



Las Artistas Announces New 2017 Officers and Board Members

Las Artistas is pleased to announce its 2017 officers and Board members: **Jorge Calleja**, President; **Karen McNulty**, Treasurer; **Paulina Rosas**, Secretary; Board Members at Large **Helen Ellison-Dorion**, **Pam Schuster**, **Tamara Michalina**, and **Kelly Wiseman**. Las Artistas member **Laura Caballero** will continue as Show Chair of the annual Las Artistas Art & Fine Crafts Show, and **Pam Sullivan**, marketing strategist for Las Artistas, was named Executive Director.

Part of Las Artistas' mission is to support art education in the El Paso community. Las Artistas members **Helen Ellison-Dorion**, **Laura Aragon**, **Criselda Lopez**, **Kimberly Vanecek**, and **Jess Tolbert** will be spearheading the organization's educational activities.

Plan to Participate in the 2017 Art & Fine Crafts Show

The **2017 Las Artistas Art & Fine Crafts Show**, is scheduled for **November 18 & 19** at the EPIC Railyard Event Center. The show is a popular pre-Thanksgiving event -- last year, we attracted almost 2,000 arts and crafts collectors and enthusiasts from El Paso, TX, Las Cruces, NM, and beyond.

We will start the online application process in mid-March, so stay tuned for more details and check our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for updates.

Scenes from the 2016 Show



Become a Show Sponsor!

Help support the arts in El Paso by becoming a co-operative marketing partner for our 2017 Art & Fine Crafts Show. There are many great opportunities available. **Contact Pam Sullivan at marketing@lasartistas.org to learn more.**



Member News

Glass artist **Tamara Michelina** is making 280 beads for [En Voz Alta](#), a non-profit group that provides hearing aids for children. En Voz Alta is distributing the beads to various artists as part of its "Jewelry for a Voice" artisan contest. Artisans will use Tamara's beads to make and then donate jewelry to be used for a fundraising event at the end of April.

Tamara is also organizing an upcycled art event in April in El Paso and is looking for other artists to participate. Please contact [Tamara via email](#) for more information.



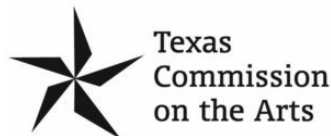
In January, metal jewelry artist **Rick Elkin** (*shown left*) received an Award of Excellence in Jewelry at the 44th Annual Art Festival Beth-El in St. Petersburg, FL. This highly acclaimed show features more than 170 national and international award-winning artists. Congratulations to Rick!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR THESE UPCOMING
EVENTS IN EL PASO**

May 12 & 13
Wine & Art Event at Wine Attitude
Friday-Opening Reception
Saturday-Art Show

Thursday, September 21
Special Preview Party

November 18 & 19, 2017:
Las Artistas Art & Fine Craft Show
at the EPIC Railyard Event Center



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