

NEWS RELEASE

FOR RELEASE: November 7, 2016

CONTACT: Pam Sullivan (915) 319-4541, [marketing@lasartistas.org](mailto:marketing@lasartistas.org)



**See and Shop for El Paso's Finest Art and Craft at the  
Las Artistas Art & Fine Crafts Show, November 19 + 20  
at the EPIC Railyard Event Center**

*El Paso, TX* – The 47<sup>th</sup> annual Las Artistas Art & Fine Crafts Show is happening on November 19 & 20 at its creative and popular location, the EPIC RAILYARD Event Center on 2201 East Mills Avenue in downtown El Paso, TX (located off I-10). The show runs from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, November 19, and 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday, November 20. Admission is \$6 and free for children under 18, and there is free valet parking. Gourmet street-food will be provided by Food Truck Circus and a cash wine bar provided by Wine Attitude.

Shoppers and art lovers will discover the finest art and craft made by more than 80 artists and craftspeople from El Paso and beyond. There are paintings, prints, ceramics, fiber, jewelry, metal, wood, wearable art and more to appeal to a wide variety of tastes and in a range of prices. The participating artists and craftspeople have met Las Artistas' strict standards for originality, creative vision, technique, and craftsmanship. The show features many of the region's notable artists, such as painter Aleksander Titovets, Amado Pena Jr. and local artists

Candy Mayer, Krystyna Robbins, and jewelry-maker Helen Ellison-Dorion, along with several new talented entrants. A section of the show will feature seven emerging artists that have been juried in for their skill and potential, adding to the show's diverse range of media and perspective.

Visitors can shop at 66 booths inside the spacious EPIC Railyard Event Center— a space that has an industrial feel with an edgy attitude, and is now known as the EPIC Railyard Design District. “We share a common goal with Las Artistas – to bring the arts to downtown El Paso,” says Irma Estrada, events manager for the EPIC Railyard Event Center. “The south side of El Paso is quickly becoming an arts community, as many artists and creative professionals are moving in and redeveloping some of the old buildings in this area.” Along with the event center, the EPIC Railyard Design District is also home to Laura Carrillo Designs and Dulce Alexandra, creative businesses that focus on events, home décor, and fashion.

### **New Meet the Maker series at the show**

At the Las Artistas Art & Fine Crafts Show, visitors will learn about the creative process through an interactive program called *Meet the Maker*. Each day, there will be a series of one-hour sessions with participating artists talking about their work, giving demonstrations, sharing their stories, and answering questions. Those attending the show can learn about woodworking, jewelry making, folk art, painting photography, and mixed media techniques, as well the journey and creative process of the artist.

As part of Las Artistas' commitment to promote arts education in El Paso, there will be a Children's Art Exhibition called "My El Paso" with two-dimensional work by elementary, middle, and high school students from the El Paso area. The students were asked to interpret their view of their city through art. The exhibition will be juried by Las Artistas members and prizes will be awarded.

For more than 20 years, Las Artistas has provided students from UTEP's Metals program with a unique opportunity to show and sell their work. Twenty students participate in this “learning classroom”, where they interact with customers, get feedback about their work, and gain marketing experience. They are also able to meet and network with the other established artists and craftspeople in the show.

**Free Gift Certificate raffle**

Visitors can enter into a free raffle for a \$50 gift certificate to be used at any of the vendor booths at the show. Two gift certificates will be given: one winning entry will be drawn on Saturday at 4:00 pm and one on Sunday at 2:00 pm.

The Las Artistas Art & Fine Crafts Show is sponsored by United Bank of El Paso Del Norte, Redfin, Ruhmann Law Firm, and with support of Museums and Cultural Affairs Department and the Texas Commission of the Arts. Media sponsors are, *El Paso Times*, *El Paso Scene*, and The Art Avenue.

For more information about the Las Artistas Art & Fine Crafts Show or Las Artistas, contact Pam Sullivan at (915) 319-4541, email [marketing@lasartistas.org](mailto:marketing@lasartistas.org), or visit [lasartistas.org](http://lasartistas.org).

###