

## Museum of Heritage & Arts



*Small Community, Big Possibilities*

HOURS: TUES-SAT 10AM-5PM

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Until Jan. 25, 2025 art show "Tales Through Time."
- Limited Time: "70's photos of Valencia County" by Bob Christensen, January 28–February 15, 2025.
- Painting Party at the Museum. Feb 1, 2025.
- Camino Real Artists will display works from February 22–April 19, 2025

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### MUSEUM STAFF:

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### "Tales Through Time" Art Show Winners

On December 7, 2024, the winners of the 12th Annual Juried Art Show were announced. There were 24 artists who entered with a total of 53 pieces. The Best of Show went to Rick Kozak with *Power of the Spirit*. First Place was John Rosborough with a *Wood Model of 65 HP Case Steam Traction Engine*. Second Place was Joanne Ladisa with *Gone But Not Forgotten*. Third Place was Robert Fink with *Charles Rennie Mackintosh Meets New Mexico*. Honorable Mentions were created by Marlies Sichler and Michael Romero. These and other works will be featured until January 25, 2025. Please come and see what all of these wonderful artists have created.



#### Best of Show

***Power of the Spirit***  
by Rick Kozak

### FREE! Paint Party

Join us on Saturday, February 1 for a fun winter themed paint party! We'll all be painting cute cardinals enjoying the snow. No artistic experience is required - you will be guided through the process to create a small masterpiece that you can take home with you.

- Saturday, February 1, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- All supplies provided
- Lemonade and iced tea will be served
- Attendance is limited to adults and youth ages 14+
- This event is free, but space is very limited so reservations are required. Call the Museum at (505) 352-7720 to reserve your spot.



# The Camino Real Artist Showcase

The art of the Camino Real Artists will be showcased at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts from February 22 - April 19, 2025. Some of the artists that will be featured are Susan Brooke, Jeri Schmetter, Linda Boatwright, Patty Gallegos, Duffy Petterson, Jean Stone, Penny York, Gwen Wilemon, Fran Ryan, Lorraine Burleson, Sondra Schlotterback and possibly others.



## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT Sgt. Foch Romero



(Albuquerque Journal)

Foch Romero was born August 4, 1918 in Los Lunas to Donaciano D. Romero and Barbarita Speare. Legend has it that Foch's mother, Barbarita, had a dream one night. She heard a large boom and ran outside to see what had happened. What greeted her was a huge hole that had been blown in her yard. As the smoke cleared, there on the ground near the hole was her son Foch. The next morning the family received a telegram informing them of their son's death. Technical Sergeant Foch Romero, a member of the 180th Infantry, experienced a traumatic event which ultimately resulted in the loss of his life on February 19, 1944 on the Anzio beachhead in Italy. A plaque memorializing Foch Romero is located next to the Los Lunas Middle School football field. His father, on the condition that the field be named after his son, donated the 9-acre field to the school (Trujillo, 1989).

(Cynthia Shetter/www.loslunasnm.gov)



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## VALENCIA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SPEAKER SERIES



- **Barstow, California: "Little Belen" by Richard Melzer Sun Jan 26, 2025 @ 2:00PM at the Belen Harvey House Museum.** Many Valencia County families migrated to Barstow, California, in the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s. So many came from Belen, New Mexico that Barstow became known as "Little Belen or "Belen, California." Historian Richard Melzer will present the history of this migration and its impact on the residents of both towns. He will open the discussion to members of the audience who have memories to share of the connection between Belen and Barstow - a connection that remains strong to this day.

### Friends of The Los Lunas Library & Museum Annual Meeting



When: January 11, 2025 @2pm

Where: Los Lunas Library  
460 Main St. NE  
Los Lunas, NM 87031  
Who: Anyone interested  
(open meeting)  
What: Board member selection  
(snacks will be provided)



## Museum Services

We offer tours, talks, and exhibits throughout the year. We can also help with genealogical research and we have historic publications, church, and census records. Our digital archives house oral histories provided by local residents. If you're interested in adding to our oral history project please call us at (505) 352-7720 to make an appointment.

**Thank you for voting the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts the Best Tourist Spot in Valencia County!**



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The Friends of the Los Lunas Library & Museum gift shop offers a wide selection of jewelry, handbags, books, and other items. Come in today and see the new items we have! Your purchase supports our Museum and Library.



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