

# Mosaic New Mexico

## Artist Collective

**Mission:** To provide a forum that will allow members to develop as artists through sharing of knowledge, ideas and techniques, as well as participation in exhibits and gallery shows, educational opportunities, community projects and alternative venues for presentation of member's work to the public at large. This is to be achieved by developing a professional image within the New Mexico art community and building lasting relationships with local businesses and other organizations that support the arts.

**Members:** *Mosaic New Mexico* welcomes a diverse group of New Mexico mosaic artists exploring mosaic techniques. These forms include but are not limited to: stained glass, fused glass, cast glass, glass tile, kiln formed ceramics, ceramic tile, found objects, sculpture and wall pieces. Any New Mexico artist working with mosaics is encouraged to join, whatever their level of experience. At this time, *Mosaic New Mexico* membership will be limited to New Mexico artists only.

**Leadership:** *Mosaic New Mexico* includes a Board of Advisors consisting of four members, including Laura Robbins, Lydia Piper, Cirrelda Snider-Bryan and Patricia Halloran. This team will help develop the initial direction of *Mosaic New Mexico*, including promoting the group to attract new members, planning and organizing events, developing a website and other social media venues, and communicating with members.

**Communication:** Most communications to membership will be handled through email and will include information about meetings, planned shows, and noteworthy events that may not involve *Mosaic New Mexico*, etc. A mailing list will be developed and managed by the Board of Advisors. In addition, a forum will be set up on the group's website where members can share information, ideas and questions.

**Participation:** It is to the benefit of *Mosaic New Mexico* members to participate in planned meetings and events. As the direction of the group is developed, and events are discussed and planned, members will be asked to take on various roles to support the events and projects in which *Mosaic New Mexico* is involved.

**Jurying:** Participation in group shows will vary and may be open to all members by jury or by invitation; this will depend on the theme and venue.

**Fees:** Memberships fees of \$20 per year will be requested from members to help maintain costs for domain names, websites, gallery/show rental space, etc. A bank account will be created for *Mosaic New Mexico* business transactions, and statements will be made available to members when requested. The account will be maintained by a member of the Board of Advisors.

**Plan:** To accomplish its mission and grow its membership, *Mosaic New Mexico* will support efforts to:

1. Develop the knowledge and growth of members by sharing information about mosaic techniques and methods, educational opportunities, supply sources, resources and skills. This will be accomplished through website forums and resource pages, Facebook pages and other venues when possible.
2. Develop educational opportunities for *Mosaic New Mexico* members, as well as the general public. This may include members hosting seminars or demonstrations of specific techniques used in making mosaics, or how to incorporate different techniques into established methods. Opportunities may also include resources outside of the *Mosaic New Mexico* membership.
3. To locate and develop possible venues for shows, including galleries and other space suitable for displaying mosaic art.
4. Develop themes for shows that are current, timely and marketable and inspirational.
5. Develop and organize regular shows for members. These shows should be planned in advance so that theme, date, time, venue, number of entries, submission and sales process is well established and communicated to members.
6. Develop and organize community projects. These projects may be public art created by members of *Mosaic New Mexico*, or projects that involve public participation, such as a community mosaic created for a specific neighborhood, school or public space.
7. Utilize current information technology to promote *Mosaic New Mexico*, member artists and group activities. This may include developing a *Mosaic New Mexico* webpage and using such social media as Facebook.
8. Create a *Mosaic New Mexico* press kit to present to gallery owners and the news media to help promote the group and group events.
9. Create mailing lists of patrons, show visitors, galleries, artists, guest speakers and other contacts to use as a promotional and resource tool for *Mosaic New Mexico* members and events.