



DURANGO ARTS MONTH

— 2024 PROGRAM GUIDE —



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WHAT IS DURANGO ARTS MONTH?



Durango Arts Month, celebrated throughout September, transforms our vibrant town into a hub of creativity, inspiration, and community engagement. This month-long celebration highlights the diverse artistic talents found in our region, featuring an array of events such as gallery exhibitions, live performances, interactive workshops, and engaging classes. With activities designed for all ages and skill levels, Durango Arts Month invites everyone to experience the rich cultural tapestry that art adds to our daily lives.

Whether you're a lifelong art enthusiast or a curious newcomer, this annual celebration promises to spark your creativity and deepen your appreciation for the artistic expressions that define our corner of Colorado. Join us as we honor and celebrate the vibrant arts scene throughout Durango!

Durango Arts Month is dedicated to showcasing the exceptional artistic talent in Southwest Colorado and fostering a vibrant arts culture within Durango and La Plata County. Our goal is to establish this as a locally celebrated event that gains widespread recognition and visitation. We aim to highlight Durango's unique artistic community and our connection to the diverse cultures of Southwest Colorado.

Whether you're an avid art lover or new to the scene, this annual celebration promises to ignite your creativity and deepen your appreciation for the arts that define our corner of Colorado. Join us as we honor and celebrate the vibrant arts culture of Durango!



RECURRING EVENTS



BOGO PAINTING SESSIONS EVERYDAY | PICASSO & VINO

Anyone who reserves a standard painting sessions in September gets another seat free.



PAINT & SIP - ON YOUR OWN TERMS! SEPTEMBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | ESOTERRA CIDERWORKS

Paint and sip on your own terms! That's right, show up anytime and choose which masterpiece you wish to create. A \$25 ticket includes: canvas, paint and a cider (adult or NA)! Come alone, or gather your group.



OLD WEST COWBOY MUSIC SHOW AND CHUCKWAGON SUPPER SEPTEMBER 5-15 | 4:30-9PM | BAR D CHUCKWAGON SUPPERS

Bar D Wranglers perform in concert after supper with music and songs of old west cowboys, comedy, and lively instrumentals. The show is fun for the whole family.



ON THE DAILY: COFFEE & TEA - A JURIED EXHIBITION SEPTEMBER 20-28 | 5-9PM | STUDIO & GALLERY

Regional and national artists exploring the theme of "ON THE DAILY: Coffee & Tea." This exhibit is juried by Lorna Meaden.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



ARTISAN MARKET AT EDGEMONT'S MEADOW MARKET 10-2PM | MEADOW MARKET

Featuring local vendors showcasing their unique handmade goods as well as Revival Goods carrying fair trade global handmade products from over 30+ countries. Home Goods, pottery, jewelry, skin care, cards, accessories, and more.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3



OPEN MIC POETRY NITE 6-8PM | DURANGO ARTS CENTER

We invite closet poets to shed their nerves and share their poetry. Please join us for a truly enjoyable evening of unimaginable journeys of the mind! Bring your favorite poetry (your own or some dead poets stuff) prose, short story, tall tales, cowboy poetry etc...The mic will be yours...



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5



OPEN HOUSE: LEARN TO 3D PRINT

8:30-4:00PM | CENTER FOR INNOVATION

Get ready for an exciting journey into the world of 3D printing! The Center for Innovation is opening its doors for a hands-on Open House Event. Whether you're a curious youth or an adult eager to explore cutting-edge technology, this is your chance to learn how to create amazing 3D prints.



MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS MASTER CLASS

1-3PM | FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

Music in the Mountains is hosting a special Master Class featuring two of our world-class musicians! Join us for a master class put on by Oleg Sulyga, violin, and Dmitry Kustanovich, viola, both longtime musicians in our Music in the Mountains Festival Orchestra. The Master Class is free and open to the public for viewing!



LIVE MUSIC AT SKA-BQ: VINYL LUST

5-7PM | SKA BREWING

Join us for Ska-BQ and live music from Vinyl Lust on the outside stage. Beer and food Specials!



LIVE MUSIC!

