



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Artists' Perspective by the Belen Art League continues until July 26.
- July 25: Iced Tea Party
- August 2: Van Tour - Wildlife West Nature Park & Tinkertown Museum.
- August 23 - October 11: Photographs by Rick Kozak. Winner of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Tales Through Time Adult Show.
- September 20 & October 11: Fall Paint Parties

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## Rick Kozak Solo Show: Art of Photojournalism

Rick Kozak was named Best in Show with his piece "Power of the Spirit" for our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show in 2024. In recognition of his accomplishment, Mr. Kozak won a solo art show at the Los Lunas Museum to showcase his work. He is a national award-winning photojournalist and has traveled the world documenting news, politics, sports, human behaviors, cultures and the beauty of nature for nearly five decades. Mr. Kozak has had many influences such as photographers Robert Capa, Gordon Parks, Avedon and Ansel Adams. Mr. Kozak wants to inspire others in the use of photography to connect with other people and this amazing world.



"Katrina Survives"

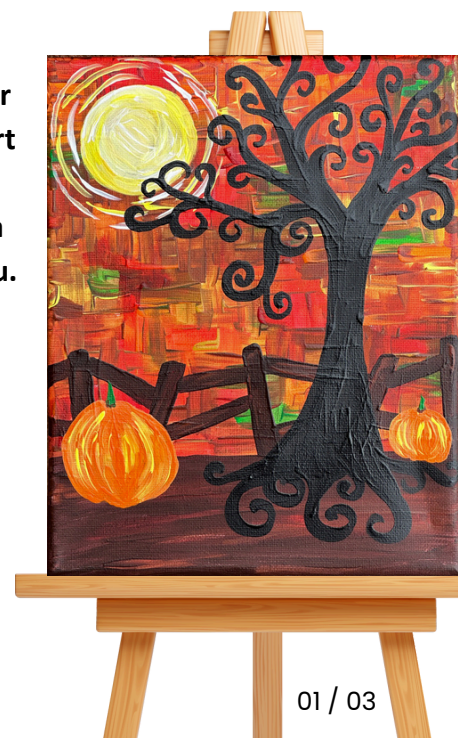
Please join us for his show "Art of Photojournalism." Amazing subjects from history, florals, New Mexico, human emotion, and black & white photography will be represented. His Exhibit begins August 23, and runs until October 11, 2025.

There will be two receptions. The first on September 6 from 2-4 PM and the second on October 4 from 2-4 PM.

## FREE! Fall Paint Party

Join us on Saturday, September 20 & October 11 for a fall themed paint party! We'll all be painting a sort of spooky scene. 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, Sept. 20 & Oct. 11, 2 PM - 4 PM
- All supplies provided
- Lemonade and iced tea will be served
- Attendance is limited to adults and youth 14+
- Limit 4 per reservation, limited to one date.
- This event is free, but space is very limited so reservations are required. Call the Museum at (505) 352-7720 to reserve your spot or to be added to the waitlist.



# Wildlife West Nature Park & Tinkertown Museum Day Trip

## Saturday, August 2

Join us for a van trip to the East side of the Sandias - it should be 8-10 degrees cooler there! First we'll go to the Wildlife West Nature Park & Zoo in Edgewood where you'll get to see over 25 certified non-release, friendly animals. Next we'll head to the imaginative Tinkertown Museum in Sandia Park. Call the us at (505) 352-7720 to reserve your spot! Space is limited. Transportation is free; see below for costs of each attraction.

### Schedule:



- **9:00 AM** - Arrive at Los Lunas Museum and load vans
- **9:15 AM - 10:15 AM** - Drive to Wildlife West Nature Park
- **10:15 AM - 12:15 PM** - Tour the Nature Park and have lunch
- **12:15 - 12:30 PM** - Drive to Tinkertown Museum
- **12:30 - 1:30 PM** - Tour Tinkertown
- **1:30 - 2:15 PM** - Load vans and drive back to Los Lunas

**Wildlife West Admissions: \$12 adult, \$10 senior, \$5 student, Free for veterans and children under 5 years**

**Tinkertown Admissions: \$6 adult, \$3 children 4-16, Free for children under 4 years and wheelchair users**

Bring a sack lunch, sunscreen, hat, and water bottle. The Wildlife West Nature Park & Zoo has a mile long accessible pathway with minimal shade to view the animals. Tinkertown Museum has uneven and narrow walkways that can be a challenge for wheelchairs and walkers. Our van is not accessible, but we can stow some collapsible mobility aid items. Times subject to change, may arrive back at Los Lunas Museum as late as 3:00 PM. We recommend bringing extra quarters along for the Tinkertown Museum.

## Historical Highlight



## Adelina Isabel Emilia “Nina” Otero - Warren

Nina was the daughter of Manuel B. Otero and Eloisa Luna of Los Lunas. She was a suffragette, educator, politician, homesteader, writer, and business woman. She was a leader in the campaign for women's suffrage both in New Mexico and nationally and she was chair of the women's division of the Republican State Committee for New Mexico. In 1918, she defeated a male opponent in the election for Santa Fe School Superintendent. In 1922, she was the first woman from New Mexico to run for Congress, carrying 80% of the Hispanic districts, although she did lose overall. During the 1930s, Nina served as inspector for the U.S. Indian Service and directed the literacy education program for the Civilian Conservation Corps camps in NM. She published her book, *Old Spain in Our Southwest*, in 1936.

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# Valencia County Historical Society Events

**Sept. 25-27: 2025 Joint New Mexico-Arizona History Conference.** This conference will be held in Las Cruces, NM. Registration is open and programs will be available mid-July. Visit [hsnm.org](https://hsnm.org) for details.



## 13th Annual Art Show Theme: *Vida, Cultura, y Familia*

We're excited to announce that the theme for this year's Annual Art Show is *Vida, Cultura, y Familia* (Life, Culture, and Family)! This is not a juried show, but ribbons and prizes will be awarded by independent judges. We accept all 2D and 3D art mediums. Applications will be available in the Fall. We're doing something a little different this year and only the Adult Show will be this theme. Next year, and going forward, we'll start with the Student Show on a new theme (TBA) and then the Adult Show following will be that same theme.

## Iced Tea Party - Friday, July 25, 2PM

In partnership with the Los Lunas Public Library, we are hosting an iced tea party at the Museum! We'll have light bites and assorted iced teas for your enjoyment. This is a free event open to all ages. We do have a limited number of spots available so reserve your teatime by calling the Museum at (505) 352-7720. Groups will be limited to a maximum of 4. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate any dietary restrictions. Bring your own cup and feel free to dress up!



**Did you know that the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts has a beautiful Events Pavilion and patio area that's available for rent?**

This venue is perfect for smaller weddings and receptions, business meetings, musical entertainment, etc. All rentals include access to our chairs and tables, electricity, restrooms, and the current exhibit happening at the Museum. Maximum pavilion and patio occupancy is 130 and alcohol is not permitted. For full details about rental terms or to take a tour of the space, please stop by the Museum.

## Museum Services

We offer tours, talks, paint parties and exhibits throughout the year. Recently, we added a fun Coloring Corner station for all ages. We can also help with genealogical research, providing the use of 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.



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## VISIT OUR GIFT SHOP!

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

Pick up a 2025 Frequent Visitor Card. When you visit 4 times, you'll get 20% off an entire purchase during the holiday season! Talk to someone at the Museum for full details.



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