

# The

# GLEANNERS

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**Glean:** v., l. to gather (information) bit by bit 2. to gather the useful remnants after harvesting [Old French glener]

**Art Opening/First  
Friday Coffeehouse  
Fri, October 2  
5-8pm with**



Folk/Country Singer/Songwriter

**Katie Gill  
& Friends  
and...  
Paper or  
Plastic?**

Community art made from recycled litter picked up at the Folk Fest. All art sales proceeds will benefit OFFCenter.

art shows!



## OFFCenter Writers Write On

The new creative writing workshop at OFFCenter meets every Thursday at 4:15 p.m. We write till we drop or run out of ink, whichever comes first. The class only asks that you let your pen fly freely and let your mind be free. There are no wrong ways to write. We are a group of supportive, safe and simple writers and we invite anyone to join. Here's what two writers have to say:

I have known for a long time that I am a pretty good writer but I never thought of myself as a creative writer. I had heard that there was a writing class being offered at OFFCenter. Unfortunately, it took me a few weeks to get my self together enough to make it to the class. I am not sure what I expected but I do recall thinking, "If I can write letters and segments for grant proposals why not this?"

The first session I attended I was a little distracted because I was watching my mother but that is my life. I do find writing a challenge some weeks but usually, if given a subject or topic, I can write about whatever. This draws on my vocabulary of large words or what a friend calls 50-cent words. That, for me, is fun.

Our topics have ranged from "Write about your favorite garment" to "What do you taste in your ear" and "Write a love story between a spoon and an egg." Even though everyone in the workshop starts with the same topic, it's amazing to see how different each piece is. They are as varied as the personalities in the group. - Sharie Fabian

### CALL FOR ART ENTRIES

## threads from the dead who are you from?

Entries Accepted Oct 21st thru 23rd.

**Exhibit Opening  
Friday, Oct 30th 5pm -8pm**

Offcenter's Annual Day of the Dead show is open to all artists and mediums. All work should be dropped off by Oct 23rd. There is no entry fee. For further information call Marci @ 247-1172.



A few weeks ago, I was walking by a table at OFFCenter where a group of people were sitting around talking and writing. "What class is this?" I asked, worried that I was being rude.

Mandy replied, "It's a writing class. Do you want to join?" I had no idea there was even a writing class going on at OFFCenter so I replied, "Sure" and with an adventurous and playful feeling I joined.

I have attended six classes already and it's been awesome - waking up the writer in me who had dozed off. - Aryn Valery

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community arts project

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[www.offcenterarts.org](http://www.offcenterarts.org)  
Tue-Thurs, 12-8pm • Fri, 1-5pm • Sat by appt.

building community through artmaking. make art. buy art. meet new friends.

# CALENDAR

**FREE CLASSES EVERY WEEK • Stop by!**  
Tue, 3-5pm Handmade Thank You Cards with Karen  
Tue, 1-3pm Drawing with David Blecha  
Wed, 3:30-4:30pm Free Guitar Lessons - iCreate  
Thurs, 4:15-5:30pm Writing Workshop with Mandy Gardner  
Thurs, 5:30-6:30pm Emerging Artists Meeting

Sun, Sept 13 10-5pm • We Art the People Folk Art Festival, Robinson Park

Tue, Sept 15, 1-2pm • Embroidery with Karen Hart

Sat, Sept 19, 8-11am • Art on Park Ave Support local artists in the OFFCenter parking lot

Mon, Sept 21, 6:15pm • Board of Directors Meeting

Tue, Sept 22, 1-2pm • Embroidery with Karen Hart

Thurs, Sept 24, 2-4pm • Santa Fe Opera Book Pick-up

Sat, Sept 26, 8-11am • Art on Park Ave Support local artists in the OFFCenter parking lot

Fri, Oct 2, 5-8pm • Art Opening, Paper or Plastic? & First Friday Coffeehouse with Katie Gill & Friends

Sat, Oct 3, 8-11am • Art on Park Ave Support local artists in the OFFCenter parking lot

Sat, Oct 10, 8-11am • Art on Park Ave Support local artists in the OFFCenter parking lot

Sat, Oct 10, 2-5pm • Altered Book workshop Free • A BIG READ EVENT at OFFCenter sponsored by The Santa Fe Opera with assistance from The Georgia O'Keefe Museum.

Sat, Oct 17, 8-11am • Art on Park Ave

Mon, Oct 19, 6:15pm • Board of Directors Meeting

Sat, Oct 24, 8-11am • Art on Park Ave

Sat, Oct 24, 10-3pm Repujado Workshop Taught by expert, Jolanta Feliciano, participants will learn this traditional European art of metal embossing.

Fri, Oct 30, 5-8pm • Art Opening, THREADS FROM THE DEAD Who are you from?

Sat, Oct 31, 8-11am • Art on Park Ave

## Thanks for Your Support!

for our 7th Annual We ART the People Folk Art Festival 2009!

### Mama's Minerals

Raynolds Addition  
Neighborhood Association  
Karen and Bob Turner  
Molly and John Geissman

Artisan/Santa Fe  
Marketing Solutions  
Tinkertown Museum  
Louise Kahn  
Anna Muller

Sybil Wertheim  
Lonni Ann Fredman  
Earnest Wilmeth II  
Mary and Joe Tafoya



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### Don't miss our new art market!

## Art on Park Avenue

Saturday mornings 8-11am thru October in our OFFCenter parking lot. Support our local artists.

For more information about vendor spots, call Marci or Molly @247-1172



NEW CLASS SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE!  
OR PICK UP OUR LATEST NEWSLETTER AT A LOCATION NEAR YOU.

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ABQ Center for Spiritual Living • Bonnie & Terry Bluhm  
Cynthia & Ricardo & Samba Friends • Santa Fe Opera  
Our apologies for any omissions, so many people help OFFCenter,  
but we will remember you in the following newsletters