6-8PM | LOLA'S PLACE

Come enjoy some great jazz! Enjoy songs from great jazz composers plus bossa nova, boogie, blues, and originals.



MERIWETHER LEWIS: TRIBAL TALES FROM THE RIVER'S EDGE

7-8PM | FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

Before ethnology was a scientific discipline, Lewis and Clark collected stories, songs, and artifacts from the dozens of distinct cultures they encountered in their journey west. In this dynamic performance, Fox shares both folklore and true history from the American Indians met along the way.



FIRST THURSDAY SONGWRITER SERIES

8-10PM | THE IAM MUSIC INSTITUTE

September's Featured Songwriter: John Hoffman of Elder Grown. Join us for our Songwriters Series. Located at The iNDIGO Room inside the iAM MUSIC Institute, this free event, hosted by Julianne Marqua, will feature some amazing local musicians.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6



64TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR POWWOW ALL DAY | SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS

This celebration features a vibrant Tribal Parade, Tribal Member Exhibits, and a variety of exciting contests including children's races, the challenging grease pole climb, frybread making, jalapeño eating, tug-of-war, best painted horse, and the thrilling chicken pull.



FREE FRIDAY: HOW TO MAKE HEAD PIN EARRINGS 11-1PM | BEADS AND BEYOND

Free demonstration on how to make head pin earrings. A great chance to learn a basic skill for making all sorts of jewelry- supplies available to purchase.



THE ARTROOM COLLECTIVE AUGUST FIRST FRIDAY 4-7PM | ARTROOM COLLECTIVE

Get ready for a fun and fascinating journey into the world of digital art! Join photographer, Brad Polt for a live demonstration where he'll reveal the creative process behind digital illustrations from the past two years.



SEPTEMBER FIRST FRIDAY 4-8PM | DOWNTOWN DURANGO

Celebrate Durango's creative side! Businesses, galleries, and the spaces in between host local artists of all kinds! Find live music, original performances, featured artist showcases, and artisan pop-up markets all across town.



CRAFTED SPIRITS AND BLOWN GLASS 4-9PM | DURANGO CRAFT SPIRITS

Empty the Cup Glassblowing Studio will be demonstrating glassblowing to the public. Watch skilled glass artisan Lucy Olechowski demonstrate the process of turning molten liquid into hand made drinking vessels.



EXHIBITION OPENING: SARAH HOUSE & JOE SCHAEER 5-7PM | SMILEY CAFE

Join local artists Sarah House and Joe Schafer for the opening of their new exhibition, "Perspectives," featuring all-new works by these talented painters. Sarah House, an oil painter, is known for her contemplative and distinctive portrayals of everyday moments, while Schafer, a mixed media artist, creates one-of-a-kind abstract landscapes through a unique blend of mediums and techniques.



TEXTURED NARRATIVES: THE ART OF CLAY STORYTELLING 5-7PM | EARTHEN VESSEL GALLERY

View an engaging demonstration by Nick Blaisdell, a renowned local potter, as he brings clay to life through intricate texturing. This demonstration offers a rare glimpse into how a skilled artist uses line, form and texture to convey a narrative, inviting viewers to explore the deeper connections between art, function and storytelling.



TIES THAT BIND: AN EXHIBITION BY GL RICHARDSON

5-7PM | BLUE RAIN GALLERY

This exhibition showcases Richardson's compelling series of Western oil paintings that delve into themes of introspection and emotional depth. Through a range of new works, Richardson explores anonymity, impermanence, and isolation through richly textured, evocative imagery.



HAVE A GLASS, MAKE SOME GLASS

5-7:30PM | SUN SAPPHIRES

Enjoy happy hour drinks, and learn how to make your own fused glass sushi set. Throughout the class, you'll be guided by a our experienced glass artist who will introduce you to the fundamental techniques of fused glass. You'll have the opportunity to unleash your creativity as you experiment with a wide array of vibrant glass colors, bringing your vision to life in the form of a one of a kind sushi set. Whether you're an experienced artisan or a first-time explorer of the medium, this class caters to all skill levels.



