

DURANGO FRIENDS OF THE ARTS

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SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

Putting the 'Fun' in Fundraising...



"Cooking with Carol": Seated from left to right:

Front row: Judy Fairchild; Karen Gallagher; Susie Ammann;
Hostess and Head Chef, Carol Bruno; Nancy Macho and Jill Pettit.
Back Row: Daverille Sher; Helen Dillon; DFA President, Debra May;
Carolyn Plested; Christine Rachlin and Nancy Cochran.

"Garnish Class with Chef Safari" DoubleTree-Hilton

A message from the President: Thank you all so much for your **FUN**raising efforts! We have raised double where we were at this point last year and that is before our 'Prospecting for the Arts', 'A Twilight Affair'! The event is almost sold out again this year.



I would encourage you all to attend our next Membership Meeting, which is the Annual Grant Recipients' Reception (*detailed information below.*) You will get to meet the representatives from the organizations to whom we award grants. This is our most important meeting of the year.

I hope to see you there. Happy rest of the summer...fall is just around the corner.

~Debra

Next Membership Meeting – Annual Grant Recipients' Reception **Thursday Sept. 12th – 5-7 p.m. Durango Public Library. (1900 E. 3rd)**

Learn how your fundraising efforts truly enhance our community! Bring Spouses, friends and those interested in supporting the arts for our future! We strongly encourage all members to attend!

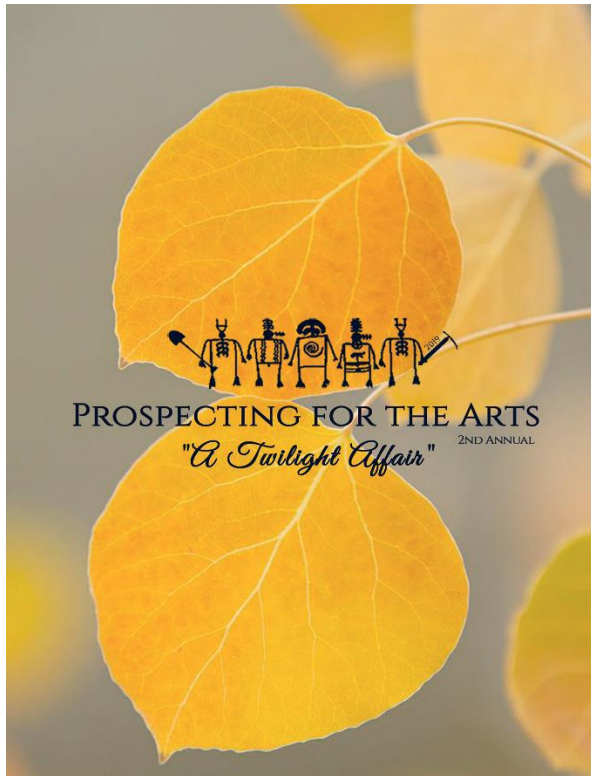
Enjoy Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres, Wine, Drink and Mingle with friends! 5-7 p.m.

Short Business Meeting and Brief Presentations by each of the 2019 Grant Recipients. Learn first-hand, how Durango Friends of the Arts funds are put to use enhancing the arts in our community.

Durango Friends of the Arts awarded \$40,000 in grants in January 2019, to Twenty Six organizations.

Award Recipients: I AM Music Institute and I AM Music Scholarship for Youth, BE FRANK Foundation, Durango Arts Center (DAC) Creativity Festivity, DAC Holiday Production, DAC Scholarships for Visual & Performing Arts, The Durango Bluegrass Meltdown, The Durango Choral Society Children's Chorale, The Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering Poets in School, The Four Corners Chapter of the American Orff Schulwerk Association, Jeff Solon Live Music in the School House, Merely Players Theatre **Mama Mia**, Merely Players Theatre **The Humans**, Music in the Mountains Family Concert, Music in the Mountains Goes to School Program, Rocky Mountains PBS, San Juan Symphony, Seed Studio, Southwest Civic Winds, Stillwater Music Party in the Park, Stillwater Music Youth Scholarships, Take the Lead, Thingamajig Theatre Co, 3rd Ave Arts, and Willowtail Springs Nature Preserve & Education Center.

