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The City of Albuquerque Parks & Recreation Department and the OPEN SPACE VISITOR CENTER present

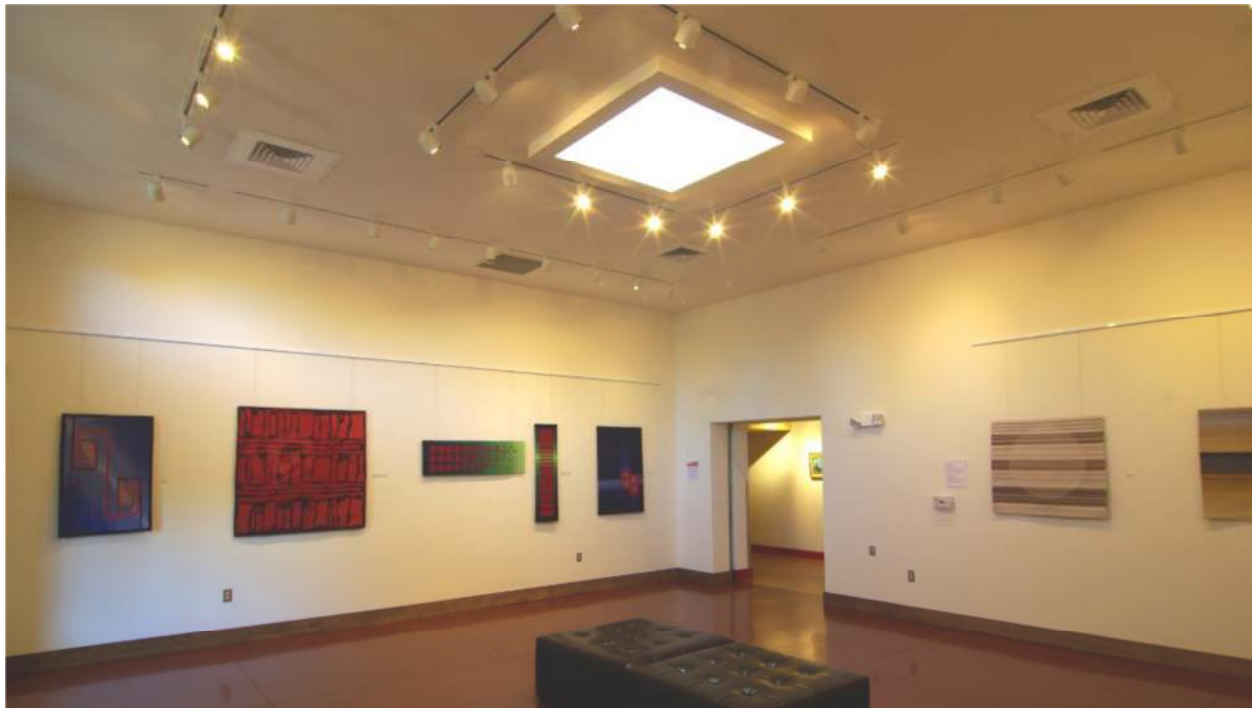
## Call for Gallery Exhibit Proposals

**WHO:** Visual artists

**WHAT:** Call for Gallery Exhibit Proposals for 2018

**WHERE:** Open Space Visitor Center | 6500 Coors Blvd NW  
at the end of Bosque Meadows Rd. between Montañó and Paseo del Norte.

**DEADLINE:** Postmarked or delivered before July 26th, 2017



### OPEN SPACE BACKGROUND

**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.**

### 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.**"*

**NOTE:** Selected exhibits will be displayed for three months. The Open Space Visitor Center is NOT a commercial gallery. None of the staff benefit financially from art sales. Thirty percent of sales are donated to the Open Space Alliance non-profit organization. Seventy percent of sales go to the artists. **Artists are responsible for promoting their exhibits.** The Visitor Center issues press releases and house-made posters. **It is the responsibility of the artists to print postcards and contact collectors if they so desire.**

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

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Artists are encouraged to visit the gallery and greater facility prior to submitting their proposals. **The Open Space Visitor Center** is open **Tuesday through Sunday** from 9 am to 5 pm.

**All applicants** must provide:

1. A **Word document** with the following information:

**Name of applicant/s**

**Address and Phone**

**Proposal description (2-4 paragraphs)**

**Contact Person**

**Artist/s Biography (1 paragraph)**

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.

2. 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 the jpegs in a Word or other document; submit them as separate files.

**All applicants** must submit their proposals in one of the following ways: on a mailed or hand-delivered CD/ thumb drive.

CDs and thumb drives can be mailed to:

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

Or hand-delivered to:

**Open Space Visitor Center  
6500 Coors Blvd NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87120  
Please see hours above**

Emails can be sent to:

Noel Chilton at [nchilton@cabq.gov](mailto:nchilton@cabq.gov) with Attn. Gallery in the subject line. **NOTE:** Emailed submissions have proven problematic in the past and are thus discouraged. If you submit via email, please ensure that your files **do not exceed 10 MG**, and follow up if you have not received an acknowledgement of receipt within 5 business days.

## SUCCESSFUL SUBMISSIONS WILL

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- Embody the missions of the Open Space Division and of the Visitor Center Gallery**
- Be cohesive and consistent in technical mastery** (especially applicable of collectives)
- Envision the full use of the space**, measuring 26 x 26 feet

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

**For inquiries** regarding the gallery or the application process, please call the Visitor Center at (505) 897-8831 or write Noel Chilton at [nchilton@cabq.gov](mailto:nchilton@cabq.gov).

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

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