DURANGO ARTS MONTH: KICK-OFF CELEBRATION

5-8PM | THE POWERHOUSE

Join us for the exciting kick-off of Durango Arts Month! This vibrant evening promises to be a delightful celebration featuring live music, delicious food, and engaging entertainment that will set the tone for a month filled with creativity. As you mingle and enjoy the festivities, you'll also have the chance to learn more about the upcoming events throughout Durango Arts Month.



LIVE MUSIC: MATT RUPNOW

6-9PM | UNION SOCIAL HOUSE

Join Matt Rupnow under the trees live at Union Social House.



FLC ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE AND MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS - COLLABORATION!

7PM | FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

Join us for a strings collaboration between Music in the Mountains and the Artists In Residence Program at FLC in a beautiful chamber performance.



WALT WHITMAN: A SONG OF MYSELF

7-8PM | FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

Meet America's pre-eminent poet as he shares the story of his life intermingled with the poems we have all grown to love. Hear eloquent selections from "Leaves of Grass," and his philosophy of free verse. Listen to tales of the Civil War in poetry from "Drum Taps." Celebrate the life of Abraham Lincoln in his eulogy "Oh, Captain, My Captain." Few poets have transformed poetry or captured the voice of America like Walt Whitman. Come, take my hand, spend an evening immersed in the mystical delight of the old gray bearded poet.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7



64TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR POWWOW ALL DAY | SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS

This celebration features a vibrant Tribal Parade, Tribal Member Exhibits, and a variety of exciting contests including children's races, the challenging grease pole climb, frybread making, jalapeño eating, tug-of-war, best painted horse, and the thrilling chicken pull.



MEET & GREET WITH COLORADO CREATIVE INDUSTRIES 8:30-10AM | COMMUNITY CONCERT HALL

Join us for a breakfast meet and greet with Josh Blanchard, Director of Colorado Creative Industries (CCI), to gain insights into Colorado's vibrant arts and culture sector. This event is a valuable opportunity for artists, entrepreneurs, and creativity enthusiasts to connect and be inspired. Josh Blanchard (He/him) serves as Director of the Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) in the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) where he is responsible for the strategic planning and overall direction of Colorado's state arts agency. As CCI Director, Josh works to advance Colorado's thriving creative economy by strengthening initiatives and programs involving arts and culture.



POTTERY DEMONSTRATION 10-6PM | CREATE ART AND TEA

Join us throughout the day to watch the amazing artistic transformation of a simple slab of clay designed into a work of art.



LUNCHEON WITH JOSH BLANCHARD 12-1:30PM | COMMUNITY CONCERT HALL

This event offers a unique opportunity to meet Josh Blanchard, Director of Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) and learn about the current state of arts and culture in Colorado and what's happening at the state level.



CRAFT SPIRITS AND BLOWN GLASS 1-9PM | DURANGO CRAFT SPIRITS

Empty the Cup Glassblowing Studio will be demonstrating glassblowing to the public. Watch skilled glass artisan Lucy Olechowski demonstrate the process of turning molten liquid into hand made drinking vessels.



CLASS: BEAD WRAPPED HOOPS 5-7PM | BEADS AND BEYOND

Learn how to wire wrap metal earrings with beads to make unique jewelry.



LIVE MUSIC: ANDREW SHUMAN 6-9PM | UNION SOCIAL HOUSE

Join Andrew Shuman under the trees live at Union Social House.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8



64TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR POWWOW ALL DAY | SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS

This celebration features a vibrant Tribal Parade, Tribal Member Exhibits, and a variety of exciting contests including children's races, the challenging grease pole climb, frybread making, jalapeño eating, tug-of-war, best painted horse, and the thrilling chicken pull.



MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS' SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER 12:30PM | PERBACCO CUCINA ITALIANA

Join us on Sunday, September 8th, at 12:30 pm at Perbacco Cucina Italiana in Durango for a Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser. Not only will you enjoy a delicious pasta lunch and a guest performance at this event, you'll also be the first to find out who our new Artistic Director will be! Tickets are \$50 each and only limited numbers will be sold.



