

36th Annual Placitas Holiday Fine Arts and Crafts Sale

November 18 – 19

Featured Artist Nancy Wood Taber



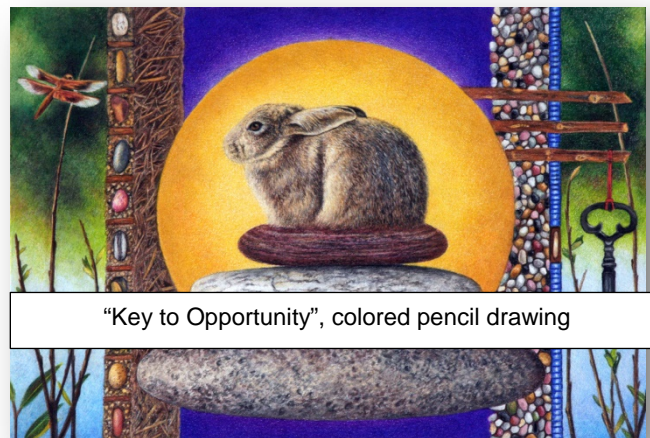
For 36 years, residents and visitors have enjoyed the transition to the holidays while shopping, talking with the artists, and meeting old friends amidst the creative wonders of the Placitas Holiday Sale. Always held on the weekend before Thanksgiving, the Placitas Holiday Fine Arts and Crafts Sale has become a tradition for artists and art lovers. This year it will be Saturday, November 18 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, November 19 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm.

The Placitas Holiday Sale has earned an excellent reputation from the past thirty-six years and has grown in popularity throughout New Mexico, becoming one of the best fine arts and crafts shows in the state. Originally just a local event, the fair's reputation has grown and attracted more fine artists and artisans to the show, making it a major fine arts venue every fall. This is a juried show and many artists compete for the opportunity to be in the fair. The result is a fresh line up of artists in all media. Everything is handmade, and many of the artists create special gifts for the holiday season.

The show will include many artists from Placitas as well as Albuquerque, Bernalillo, Corrales, Santa Fe, Taos, Tijeras, and some from as far away as Colorado. Painters, printmakers, ceramic and glass artists, woodworkers, silk painters, photographers, gourd artists, jewelers, metal artists and more will bring their work to sell.

Homemade clothing, leather goods, painted drums, fused and stained glass, pottery, hand-carved furniture, and much more art will be on display at one of the three central locations. Site #1, Anasazi Fields Winery; Site #2, The Big Tent, next to the Presbyterian Church and Site #3 the Placitas Elementary School.

The Placitas Holiday Sale is spotlighting Nancy Wood Taber as the 2017 Featured Artist for the show. Taber expresses her passion for nature and animals through her detailed and thought provoking colored pencil drawings that captures the unique spirit of animals.



"Key to Opportunity", colored pencil drawing

Nancy Wood Taber is a Signature Member of the Colored Pencil Society of America.

She has earned numerous awards for her art in the over 28+ years she has been creating her colored pencil drawings. Important to her is the unique opportunity she has to capture the endless ways that animals express themselves and how they play such a large role in our lives, both physically and symbolically.



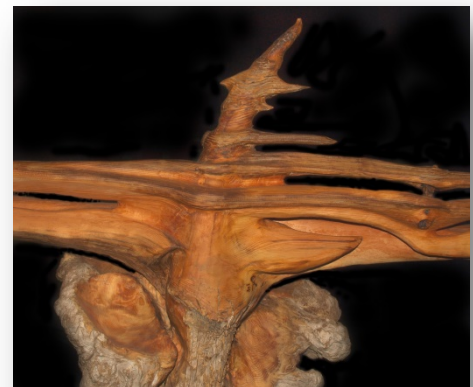
After earning a Bachelor of Fine Art from New Mexico State University, Taber spent several years as a jewelry designer before making the transition to drawing and painting professionally.

Recently she has returned to creating jewelry in addition to creating her colored pencil images by making Totem Animal Jewelry cast in sterling silver and intricate weaves of chain maille bracelets.

For more info on Nancy Wood Taber, visit her website at www.nancywoodtaber.com/

Site #1, The Anasazi Field Winery has always been a popular and pleasant venue with a rustic decor and a fire crackling in the fireplace. Homemade organic goat cheese and delectable chocolates make great gifts and go well with wine sampling. For the wine-lovers, Anasazi Fields Winery will be serving cups of its hot, mulled cranberry wine and featuring a new release of their American Cranberry Table Wine, the perfect complement to the holiday dinner. To get more information about the wines and the winery, check out their website at www.anasaziifieldswinery.com.

Special this year, the Holiday Sale will offer the work of Jim Fish, owner of Anasazi Fields Winery, who suddenly passed away earlier in 2017. He was a master of seeing the beauty in nature in wood and transforming them even further into unique wooden sculptures and walking sticks.



Wood Sculpture by the late, Jim Fish

Site #2, Heated for the comfort of all, The Big Tent east of Las Placitas Presbyterian Church has a fun, festive feeling. It is alive with laughter and conversations between artists, patrons, and friends getting together. The artists decorate their booths with their work, inviting people to come down each side to see what they have created. The clear window walls bring light inside the tent and illuminate the diverse artwork on display.

Site #3, the Placitas Elementary School, is a popular hotspot with almost fifty exhibitors. Booths fill the Gym and some of the halls, giving this venue a colorful market-like atmosphere. The artists of the Holiday Sale have been donating their art to the raffle and they have raised more than \$16,000 in the past fourteen years for the Arts in the School program. The Placitas Holiday Sale will be donating 100% of all proceeds from



Mario Hinojo, talks about his hand carved gourds & jewelry made of cut pieces enhanced by beads

the raffle to this program to buy art supplies for the children of the Placitas Elementary School. The public can purchase tickets costing \$1 for the chance to win a nice piece of artwork. All raffle items will be on display at the School.

Delicious food will be available at all of the sites.

Discover warm hospitality and high quality arts and crafts at this holiday event, located 6 miles east of I-25 on Highway 165. Take exit 242 from I-25, follow the colorful signs and banners through the scenic hills of the Sandias to the historic village of Placitas. All sites are centrally located.

To preview the artists, artwork, map, and sites visit the website at www.placitasholidaysale.com

The Placitas Holiday Fine Arts and Crafts Sale is organized by local artists and sponsored by the Placitas Mountain Craft and Soiree Society, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to serving the community, the arts, and artists.

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