

Artists from Taos and TSV featured in new exhibit

Staff report

“In an area where the love of art is a way of life, where almost everyone you meet strives to find a way to express their creativity while earning a living, where we live and breathe art and culture — it was a no-brainer to invite the talented artists at Taos Ski Valley to join those of The Taos Gallery to celebrate February, the month of Love, with a show reflecting their love of art,” a press release states.



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Opening reception

■ **When:** Monday (Feb. 21), 4-6:30 p.m.
 ■ **Where:** The Taos Gallery, 133 Bent Street
 ■ **Admission:** Free
 ■ **Information:** (575) 758-3911

The show, titled “For the Love of Art: Opening a Creative Door,” is opening with a reception Monday (Feb. 21), 4-6:30 p.m., at The Taos Gallery, 133 Bent St. in Taos.

The Taos Gallery owner Jan Mellor says it all came together after a conversation with Hano Blake of TSV Inc. about the possibility of showing art there during the ski season. “However the recent gas emergency dictated we reschedule and move it to The Taos Gallery on Bent Street.”

In keeping with The Taos Gallery’s theme for the month of February, which became the title of the show, each artist was invited to show a piece of work which reflects a time in their art where they felt they had “opened a creative door.”

Reasons range from having the courage to try a new medium to it being, as with Abigail Winston, the image, theme or a technical learn-



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Installation and performance artist Alexa Mellor

ing experience that causes a breakthrough. “Whatever the reason,” Mellor says, “the show is intended to applaud these artists for having the courage to follow their creative drive and not be afraid to produce and show a work that reflects that part of their personal journey.”

Since ArtWalk was also canceled due to the gas emergency it was decided to combine the Charla, slated for then and the TSV Invitational with the Monday event, “Après Ski.”

Contributing to this “exciting and stimulating conversation around creativity,” are master dancer and teacher Teo Morca; performance and installation artist, Alexia Mellor; local artists, Rosemary Lacek, Mary Earle, Chris White, Sophie Lenoir, Peter Lamont, Abigail Winston, Shel Neymark, Tracy Turner Sheppard, Steven Gootgeld, Barbara McCauley, Issa De Nicola, Kathryn Tatum, Bill Hudson, Bill Davis, Amy Córdova and Mary Ann Warner.

For more information on the gallery or the show, call (575) 758-3911 or visit www.thetaosgallery.com.