CLASS: MAKE WIRE WRAPPED GEMSTONE EARRINGS 3-5PM | BEADS AND BEYOND

Learn to wire wrap gemstone briolettes - it's a great skill to use to make all kinds of jewelry.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10



AUTHOR EVENT & BOOK SIGNING WITH ZACH HIVELY "CALL ME ZACH HIVELY BECAUSE THAT IS MY NAME"

6-8PM | MARIA'S BOOKSHOP

A new collection of short essays from the flash of brilliance behind the Fool's Gold. Few challenges are greater than navigating the world as a so-called adult. Yet Zach Hively does his best to evade them all. The perils of rental housing? Finding friendship as a hermit who rather dislikes people? Bears? There's nothing he can't talk his way through-- or out of-- in these short essays.



LINDSAY LOU

8PM | ANIMAS CITY THEATRE

Animas City Theatre Presents Lindsay Lou! Guided by life experiences, Lindsay Lou's sound and songwriting continues to evolve and intertwine her sturdy Bluegrass roots with progressive Americana and Folk. – PBS



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11



ADVANCED CLASS: DREAMSCAPE NECKLACE

1-4PM | BEADS AND BEYOND

Learn how to design jewelry and create a unique necklace with mixed gemstone, glass and metal.



HARVEST MOON UKULELE JAM

6-7:30PM | HIDEAWAY UKULELE STUDIO

Harvest Moon Ukulele Jam - a selection of moon songs! Grab your uke, download the song sheets, grab your favorite beverage, and join us.



WEAVINGS THAT SPEAK: NAVAJO TEXTILES AS VESSELS OF HISTORICAL ACCOUNT

6:30PM | SAN JUAN BASIN ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

Social at 6:30pm, presentation at 7pm. Textiles are the signature artform of the Diné Nation. From humble utilitarian origins, Navajo weavings continue to evolve and change along with their culture and identity. For the Navajo People, textiles serve as vessels for the transmission of cultural, historical, and ecological knowledge. Venancio Aragon is a Navajo textile artist from the Navajo Nation in New Mexico. Aragon will reflect on the history of Navajo textiles and how his interest in the artform led him down a path of rediscovery and preservation.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12



CINDY COLEMAN PAINTING DEMONSTRATION

4-7PM | ANIMAS CHOCOLATE & COFFEE COMPANY

Join ACC Artist Collective Member Cindy Coleman as she paints a landscape using her soft pastels.



LIVE MUSIC!

6-8PM | LOLA'S PLACE

Come enjoy some great jazz! Enjoy songs from great jazz composers plus bossa nova, boogie, blues, and originals.



A MISPLACED MASSACRE

7-8:30PM | FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

On Nov. 29, 1884, soldiers from the 1st and 3rd Colorado Regiments led by Colonel John Chivington attacked a peaceful village of Arapahos and Cheyennes camped along the banks of Sand Creek in southeastern Colorado Territory. In 2007, the National Park Service opened its 391st unit: The Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site. University of California, Davis History Professor and author Ari Kelman, Ph.D. will discuss a century and a half of struggles over the memory of the event from the immediate aftermath through to the opening of the Historic Site.



PANEL DISCUSSION: PARTNERING THE ARTS & SCIENCES TO CREATIVELY ENGAGE CLIMATE CHANGE WITH COMMUNITIES

6-7:30 PM | CENTER OF SOUTHWEST STUDIES

Join us for an exciting panel discussion! How can we team up the arts and sciences to creatively engage climate change across disciplinary perspectives and with communities? The Center of Southwest Studies has partnered with the University of Colorado Boulder to present *Coloradans and our Shared Environment in Times of Challenge and Change* currently on view in the Center's galleries through February 7, 2025.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13



FREE DEMO - DURABLE STRETCHY BRACELETS

11-1PM | BEADS AND BEYOND

Learn the secrets of designing, stringing and finishing stretchy bracelets. Fun for the whole family!



ART-MART SOIREE

4-7PM | HERMOSA COFFEE ROASTERS

Community art market with local artisan vendors, hands-on kids art projects, and interactive painting on the art wall!



