

A Tradition of Art Lasting 38 Years at the Placitas Holiday Fine Arts & Crafts Sale

November 23 – 24

Featured Artists Sandra and Michael Kadisak

Four decades ago, the Placitas Mountain Craft and Soiree Society, a non-profit established in 1979, had a vision to put Placitas on the map as an arts community. Local artists had limited opportunities to sell their work so in 1982 the Placitas Holiday Fine Arts and Crafts Sale was created and had its first show at a private home. Thirty artists eagerly filled this home with their colorful creations and the show was a huge success. Thriving for thirty-eight years, the Placitas Holiday Sale earned the reputation of a show to “not miss,” and has grown to more than eighty artists that come from all over New Mexico.



This local tradition has continued every year since then and is always on the weekend before Thanksgiving. The Placitas Holiday Fine Arts and Crafts Sale will again welcome the public to Placitas to discover the amazing art brought to the show by its talented artists. This year the show will be Saturday, November 23 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday, November 24 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm.

The many painters, printmakers, ceramic and glass artists, woodworkers, fiber, silk painters, photographers, gourd artists, jewelers and metal artists will bring their unique works, many especially made, to the show. Handmade clothing, leather goods, hand-carved furniture, and much more will be offered at the three central locations in the historic village of Placitas: Site #1, Placitas Winery; Site #2, The Big Tent, next to the Presbyterian Church and Site #3 the Placitas Elementary School.

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

The success and longevity of the show is due to the high quality art from the artists and the continued support from the community.

Sandra & Michael Kadisak,
Ceramics, Site #3



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.



Sandra & Michael Kadisak,
“Little People”, Site #3

The Placitas Holiday Sale is spotlighting ceramic artists Sandra and Michael Kadisak from Cochiti, New Mexico as the 2019 featured artists of the show. Known for their whimsical earthenware sculptures of animals and little people, Sandra and Michael Kadisak have been artists their whole lives. Both artists design each piece together with the goal of creating a form with a sense of life and motion.

Reflected by their love for nature and inspired by the natural world, childhood memories, and the environment of New Mexico the Kadisaks’ unique pottery and sculpture include animals, birds, insects and their love of old lore. Their stoneware pottery is crafted using wheel, rolling pin, and coil, with forms including vessels, platters and bowls. Hand-painted vibrant patterns of luminous color detail the surface of each piece.



Christina Miller, *Paintings Site #1, Winery*

Site #1, Placitas Winery has sprouted at the old Anasazi Fields Winery location. This site has always been a cozy and pleasant venue with its rustic decor and a fire crackling in the fireplace and it continues with the new owners Barb and Ty Belknap. The diversity of artwork from the artists and delectable homemade chocolates and local honey all will make great gifts for the holiday season. Placitas Winery will be serving to the public Gruet Sparkling white wine and Chardonnay, Milagro Merlot, and Marble Brewery products.

Site #2, the Big 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 gallery-like atmosphere. Handmade gourds, jewelry of all types, paintings, woodworking, ceramics and more will adorn the walls and booths.

Featured artists Sandra and Michael Kadisak will be showing their art in the Gym with their unique ceramic sculptures. This year they will bring their large-scale hand-coiled contemporary vessels, and latest creations of sculpture and pottery.



Nancy and Jon Couch, *Water Prisms, Site #2, Tent*

Each year the artists of the Holiday Sale have been very generous by donating a piece of their art to the raffle and have raised more than \$18,000 in the past sixteen 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.



Dana McDaniels and Rob McGowan, *Jewelry Site #2, Tent*

Food and drinks will be available at each of the sites. At Site #1, Stuffed Lust 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 there will be Sanchez Tacos serving their “famous” traditional tacos, burritos and other New Mexican dishes.

Join in the fun and come to Placitas November 23-24 to 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 views 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 a small group of 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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