



## DURANGO FRIENDS OF THE ARTS

### JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



*A message from the President, Debra May...*

**Happy New Year!** I hope 2020 brings you much health, happiness and success. 2019 was an incredible year for us! We are able to grant \$45,000 this year. Thank you for all of your hard work! Since our inception, Durango Friends of the Arts has granted \$625,860 back into our wonderful community. You are all such an awesome group of folks to work with and I look forward to the coming year with the FUNdraisers, Friendships and the DFA Family.

*Cheers, Debra*

### OUR FIRST MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR- THURSDAY JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>

Sunlight Room – Community Rec. Center – 2700 Main

**10 a.m. Social & Refreshments, 10:30 Business Meeting – Approval of 2020 Grants. (This is important!)**

*Bring your check book – 2020 Membership dues: \$45 Individual, \$60 Couple, \$85 Corporate*

**1 hour program to follow business meeting....you won't want to miss this one! Guests are always welcome.**

**January Program: ~ Going out in Style ~ Death through the lens of art and words.**

Talking about death in America is often considered too morbid for polite conversation. Journalist **Ann Butler** and political cartoonist and art historian **Judith Reynolds** will explore the history of death, the philosophy of dying, death in art, obituaries and obit cartoons - all in one hour. Join this fearless duo for a fascinating and lighthearted look at the not-so-Grim Reaper.

## 2020 MEMBERSHIP

**Happy New Year!** 2020 Membership is in full swing. Our new 2020 Membership dues are \$45 Individual, \$60 Couple and \$85 Corporate. Checks can be mailed to DFA P.O. Box 1281, Durango 81302 or given to Tammy Osborn at our January 16th meeting. Encourage your friends to join us!

## Winter Fundraising Events 2020

**"Playing with Words"** hosted by Nancy Macho at her home on **Wed., Jan. 22, 2020**, starting at 10 a.m. Breakfast snacks, a soup and salad bar lunch, desserts, wine and other beverages will help conjure up some "creative" words and a fun day playing Scrabble and/or UpWords (easier than Scrabble ... with a shorter playing field, letter tiles that build UP, and no penalties). Boggle will also be available for lighter competitions. Price is \$40 and 100% goes to the DFA fund. Contact Nancy at: [machoranch@frontier.net](mailto:machoranch@frontier.net).

**KUDOS: Thank you!** (From Nancy Macho, 2019 Fundraising Chair) The bake sale held at Bank of Colorado lobby on Dec. 6th, hosted by Joann Trimmerger and her team, was a delicious success and "baked" us up \$900 for the 2020 Grant Fund. And our final event of the year, the holiday gathering on Dec. 14th, where we officially welcomed new members, reaped us about \$850, with promises of donations to come. Thank you to Sandy Bruce for hosting us in her handsome ranch home and providing the entree and beverages. Now, let's try for a banner year in 2020 too!

**2020 Events:** If anyone would like to sponsor a fundraising activity for next year, please contact Rani Holt, DFA's 2020 FUNdraising Chair, at [raniholt@gmail.com](mailto:raniholt@gmail.com)



**Dancing Divas:** January will be filled with rehearsals followed by the big reveal for the Snowdown Parade of Lights on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. Be sure to come downtown and cheer on the Divas. This year's theme "Rock & Roll."

Thanks to the 2020 Diva Committee: Mary Kay Lambert, Sue Weirather, Susie Ammann, Terri Carper and Jan Bowler.

**Congratulations and Thank You to the 2020 Board of Directors:**

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~The End~

