

## **E Pluribus Unum: New Mexico Southeast**



Since 2010, the Axle Contemporary mobile gallery and project space has brought the best of New Mexico's contemporary art to people across the state in many exhibitions and other projects.

In 2012, the Axle artist-collaborators, Jerry Wellman and Matthew Chase-Daniel, began a photographic portrait project, *E Pluribus Unum*. This ongoing biennial project enlivens and documents communities throughout the state, with a mobile photographic portrait studio built inside the vintage aluminum Axle vehicle.

Participation is free to all. Visitors bring a small object of personal significance, and enter the mobile studio and sit for a black and white photo portrait while holding the object. The objects brought are as diverse as the participants. Objects have included car keys, photos of loved ones on cell phones, artworks, tools, books, food, toys, and vintage collectibles.

Three copies of each portrait are immediately printed with the gallery's solar-powered printer. One is given to the participant, another is pasted to the exterior of the vehicle, creating a mobile and growing exhibition throughout the span of the project. The third print will later be included in an exhibition in a regional museum or art center. At the close of the project Axle Contemporary Press will publish a book containing all of the portraits, and one image on the cover blending all off the hundreds of portraits into one face, representing the entirety of the community of participants.

Previous iterations of this project took place in Santa Fe in 2012, in Albuquerque in 2014, and on the Navajo Nation in 2014. Info and images can be seen here: <https://www.axleart.com/epu>

This October, *E Pluribus Unum: New Mexico Southeast*, will take place in the communities of Roswell, Lovington, Hobbs, Alamogordo, Tularosa, Carrizozo, Ruidoso, Lincoln, Carlsbad, Artesia, Portales, and Clovis.

**Photos for press use are downloadable at high-resolution here:**  
**<https://www.axleart.com/press>**

## Schedule

Schedule updates will be posted at [www.axleart.com](http://www.axleart.com)

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Sun. October 14

10-4 Tularosa Basin Museum of History, 1004 N White Sands Blvd, Alamogordo

Mon. October 15

10 am - 12:30 pm New Mexico State University, 2400 N Scenic Dr, Alamogordo

2 pm - 5pm shopping center, Alamogordo (tentative)

Tues. October 16

11 am -2pm Tulie Freeze, 419 St Francis Dr, Tularosa

3pm - 7pm MoMAZoZo, 503 12th St, Carrizozo

Wed. October 17

10am- 1pm Sacred Grounds Coffee and Tea House, 2704 Sudderth Dr, Ruidoso

afternoon Lincoln and Tinnie

Thurs. October 18

10 am - noon New Mexico State University, 1500 University Dr, Carlsbad

1-5pm Carlsbad Museum and Art Center, 418 W. Fox St., Carlsbad

Fri. October 19

9:30-6pm Artesia Public Library, 205 W. Quay Ave., W Richardson Ave, Artesia

Sat. October 20

9am - 4pm Art in the Park, Cental Park, S. 7th St & W. Quay Ave, Artesia

Sun. October 21

11 am - 5pm Peanut Festival, Portales

Mon. October 22

9-12 Eastern New Mexico University, Art Department Portales

1-5 Downtown on the Square, Portales

Tues. October 23

10-2:30 Red Arrow 320 W 21st St, Clovis

4:30-7:30 Eula Mae Edwards Museum 417 Schepps Blvd, Clovis

Wed. October 24

7:30-10:00 Rooney Broadcating 42437 US HWY 70 Clovis

11:00-2:00 The Lunch Box 213 W. Grand Av. Clovis

We are working with partners throughout the region. Our heartfelt thanks to all: Alamogordo Mainstreet, Artesia Arts and Cultural District, Artesia Mainstreet, NMSU Carlsbad, Carlsbad Creative Arts Council, Clovis Mainstreet, Western Heritage Museum, Portales Mainstreet, Anderson Museum of Contemporary Art, Roswell Museum and Arts Center, Lovington Mainstreet, Lea County Museum, MoMAZoZo, Portales Mainstreet, Clovis Mainstreet

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