URBAN SKETCH CRAWL

6-8PM | DOWNTOWN DURANGO

Join us for a hands-on sketching workshop focused on mastering the fundamentals of landscape sketching. Led by landscape architect Craig Stoffel, PLA, ASLA, this workshop will guide you through real-world applications of perspective, depth, texture, and incorporating site entourage like people, vegetation, and architectural elements. The event includes quick thumbnail sketches and detailed drawings, with informative intros and step-by-step instructions. Whether you're a beginner or experienced, this workshop promises a fun and engaging experience for all skill levels!



LIVE MUSIC: REEDER & SPENCER

6-9PM | UNION SOCIAL HOUSE

Join us with Reeder & Spencer under the trees live on the best patio in Durango on September 13th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14



DESIGN CHARRETTE

10-12PM | 32ND STREET AND MAIN AVE.

Join the Durango Creative District, the City of Durango, DHM Design, and charrette leader Craig Stoffel for a design charrette to re-imagine the northeast corner of 32nd Street & Main Ave, across from North City Market. We invite designers, planners, gardeners, landscapers, architects, and local creatives to brainstorm and transform this area of North Main into a vibrant, creative parklet. Come share your ideas and help shape the future of this community space!



DIY TIE-DYE BOOTH AT FALL PRIDE

12-4PM | BUCKLEY PARK

Make your own tie-dyed tee at the "Give it a Try!" Tie-Dye Company booth during the Four Corner Alliance's "Pride in the Park," held at Buckley Park on Sept. 14th! Between 12pm and 4pm, we'll have hourly sign-ups for up to six participants, so snag your spot early and let that creativity flow!



OLGA LITTLE, THE GOAT OF MULESKINNERS & MULE PACKING DEMONSTRATION

2-3 PM | BETWEEN 11TH AND 12TH STREET AND MAIN AVE.

Join Horsefly History Tours and Peak to Creek Outfitters for an interactive presentation at the new Olga Little Mural. Meet Olga Little and her mules! Olga was a heroic and brave muleskinner (mule packer) who blazed her own trail in the early 1900s. At only 10 years old, Olga discovered her gift when she had to wrangle eight horses and herd cattle on a 400-mile journey. Olga is credited with saving many lives including the lives of her mules. There will be a mule packing demonstration and kids can meet Olga herself! Get up close and personal with our favorite mules and donkeys!



FALL PHOTOGRAPHY SPECIAL: ANIMAS RIVER CANYON AT NIGHT

6:40PM | DURANGO & SILVERTON NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD

Join us for a very special and rare weekend of train night shoots featuring iconic locations along the Animas River lit by expert night train photographer Pete Lerro of Lerro Photography. The train consist will be powered by a K-28 class locomotive followed by 0470, 2 Boxcars, 311, 257, 212, and 0540. Each night will feature different run-by locations. This excursion will take photographers into the depths of the Animas River Canyon at night for a chance to photograph iconic locations along the line, led by the talents of popular photographer Pete Lerro. During the night photo sessions, our photo train will stop at various locations and will be lit with led lights so that the photographers can take both still and action photos throughout the night.



SECOND WEEKEND SERIES

8-10PM | THE IAM MUSIC INSTITUTE

iAM MUSIC's Second Weekend Series is back on Saturday, September 14th at the iNDIGO Room.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15



ARTISAN MARKET AT EDMONT'S MEADOW MARKET

10-2PM | MEADOW MARKET

Featuring local vendors showcasing their unique handmade goods as well as Revival Goods carrying fair trade global handmade products from over 30+ countries. Home Goods, pottery, jewelry, skin care, cards, accessories, and more.



