discount—Show NMVA Membership Card
2. Michaels: All locations, 10% military discount
3. Indian Jewelry Supply: 2105 San Mateo Blvd NE, ABQ 505-922-0221  
"Next best price," i.e., if single item is \$3 and if purchasing 12 is \$2.75 each, then member will get single items at \$2.75 price. If you usually buy quantity there are several price breaks for various quantities, you will get the "next best price" quantity break.
4. O'Malley glass 531 Haines Ave NW, ABQ 505-243-7751 or 800-669-3095  
Contractors Price—they have several types of glass for picture framing, custom cut, wood, and metal material and mat board. Show NMVA Membership Card.

I am still checking out other supplies. If you have others that you frequent, please let me know

Jim Rogers, jrogers49@centurylink.net

### NMVA Mission Statement

*To encourage, promote and recognize arts achievements among veterans of the U.S. Armed forces. Art media would include drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed media, sculpture, all original craftwork, photography, as well as music, and dance.*

### Directions to Bob & Vikki Bryers

**725 Sunny Meadows Dr NE  
Rio Rancho, NM 87144  
(301) 512-0002**

From East side Albuquerque: Take I-25 N to Bernalillo (NM 550) W.

Turn L on Paseo del Volcan (pass Home Depot—go through light at Safelite Blvd and turn at next L)

Follow Paseo del Volcan to end and turn R on Unser).

Turn L on King Blvd

At 4 way stop turn R on Wilpet.

Turn L on Camino de los Montoyas. Cross 1 arroyo and at park turn R on Soothings Meadows Dr. Make and immediate R onto Sunny Meadows. Look 4 balloons; if you passed the park, you went too far.

If you are coming from the West Side, take Unser N to Rio Rancho. After you pass Northern keep going north to King and follow the remaining directions.

Call if you have any problems. (301)512-0002.

# Famous Veteran Artist of the Quarter

**John Singer Sargent** – (January 12, 1856 – April 14, 1925) was an American artist, considered the "leading portrait painter of his generation" for his evocations of Edwardian era luxury. During his career, he created roughly 900 oil paintings and more than 2,000 watercolors, as well as countless sketches and charcoal drawings. His oeuvre documents worldwide travel, from Venice to the Tyrol, Corfu, the Middle East, Montana, Maine, and Florida. (Wikipedia)



An exhibition of John Singer Sargent's WWI paintings and water colors are currently on display at the National World War I Museum and Memorial—2 Memorial Drive, Kansas City, MO.

**Quoted from Museum web site:**

Upon his return to England in 1918 after a visit to the United States, Sargent was commissioned as a war artist by the British Ministry of Information. In his large painting *Gassed* and in many watercolors, he depicted scenes from the Great War.

Reaching a British dressing station southwest of the French city of Arras in the summer of 1918, famed American artist John Singer Sargent found his subject for an overdue painting. Sargent had been commissioned by the British Government to "contribute the central painting for a Hall of Remembrance for the World War." He had procrastinated until he saw the dressing station.

The dressing station at the small village of Bailleulval was treating a number of British soldiers who had been blinded by a mustard gas attack.

The final product, *Gassed*, measures more than nine feet tall and 21-feet long. Considered one of the most important war-related works of the past several centuries, *Gassed* was hailed as "monumental" by the *New York Times*, a "masterpiece" by the *Daily Mail*, "magnificent" by the *Telegraph*, "epic" by the *Associated Press* and "extraordinary" by *The Guardian*.

The panoramic scene not only shows the devastation to the young men in uniform, but in an ironic juxtaposition, a football (soccer) game is being played in the background seemingly unaware of the damaged and blinded parade of Tommies (the nickname of British soldiers).

***"With all its brilliant genius and painful significance... how the field of national psychology must have been harrowed by events which had taken place during the war."***

***- Sir Winston Churchill upon viewing *Gassed* for the first time***

*Gassed*, which is on loan from the Imperial War Museums in the U.K., has been viewed by tens of millions of people since its completion. Its significance has grown over time as noted British broadcaster/historian Jon Snow hailed the painting as one of the "10 Best British Artworks About War," while *The Guardian* listed *Gassed* among "1,000 Artworks to See Before You Die."

## FUSE Makerspace

The FUSE Makerspace is a community center with tools that allow members to design, prototype, and create manufactured works.

We partner with Central New Mexico Community College (CNM), giving our members access to affordable, high-quality classes as well as mentoring from other makers and community members.

We believe in fostering the startup spirit in Albuquerque's Innovation District by creating jobs and supporting businesses in the downtown community. We are invested in stimulating creative thinking and economic growth in Albuquerque and the surrounding areas.

### What We Offer

A safe, professional facility for manufacturing your ideas.

Equipment and tools for precision and large-scale projects.

Offices for rent to foster the development of your small business.

A collaborative, creative working environment.

### Operation and Safety Classes:

Before you can use a piece of equipment at FUSE, you must be certified to use it. Our Introductory Operations and Safety Classes will show you the basics of the equipment and certify you to use it. Identify the equipment you would like to use and follow the steps below to sign up for the introductory class.

101 Broadway NE  
Suite 3100  
Albuquerque, NM, 87102  
(505) 224-FUSE (224-3873)  
<https://fusemakerspace.org>

CNM offers a number of classes at the FUSE including Jewelry, small casting, CAD 3D design which included learning to use the laser printer, 3D printing and plasma cutter.

The Fuse offers a variety of workshops in:

Manual Mill and Lathe- Desktop Milling- Intro to Cobots (1,2,3)-  
Sticker Making with the Vinyl Cutter - 3D Printing and Primitive Design - Torchmate  
Software for Plasma Cutter - Screen Printing and more. Check with web site above  
for times, dates, and costs.

## Board of Directors

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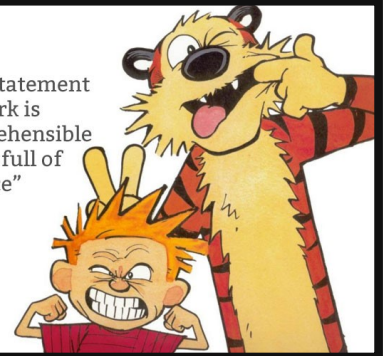
Don Johnson

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Jim Rogers

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"As my artist's statement explains, my work is utterly incomprehensible and is therefore full of deep significance"  
- Calvin



## An easy way to help NMVA

If you do shopping on Amazon you can have a percentage of your purchase donated to NMVA. It costs you nothing and Amazon makes the donation. You will need to sign up for Amazon Smile and choose NMVA as your charity of choice. Remember, it costs you nothing and the donation comes from Amazon. Here are a few ways to help:

1. Share your unique AmazonSmile charity link with friends and family.
2. Let your friends and family know why donating to NMVA is so important to you
3. Find creative ways to pass on this information to other people in your life such as school, work, church or other organizations that you might be associated with.
4. Remember, this costs you nothing when you shop at Amazon and can help the NMVA continue to raise funds that help grow our organization and support our members.