OUR BIG ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT



September 27th 4-7 p.m.

Prospecting for the Arts, "a twilight affair"

~ 2nd Annual ~

4:00-7:00 Prospector Hall at Glacier Club's Valley Clubhouse

Tickets: \$60 p.p. plus applicable fees at the Durango Visitor Center and online at www.durangoconcerts.com

Great entertainment: Jeff Solon, Gemma Kavanagh with Audrey Kavanagh Hatter.

Silent Auction & Complimentary Photo Booth, Food & Fun!

Durango Friends of the Arts thanks our many sponsors!

Platinum sponsor: ALPINE BANK

Silver sponsors: Sandy & Mike Bruce, Colorado Property Group, Durango Motor Company

Copper sponsors: D&SNGRR, LPEA, Nissan of Durango, Max & Chaco May, JoAnn & Tom Trimberger, Benji Little and Carson Reitz.

Thanks to Karren Little and her Prospecting Team for putting on a tremendous fall fundraising event. We hope to see you all there!

Note: Cowboy Poetry Parade: Sat. Oct 5th 10 a.m. Dress in miner clothes and walk behind our Prospecting DFA banner.

Calendar of Events – Upcoming Fundraising



DFA Mystery Book Club is an ongoing, monthly fundraiser for the Durango Friends of the Arts. We read non-fiction and fiction books then gather together to review our selection. We welcome members and the public to this group to encourage friendship and community connection. We ask for a minimal donation of \$5 per monthly meeting, of course, we are happy to accept more, if you like. We meet every third Monday, of the month, at a different location for lunch at 11:30 am. Come join us....meet and greet your fellow DFA members and make new friends. Please contact: Rani at rani.holt@gmail.com for more information.

Wait there's more.....

Friday Sept. 6: LET'S MAKE A BEAUTIFUL GOURD BOWL RIMMED WITH PINE NEEDLES (See attached Flyer)



Create a unique gourd bowl using alcohol ink and wool dobbers. Learn how to weave/sew pine needles around the rim of the bowl using waxed linen. No prior experience needed. Take home a beautiful bowl to decorate your table or mantle place. Bring a friend!

DATE & TIME: Friday September 6: 10 am – 2 pm. Each class is limited to 10 people.

COST: \$40 DFA Fundraiser, send check made out to DFA to: Rani Holt, 250 Morning Glory Lane, Durango, CO 81303. Materials fee: \$20.00 due at the time of the class. (Lunch and drinks

included)**LOCATION:** Holt Sheet Metal 220 Skyland Drive, Animas Air Park off of CR 213

Questions/RSVP: email – rani.holt@gmail.com – phone 970.749.7430

Friday Sept. 20: Gallery Walk – downtown Durango. Karyn Gabaldon Fine Arts – 680 Main 5-8 p.m. Truck Show with Patricia Locke Jewelry. Proceeds that evening will be donated to DFA, so please come out and shop!



Wednesday, October 30 - "Spooktacular Mah Jongg Monsters' Day" – Dalton Ranch

Golf Club House/Restaurant. **10 a.m.** Sign-up sheet will be available at the Sept. 12th meeting. Costume contest with prizes. Lunch with games to follow. Cash bar.

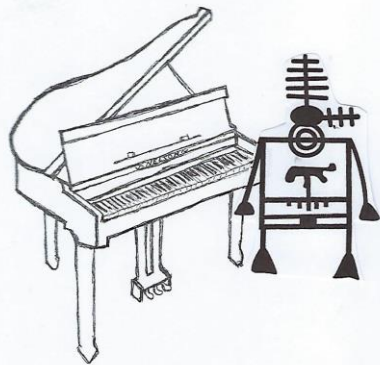
Questions, Contact Judy Fairchild judyf/dro@gmail.com or call 970-259-9673. Mail reservation checks (made out to DFA) to Judy at 78 Crazy Horse Dr. Durango, CO 81301



Friday, Nov. 15th, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., "Leather Cuff Class" at the Skyhorse Studio

(Just before Mancos) Lisa and Loren will offer another class on working with leather to create some unique leather cuff bracelets. At their last DFA benefit class, members and friends surprised themselves with the quality of their creations, taking home one or two finished bracelets to flaunt to those not lucky enough to attend that class. All supplies will be donated, so class is limited to 8 and has several slots already filled with paid reservations.