CLASS: MAKE AN EYE-COLOR BRACELET

3-5PM | BEADS AND BEYOND

Learn to make a trendy eye-color bracelet including how to do a professional finish!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16



A LIVE PODCAST OF MAGIC CITY

6PM | MARIA'S BOOKSHOP

Magic City Podcast live. An evening of audio storytelling, from the audio podcast that brings you new stories for Durango's history books. You'll hear excerpts of forthcoming episodes, performed live, as well as conversations with community members about how their personal lives have intersected with regional histories. The Magic City of the Southwest is a regional history podcast series that gives listeners close encounters with the past, exploring pieces of Four Corners history that don't fit neatly inside the frame of the town's Western image. These are the stories that are not accounted for in the common telling of regional history, especially the neglected and forgotten stories of working class and non-white residents. Our team conducts interviews with current and former town residents, we dig into archival documents, oral histories, and old photos to reinvigorate the past that's still living beneath our feet. Podcast members: Kirbie Bennett, Jamie Wanzek and Adam Burke.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17



SERVICE UNSCRIPTED: CUSTOMER SERVICE STORIES OF DURANGO

7-9PM | THE SUBTERRAIN

Join us for a captivating evening of storytelling, where local residents share true tales that explore the nuances of customer service. Celebrate both inspiring successes and valuable lessons in this engaging community event!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18



AUTHOR EVENT & BOOK SIGNING WITH ZAK PODMORE "LIFE AFTER DEAD POOL"

6-8PM | MARIA'S BOOKSHOP

Lake Powell is dying but this is not a dour story of climate disaster. "Life After Dead Pool" is the story of how one of America's most famous and controversial reservoirs is on its deathbed just sixty years after being constructed. It is also a story of how the Colorado River and Glen Canyon are being reborn. Podmore, as a kayaker, journalist, author, and lifelong resident of the Southwest gives an original account of Glen Canyon's resurrection.



150 YEARS OF LA PLATA COUNTY HISTORY FROM 1874 TO THE PRESENT

6:30-8PM | CENTER FOR SOUTHWEST STUDIES

Join us for "150 Years of La Plata County History from 1874 to the Present," a presentation by Dr. Andrew Gulliford.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19



SIP AND SKETCH WITH SEED STUDIO

5:30-7:30PM | SEED STUDIO

Come sip and sketch at Seed Studio. An artist will provide guidance. Still life will be arranged for you to render. Materials provided.



LIVE MUSIC!

6-8PM | LOLA'S PLACE

Come enjoy some great jazz! Enjoy songs from great jazz composers plus bossa nova, boogie, blues, and originals.



OPEN MIC POETRY NITE IN DURANGO, COLORADO

6-8PM | SUSTAINABLE GOODS

Presented by Sustainable Goods is the charming and a favorite of most poets for open mic poetry nites in Durango. Welcoming all who wish to share original poetry or others works First timers and seasoned poets keep the atmosphere friendly and inviting with receptive audiences that make you feel like family. Please join us if you've ever considered sharing your original work with others but may feel nervous | everyone does did and will but the atmosphere is so welcoming you couldn't ask for a better location or Host (Miss Ally) who brings the charm and her heart to every event.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20



CLASS: LEARN HOW TO MAKE WIRE RINGS

4-5:30 PM | BEADS AND BEYOND

Free Demo: Learn how to make wire rings. It's easy and fun!



BOOKS, BRATS, AND BREWS

4-6PM | DURANGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Party on the back patio at Durango Public Library for live music, free books, BBQ, and local beers.



LIVE PAINTING BY MARIAH KAMINSKY

4-7PM | ANIMAS CHOCOLATE & COFFEE COMPANY

Mariah will be painting a still life of flowers and chocolate from life and live!



LIVELY'S 6TH ANNUAL FASHION SHOW

4-10PM | LIVELY (A BOUTIQUE)

Step into a world of glitz and glamour at Lively's 6th Annual Fashion Show, a dazzling fundraiser for iAM MUSIC. Prepare to be mesmerized by an evening of award-winning fashion and unforgettable entertainment. Join a star-studded crowd and witness the latest trends on the runway, all while supporting a fantastic cause.



FALL GALLERY WALK

5-8PM | DOWNTOWN DURANGO

The Durango Art Galleries host the Fall Gallery Walk annually the third Friday evening in September. Visitors are welcome to stroll downtown galleries and meet artists, purchase art and jewelry, listen to music and enjoy an evening supporting the local gallery district.



