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Jemez Springs, NM Weaves Its Way Into 2nd Annual NM Fiber Arts Crawl, May 18-20

JEMEZ SPRINGS, NM—Galleries in the Village of Jemez Springs, New Mexico are now part of the 2018 New Mexico Fiber Crawl that meanders across Northern New Mexico from May 18-20, stringing together fiber artists and art lovers. Jemez Fine Art Gallery, Jemez Artisans Co-op Gallery and Aspen Ridge Alpacas are fiber art stops during the three day event. Fiber artists typically quilt, weave, or knit items using synthetic or natural fibers.

“We are so excited that Jemez Springs - a thriving fiber arts community - is going to be a part of the NM Fiber Crawl this year,” said Karen Stauch, NM Fiber Crawl coordinator and fiber artist in Jemez Springs. “The event offers a platform for local businesses, artists, and cultural centers to new and engaged audiences. Likewise, fiber arts fans can visit farms where the animals are raised, meet people who spin the yarn by hand, and visit the galleries and museums selling both traditional and cutting-edge art.”

Jemez Springs fiber artists Zoe White, Karen Stauch, Judith Isaacs, Robin Davidson, and other artists will have demonstrations throughout the event at all three stops. Jemez Artisans Co-op Gallery will provide felting, crochet rug making, fabric basket making and weaving demos. Aspen Ridge Alpacas will provide demos on fiber dyeing, spinning, weaving, and quilt display. Likewise, Jemez Fine Arts Gallery will feature tapestry weaving, knitted works and multi media use of fiber in art.

There are over 50 fiber arts stops along the way, beginning in Albuquerque. They include: Jemez Springs, Corrales, Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Española, Taos, Los Ojos, Tierra Amarilla, Guadalupita, Chimayo, and Mora.

Starting on May 1, fiber art lovers will be able to pick up free “passports” at each Fiber Crawl stop in advance of the event. Passports may also be downloaded at nmfiber-crawl.org. During the event, passports will be stamped at each location, allowing participants to meet artists, learn new skills, view demonstrations and discover where textile materials come from and how they are processed.

New this year, thematic fine art exhibits will take place at various locations. Plus, participants will have a chance to win a “Venturesome New Mexico” package, including a stay at the Los Poblanos Historic Inn and Organic Farm, dinner at Farm and Table and a tram ride aboard the Sandia Peak Tramway. Visit [Facebook/NMFiberCrawl](https://www.facebook.com/NMFiberCrawl) for information on how to enter.

The NM Fiber Crawl will officially kick off on Friday, May 18 where passport holders can visit the numerous sites on the tour between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on all three days.

The Española Valley Fiber Arts Center (EVFAC) started the NM Fiber Crawl in 2017, allowing fiber artists to sell their handmade items and for art lovers to tour artists' studios, shops galleries, and museums while learning about the rich history of fiber art in the state. Last year's NM Fiber Crawl attracted 1,109 visitors and 77 fiber artists who toured the three-day event.

The 2018 Fiber Crawl has been generously supported by New Mexico Arts, New Mexico Department of Tourism, and private donors. EVFAC also collaborates with guilds such as Las Arañas Spinners and Weavers Guild in Albuquerque, Las Tejedoras Fiber Arts Guild in Santa Fe and Tejedoras de las Trampas Fiber Artisans in Peñasco to include northern New Mexico's most talented fiber artists.

For more information about the 2018 NM Fiber Crawl visit www.nmfibercrawl.org or on social media at: Facebook/NMFiberCrawl; or Instagram (@nm.fiber.crawl) for live updates.

For details on Jemez Springs' participating locations, visit www.jemezsprings.org/attractions/art.

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