

Collecting Stories and Everyday Artifacts to Paint a Picture of Taos Today

This April, Paseo Project leads a community dialogue about water and collects common objects that define life in Taos in 2018

Taos NM, March 10, 2018 – There is an art to reading the stories embedded in objects that fill the everyday lives of a community. This spring, Paseo Project and the LOR Foundation, along with a few arts organization and interested individuals, join forces to collect stories and objects essential to life in Taos, circa 2018. The results will be installed for community interpretation at the Encore Gallery of TCA (April 6-8) and in a traveling laboratory called the Mobile Museum of American Artifacts (April 1-30).

Mobile Museum of American Artifacts

The Paseo Project hosts its first artist-in-residence, Laurelin Kruse, founder of the Mobile Museum of American Artifacts (MMoAA). Throughout the month of April, Kruse will take the Mobile Museum to 16 stops throughout Taos County, engaging the community through stories and oral histories embedded in everyday objects. Five University of New Mexico art department students have been selected for internships with MMoAA. Each will receive college credits. The interns are Tracy Bell, Heather Bergerson, Audrey Tipping, Savannah Summers and Jana Greiner. Learn more about MMoAA at www.theMMOAA.org

Water is Community Storytelling Installation

In partnership with SOMOS, the literary society of Taos, a “Water is Community” storytelling project will gather water samples and stories from within Taos’s watershed neighborhoods. Poet Ariana Kramer and four community 'story and water collectors' (Christalyn Concha, Miguel Santistevan, Jim O'Donnell, and Olivia Romo) will gather stories and vials of water from the community to learn what water means to people in Taos. On the weekend of April 6-8, the results will be on display at the Encore Gallery of Taos Center for the Arts. An opening reception on April 6, 4-6:00pm, will include spoken word and poetry readings. A closing celebration and a water blessing on April 8 will bring all water samples together in one vessel for release back to the Rio Grande.

Water is Community Pecha Kucha Night

To conclude the Water is Community Storytelling Installation, *Pecha Kucha Night Taos, Volume 26 – Water is Community Edition* is scheduled for Sunday evening, April 8 at 7:00pm. This popular, highly-structured form of presentation consists of community members taking the stage and presenting their stories and values around water. Pecha Kucha presentations are 6 minutes and 40 seconds each, with each presenter showing 20 images that change every 20 seconds.

Paseo Project Water is Community Schedules and Details

Mobile Museum of American Artifacts Tentative Stops:

Friday, April 6	TCA - Opening Reception Water is Community Installation
Sunday, April 8	TCA - Pecha Kucha Night Taos (6pm-8pm)
Tuesday, April 10	Questa Library
Wednesday, April 11	Ancianos Senior Center (11-2pm)
Saturday, April 14	Taos Mesa Brewing / KNCE live remote - midday/afternoon
Sunday, April 15	Penasco Theater
Wednesday, April 18	Ancianos Senior Center (11-2pm)
Thursday, April 19	Questa Library
Sunday, April 22	Millicent Rogers Museum
Saturday, April 28	Twirl / Enos Garcia Invent Event
Sunday, April 29	Harwood Museum of Art - closing artist talk 3pm

Confirm schedule at www.paseoproject.org.

Pecha Kucha tentative line-up:

Cisco Guevara – Los Rios River Runners
Miguel Santistevan
Amy Bell – landscape architect, Taos Land Trust
Juanita Lavadie – TVAA
Olivia Romo – NMAA presentation
TISA youth presentation
Steve Harris – Rio Grande Restoration,
Chris Pieper – water, science and transformation
Rachel Conn – Amigos Bravos
Roberta Salazar – Rivers and Birds

Paseo Project 2018 at a Glance

March 31 – April 30, 2018 – *Mobile Museum of American Artifacts Artist Residency*. The Taos community is invited to participate by contributing their artifacts to the project at numerous locations around Taos County.

April 6-8, 2018 – *Water is Community Storytelling Installation*, TCA Encore Gallery with Sunday night *Pecha Kucha Night – Volume 26, Water is Community Edition*.

September 14-15, 2018 – *Paseo 2018*. Kit Carson Park, Civic Plaza Drive and downtown Taos

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The Paseo Project transforms community with art and art with community. Since 2014, the organization has hosted an annual free fall outdoor art event as well as other community events and collaborations throughout the year that bring projection, installation and performance art to the streets of Taos. www.paseoproject.org.

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