FROM JUNK MAIL TO MASTERPIECE: THE ART OF DIANNE ADAMS

5-8PM | EARTHEN VESSEL GALLERY

Dianne's art is a mesmerizing fusion of texture and color, created from the most unexpected materials...junk mail. Her handcrafted paper becomes the foundation for her intricate paintings. Using watercolor and acrylic, Dianne transforms discarded pieces into vibrant thought provoking compositions. She embeds each piece with subtle text messages that invite viewers to look closer and discover hidden layers of meaning.



PORTRAIT STUDY BY KATHLEEN HOPE

5-8PM | DIANE WEST JEWELRY & ART

Arizona artist Kathleen Hope will be here in person for the opening of her fall show Portrait Study - a new body of work by Kathleen Hope. The show will hang all September long.



EXHIBITION OPENING: THE BOUNDS WE SHARE BY NIKKI MOON

5-8PM | STILLWATER MUSIC

Durango Creative District is thrilled to announce our next featured artist in the Incubator Emerging Artists Program— Nikki Moon! Known for her impressionistic acrylic paintings and surreal illustrations, Nikki delves deep into themes of physiology, emotions, psychology, and personal mythology. Beyond the canvas, she's also a talented tattoo artist and musician, constantly pushing the boundaries of creative expression. Her new exhibition, "The Bounds We Share," will explore our connection to the natural world through our spiritual, emotional, and physical experiences.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21



BACK TO SCHOOL

10-4PM | ANIMAS MUSEUM

Celebrating 120 years of the Animas City School with a reunion for former students, an open house for educators, and various programs and crafts for kids of all ages.



OPEN STUDIO & MINI CANVAS PAINT BAR

1-4PM | PICASSO & VINO

An afternoon of dynamic art! Includes a 12"x12" canvas, several options of self guided instructions, and access to our paint bar where you can choose your paints.



CLASS: MAKE A ROSARY

3-5PM | BEADS AND BEYOND

Make your own Rosary and learn how to use a handy tool to connect the beads: a 1 step looper.



CLASS: WIRE WRAP BEADS ONTO HOOP EARRINGS

5-7PM | BEADS AND BEYOND

Learn how to wire-wrap beads onto earrings.



HAVE A GLASS, MAKE SOME GLASS

5-7:30PM | SUN SAPPHIRES

Enjoy happy hour drinks, and learn how to make your own fused glass spoon rest. Throughout the class, you'll be guided by a our experienced glass artist who will introduce you to the fundamental techniques of fused glass. Whether you're an experienced artisan or a first-time explorer of the medium, this class caters to all skill levels.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22



CLASS: LAYERED LEATHER AND GEMSTONE NECKLACE

10:30-1PM | BEADS AND BEYOND

Learn to design and make a tiered gemstone and leather necklace.



FRESH FLOWER BUNDLE DYE WORKSHOP

1-3PM | DURANGO SUSTAINABLE GOODS

Bundle dyeing is a great way to capture the colors and shapes of dye plants in your fabric. The process is simple and leaves a lot of room for creativity! Taught by Laurie Hall of Bluebird Dye Gardens, this workshop takes you step by step through the process, and you'll take home an organic cotton bandana with your own bundle-dyed design. All materials are provided.



CLASS: KNOTTED PEARL BRACELET

3-5PM | BEADS AND BEYOND

Learn the basics of knotting while making a beautiful pearl bracelet.



REVIVING THE POWERHOUSE: A RESTORATION STORY

5-7PM | THE POWERHOUSE

Join us for presentations about the restoration of the building by the original team responsible for saving it, a brief history presentation about the historical importance of the power plant, and a slideshow of high quality photographs of the Powerhouse throughout its lifespan, as well as a separate kid-friendly presentation and activity for kids.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23



PAINT & SIP

5:30-8PM | LOLA'S PLACE

Unleash your inner artist at Lola's Place! Join us for a guided paint-and-sip session with the talented Kerry Tahmahkera. Create your own masterpiece while enjoying a glass of wine in our charming dining room.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24



PANEL DISCUSSION: INSIDE PEEK AT THE LIFE OF A LOCAL ARTIST

5-7PM | SMILEY BUILDING

Heather Freeman, local contemporary abstract artist, leads a panel of artists featured in the upcoming Durango Open Studio Tour! Artists from multiple creative disciplines discuss the ins and outs of being an artist in southwest Colorado, providing a sneak peek into their artistic life.