Cost: \$75 pp includes supplies. If interested, email: Nancy Macho at machoranch@frontier.net.



Wednesday, Nov. 20th, 7-9:30 p.m. "Classical Concert in the Pines"

Private performance by Marilyn Garst on the Grand Piano with her Sister, Bonnie Mangold, on the Cello at Marilyn's home in Los Ranchitos, NE of Durango. Appetizers at Intermission and Dessert and Wine after the Concert. Privilege to attend is **\$40 p.p.** Limited to 20. Contact Nancy for more details.

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And there's more...

Dancing Divas-Annual Snowdown Parade Participants



Wednesday October 9: Diva Slump Bottle Fundraiser: Melted Glass Wine Bottle Workshop at the May Party Barn – Scenic Destination Ranch: *(That's at DFA President Debra May's Party Barn)* 368 Destination Ranch Rd. South.

1-4pm. Come join the fun, **\$40/pp** includes materials, hearty appetizers and lots of fun! Turn a melted wine bottle into a fabulous serving piece for yourself or for a gift! RSVP Susie Ammann: h82fly2@aol.com

Make checks to DFA – Mail to Susie Ammann, 26 Hidden Treasure, Durango, CO 81301



Save the Date: Tues. Oct 15th 5:30-7:30 Diva Night Out! Derailed – 725 Main Ave. Past Divas and those wanting to become a Diva are invited. *(We know...we'd all like to be considered a Diva...)* Interested in becoming a Diva? Contact Mary Kay Lambert. Marykaykappadelta@gmail.com (703)-955-0560. Snowdown is the annual winter carnival festival in Durango. The parade is Saturday Feb. 1, with Diva rehearsals throughout January 2020. Rock-n-Roll Durango!

Photo: Carol & Gary Treat – Snowdown 2019

On Going Rewards to DFA! Be sure to sign up! We all win!

City Market Rewards Card Program: Initiate or renew your card as soon as possible. In the past you had to renew each year, but after this year, it will now be automatic. Call 1 800-576-4377 and state that you want to donate to Durango Friends of the Arts. They may ask you to verify our address, which is Post Office Box 1281, Durango, CO 81302. Give them your Rewards Card Number or Alternate Number (which is your phone number), and our I.D. Number for Durango Friends of the Arts which is **#PJ251**. It's easy to subscribe this year, and easy money for our Grant Fund.

Amazon Smile: When shopping online, go to Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com) and at the checkout process select Durango Friends of the Arts as the benefactor. They give back ½ of 1% of the purchase price to non-profits quarterly and we're on the list. Direct link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-4730656>

Kudos and Many Thanks to our Event Coordinators

Grant Fund Monies keep rollin' in thanks to all the members who have sponsored FUNdraisers recently:

Mary Orsini hosted a home tour, a delicious luncheon buffet and cocktails with a Mexican flare for a fun day of Mah Jongg on the patio.

Carol Bruno hosted an Italian cooking class with much of the day spent in her spacious and well equipped kitchen where attendees helped with chopping and assembling delicious Italian culinary creations. The group enjoyed the fruits of their labors along with Italian wine for lunch.

Rani Holt held the first of her pine needle gourd bowl instructional classes which also included lunch and she also arranges for the monthly book club gatherings.

Chef Safari of the **DoubleTree Hilton Hotel** *(Yes, his given name is actually Safari, as he was born on one.)* Chef Safari enlightened guests with his talents garnishing fruits and vegetables. Appreciation goes out to the DoubleTree-Hilton Durango and staff, as they donated the venue, talent and a lovely lunch after the Chef's amazing presentation.

In total, recent fundraisers reaped approximately \$2,000 which will be added to our 2020 Grant Fund.

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