

37 Years of Art at the Placitas Holiday Fine Arts & Crafts Sale

November 17 – 18

Featured Artist Terry Adams

The best art shows in New Mexico stand the test of time, some fall by the wayside and some continue to thrive. For 37 years, people in Placitas, Albuquerque and Santa Fe have been faithful patrons of the Placitas Holiday Sale and looked forward each year to see which of their favorite artists have returned and who is new to the show.



This local tradition has continued every year since 1982 on the weekend before Thanksgiving, when the Placitas Holiday Fine Arts and Crafts Sale has welcomed the public to Placitas to discover the amazing art brought to the show by its artists. This year it will be Saturday, November 17 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, November 18 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm.

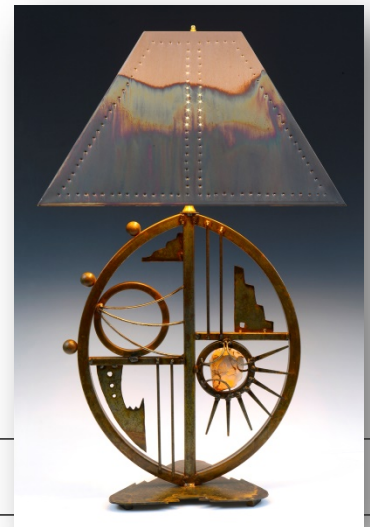
The many artists, painters, printmakers, ceramic and glass artists, woodworkers, silk painters, photographers, gourd artists, jewelers, metal artists will bring their own special artwork to offer at the show. Handmade clothing, leather goods, painted drums, hand-carved furniture, and much more art will be on display at the three central locations. Site #1, Anasazi Fields; Site #2, The Big Tent, next to the Presbyterian Church and Site #3 the Placitas Elementary School.

The show will include many local artists from Placitas as well as Albuquerque, Bernalillo, Corrales, Cuba, Santa Fe, Taos, Tijeras, and some from as far away as Colorado, Florida and Ohio.

This is a juried show and many artists compete for the opportunity to be in the fair each year. The result is a fresh line-up of artists in all media. Many create special gifts just for the holiday season.

The Placitas Holiday Sale is spotlighting metal sculptor Terry Adams from Cuba, New Mexico as the 2018 featured artist of the show. Adams designs and creates home decor and sculptures with a distinct primitive aesthetic. Self-taught, his pieces often incorporate a welded steel framework finished with chemical patinas and embellished with heat treated copper or found objects such as river cobbles or glass. His inspiration is a cross between Celestial Skies and Stonehenge.

Adams has logged thousands of hours in the beautiful red rock canyons of the Four Corners region studying rock art and ancient pottery design. These experiences are reflected in his work as a metal sculptor and his designs reveal the spirit and emotion of the ancient artists who once thrived in these remote landscapes. He will be showing his work at Site #1, Anasazi Fields.





Nancy Wood Taber, colored pencil drawing
Site #1

Site #1, Anasazi Fields has always been a cozy and pleasant venue with a rustic decor and a fire crackling in the fireplace. Homemade organic goat cheese and delectable chocolates and local honey make great gifts. New this year, Kaktus Brewery from Bernalillo will be offering glasses of their unique home brewed blends of beer and wine to the public.

Site #2, the big white tent is located in the center of the village next to Las Placitas Presbyterian Church and heated for the comfort of all. It has a fun, festive feeling and 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 have raised more than \$18,000 in the past fifteen years for the Placitas Elementary Arts School program. The Placitas Holiday Sale will be donating 100% of all proceeds from the raffle to this program to buy art supplies for the children of the 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.

Food and drinks will be available at each of the sites. At Site #1, StuffedLust Sopapilla Co will be serving their authentic New Mexican style stuffed sopapillas with a twist of interesting ingredients. At the Big Tent, Site #2, The Chile Pepper Café operated by the Presbyterian Church kitchen will be open next door and they will be cooking a variety of homemade foods. Site #3, at the Placitas Elementary School will have La Casita from Bernalillo serving their traditional New Mexican dishes.

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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Bunny Bowen, painting on silk
Site #3