LOCAL STORIES: A UTE FAMILY HISTORY YOU DIDN'T KNOW

6-7:30PM | PINE RIVER LIBRARY

Longtime Ignacio resident Johnny Taylor Valdez is an expert on Southern Ute history and a descendant of Ute tribal leader Kitty Cloud and John Taylor – a former enslaved person who served in the Civil War and went on to become a local Buffalo Soldier, land owner and Tribal interpreter. Come hear the rich stories of his family's deep roots in the local area.



LIVE MUSIC: BLACK VELVET

6-8PM | LOLA'S PLACE

Enjoy live music from Black Velvet! Their sound blends Nina's velvety smooth vocals and acoustic rhythm guitar with Larry's melodic and passionate electric lead guitar work, and covers a wide range of rock, blues, jazz and country.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25



ADVANCED CLASS: DREAMSCAPE BRACELET

1-4PM | BEADS AND BEYOND

Learn to design and make a wire-wrapped Sundance inspired gemstone bracelet. Can be a follow up class to make a matching piece if you've taken the Dreamscape Necklace class, or take it on it's own.



CULTIVATING COMMUNITY PICNIC

5-8PM | SOIL LEARNING LAB

Animas City Night Bazaar and SOIL Learning Lab present: Cultivating Community! Sowing seeds of creativity culture and culinary exploration. Join us for a community picnic, garden tours, performances, live music, art vendors and more!



AUTHOR EVENT & BOOK SIGNING WITH LAURA PRITCHETT

"PLAYING WITH WILDFIRE"

6-8PM | MARIA'S BOOKSHOP

A book talk and signing by author, Laura Pritchett. "Playing with Wildfire" is a literary landscape that is an experiment in form: an astrology report; a grant application-turned-love-story; a phone call from Mother Earth; an obituary for a wildfire; a burned mountain's conversation with a lone woman and an injured bear. Every story captures how fire affects the human psyche and life, and how destruction can lead to renewal.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26



LIVE MUSIC!

6-8PM | LOLA'S PLACE

Come enjoy some great jazz! Enjoy songs from great jazz composers plus bossa nova, boogie, blues, and originals.



MOVIE NIGHT: "STAR WARS: A NEW HOPE" TRANSLATED INTO NAVAJO

7:30-9:30PM | CENTER OF SOUTHWEST STUDIES

Enjoy a free outdoor screening of the classic hero's epic Star Wars: A New Hope (So'tah Anaa' : Siih Náhásdljii) translated into the Navajo language with English subtitles. Movie-goers can also stop into the Center of Southwest Studies' gallery for a final viewing of the critically acclaimed Star Wars themed exhibition, "THE RETURN OF THE FORCE."



COLLECTIVE RAGE: A PLAY IN 5 ACTS

7:30-9PM | UNSOUGHT THEATRE | 1129 NARROW GAUGE AVE.

With humor and candor, Collective Rage explores their intertwining lives at the crossroads of anger, intimacy, and the theatre. Join us for an evening of transformative theatre and be part of our exciting debut!



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27



CLASS: CREATE CHARM BRACELETS, NECKLACES AND EARRINGS 11-1PM | BEADS AND BEYOND

Free Demonstration- Learn how to make your own charm bracelets, earrings and necklaces.



THE BOOK OF WILL 7PM | MERELY PLAYERS

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28



MURAL BIKE TOUR 2-4PM | SANTA RITA WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Join us for an exciting Mural Bike Tour and explore the vibrant art scene in Durango like never before! Now's your chance to uncover the history and inspiration behind some of Durango's most iconic artworks. We'll stop at several key murals along the way, focusing on prime locations along the Animas River Trail and in downtown Durango. Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or just enjoy a leisurely ride, this tour is open to all biking levels.



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29



THE BOOK OF WILL 2PM | MERELY PLAYERS

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