

Museum of Heritage & Arts

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HOURS: TUES-SAT 10AM-5PM

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Now – July 20: Turning Point – Woodworking by Irling Smith, winner of 11th Annual Juried Art Show
- August 3: VLA Tour
- August 3 – September 20: Elections Past – A look at elections in Valencia County and beyond
- Fall 2024 – Winter 2025: 12th Annual Juried Art Show. Theme: *Tales Through Time*.

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TURNING POINT: Woodworking by Irling Smith



Irling Smith was the Best of Show winner for his piece “Mahogany Bowl” in the 2023 11th Annual Juried Art Show. In recognition of his accomplishment, Irling won a solo show at the Los Lunas Museum to showcase his work. *Turning Point* features 27 stunning vessels made by woodturning. It's a show you really have to see in person. He uses various kinds of wood and hundreds of tiny pieces as his medium to create different types of bowls and vases. Some of the types of wood that he uses are Oak, Peruvian Walnut, Holly, Bloodwood, Wenge, Cherry, Yellowheart and Purpleheart. His main tool is a lathe, and additionally uses a plethora of things such as written plans, various measuring tools, and his imagination to make his creations. *Turning Point* will be open through July 20, 2024.

ELECTIONS PAST: August 3 – September 20

The Elections Past show will open August 3 and run through September 20, 2024. This is a look back at past elections in Valencia County and beyond. There will be biographical information on various elected officials in years past, and a variety of election materials from elections both locally, elsewhere, and nationally.



VERY LARGE ARRAY (V.L.A.) TOUR: Saturday, August 3



One of New Mexico's best-known scientific sites, the Very Large Array is a radio telescope that occupies a bowl in the Plains of San Agustin west of Socorro. The V.L.A. became operational in September of 1975. Astronomers at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory have aimed these antennas deep into space to learn about the universe. The site includes a tour of the visitors' center and museum, as well as numerous antennae. Join us for a highly educational tour at one of the Land of Enchantment's iconic sites.

Limited availability, please call to register

When: August 3rd, 2024

Cost: \$5 per person + \$5 Admission to the VLA (**Cash Preferred**)
(must sign waiver) (must sign up by no later than July 27th) (Please call for registration and additional information)

8:30 am - Meet at museum, park at LL Schools Admin. Bldg. next door.

9:00 am - Leave museum by van.

11:30 am -1 pm - Arrive at V.L.A., guided tour of V.L.A.

1- 2 pm - Eat lunch (bring sack lunch) and explore.

2 - 4 pm - Depart VLA and return to museum.

Please bring sack lunch, water, hat, and sunscreen. Outside paths are flat and accessible.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT



Josefita "Pepe" Manderfield Armijo Otero

Josefita Manderfield's first marriage was to George Washington Armijo, a Rough Rider. They divorced and she married Eduardo "Lalo" M. Otero, son of Emanuel Otero and Eloisa Luna of Los Lunas. They inherited the family mansion, The Luna Mansion, following the death of his uncle, Solomon Luna. Josefita was often referred to as "Mistress of the Mansion," she added columns to the front of the mansion, built a solarium on the southwest corner, and painted murals throughout the interior. The Oteros entertained dignitaries at their home, including the President of Mexico. Her son, Teddy, was the last of the family to reside in the mansion.

Source: Notable and Notorious Neighbors in Valencia County History



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Irling Smith: Turning Point



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