



## Open Space Visitor Center (OSVC)

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Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Website: [cabq.gov/openspace](http://cabq.gov/openspace)

## Calling all Artists

The purpose of the Open Space Division is to acquire, protect, maintain, and manage significant natural landscapes and cultural resources for present and future generations.

### The Open Space Visitor Center Gallery currently has openings for the 2024 calendar year.

**WHO:** Visual artists

**WHAT:** Gallery Exhibit Proposals for 2024

**DEADLINE:** Submissions should be postmarked or delivered before October 1, 2023

Selections are announced in November for the 2023 Calendar Year.

**WHERE:** Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors NW

Located at the end of Bosque Meadows Road between Montañño and Paseo del Norte.

**SHOW LENGTH:** Selected exhibits are displayed from one to three months. Length of time will be determined by the Gallery Committee.

### ABOUT OPEN SPACE

The purpose of the Open Space Division is to acquire, protect, maintain, and manage significant natural landscapes and cultural resources for present and future generations. Major Public Open Space enhances the urban environment and provides wildlife habitat while offering opportunities for public enjoyment through outdoor education and low-impact recreation.

The Visitor Center and Gallery act as a hub for the City's many beautiful Open Space properties.

### Open Space Gallery Mission

"The mission of the Open Space Visitor Center Gallery is to inspire an exchange of ideas, solutions and interpretations as they relate to Open Space lands so as to deepen and enhance visitor understanding, appreciation and stewardship for Albuquerque's unique natural and human community."

## **EXHIBIT DISPLAY INFORMATION**

Selected exhibits are displayed from one to three months. The Open Space Visitor Center is not a commercial gallery. None of the staff benefits financially from art sales.

Thirty percent of sales are donated to the Open Space Alliance non-profit organization, which supports the Visitor Center programming. Seventy percent of sales go to the artists. Artists are responsible for promoting their exhibits.

The Visitor Center issues press releases and in-house posters. It is the responsibility of the artists to print postcards and contact collectors if they so desire.

## **EXHIBIT SUBMISSION APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Artists are encouraged to visit the gallery and greater facility prior to submitting their proposals. All applicants must submit the **Exhibit Submission Application** at the end of this document.

The brief proposal description must outline the perspective artwork and its use of the space. Outdoor Land Art will be considered. Group proposals are also welcome. In the description, take care to embody aspects of the above mission statements. Artists who wish to complement their exhibits with educational components, such as demonstrations or workshops, are encouraged to include that in their proposal descriptions.

At least six professional-quality images, in JPEG format, of works that best represent your proposal. Artist collectives must provide between 1-4 images per person. Please do not embed images in a Word or other document; submit them as separate files.

## **PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

All applicants must submit their proposals in one of the following ways: on a mailed or hand-delivered CD or thumb drive. Emailed submissions are not accepted.

### **CDs and thumb drives can be mailed to:**

Open Space Visitor Center  
Attn: Gallery Proposal  
P.O. Box 1293  
Albuquerque, NM 87103

### **CDs and thumb drives can be hand-delivered to:**

Open Space Visitor Center  
Attn.: Gallery  
6500 Coors NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87120

## **SUCCESSFUL SUBMISSIONS**

Successful submissions will:

1. Embody the missions of the Open Space Division and of the Visitor Center Gallery.
2. Be cohesive and consistent in technical mastery (especially applicable of collectives).
3. Two galleries are available and will be designated by the gallery committee.

Ideas for connecting the exhibit to potential programming (workshops, presentations, screenings, etc.) would be an additional plus.

### **Application Questions:**

For inquiries regarding the gallery or the application process, please contact the Visitor Center:

Telephone: (505) 768-4960

Email: [depps@cabq.gov](mailto:depps@cabq.gov)

Thank You!

Thank you for considering the Open Space Visitor Center Gallery. We look forward to receiving your submission.