

LOOK! AT THE ARTS



Get ready for the glow factor with the Los Alamos Arts Council's Pumpkin Glow

The Los Alamos Arts Council (LAAC) is offering an opportunity for the community to show off its artistic talents. Everyone is encouraged to grab a pumpkin and some carving tools to create jack-o-lanterns to be displayed at the LAAC's Pumpkin Glow, which will be held from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 31 at Fuller Lodge lawn.

But before the jack-o-lanterns are lit up for the big event, LAAC is also

Last year's Pumpkin Glow featured a carving of a black cat. See what gets produced at this year's event, which will be held from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 31 at Fuller Lodge lawn.

hosting a pumpkin carving party, which will be held from 10 a.m.-noon Oct. 31 at the Smith's Marketplace. Free pumpkins will be handed out on a first come, first serve basis. There will also be patterns, carving tools and volunteers to help assist participants in carving pumpkins. All pumpkins carved at the event will be taken to be shown at the Pumpkin Glow but people are welcome to pick their jack-o-lanterns after the event is over.

The event typically features about 200 pumpkins.

Participants are also welcomed to listen to student musicians performing in the Masquerade Recital, which begins at 3:30 p.m. in Fuller Lodge. All events are free. Since the key to the Pumpkin Glow's success is public participation, LAAC is highly encouraging everyone, whether they are skilled carvers or just beginners, to show what they can do with a knife and an orange gourd.

Lori Dauelsberg, LAAC board member and co-founder of the Pumpkin Glow, encourages everyone to attend the carving party on Halloween.

"It is a great opportunity to get people out on their regular Saturday to an event that they may have never been to before," she said.

The goal of the carving parties is to get people excited about pumpkin carving, she said, "which is something they may have done a very long time ago but haven't done since."

There is no need to be intimidated or worry about your jack-o-lanterns being scrutinized. Dauelsberg, who also regularly contributes many carved pumpkins to the event, said, "I'm not artistic and I don't think you have to be artistic to do this."



Scenes from last year's Pumpkin Glow.

LOOK! AT THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<p>OCT. 17-18 Los Alamos Artist Studio tour will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The tour begins at Fuller Lodge Art Center but will feature artists' work as well as the studios where their work occurs. The Los Alamos Arts Council sponsors the event.</p>	<p>OCT. 24 Entries for the Los Alamos Arts Council's annual Scarecrow Contest will be accepted from 10 a.m.-1pm at the Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce. The fee is \$10 and prizes are awarded to all entrants. Scarecrows will be displayed along Central Avenue through Nov.1.</p>	<p>OCT. 30 Los Alamos MainStreet will hosts its annual Trick or Treat MainStreet event from 4-7 p.m. on Central Avenue. Participating businesses offer lots of Halloween fun including candy, haunted houses and games.</p>	<p>OCT. 31 Los Alamos Arts Council will host a free pumpkin carving party from 10 a.m.-noon at Smith's Marketplace. A limited number of free pumpkins will be given on a first come, first serve basis. All carved pumpkins will be displayed at the Pumpkin Glow.</p>	<p>OCT. 31 Los Alamos Arts Council will host its annual Pumpkin Glow event from 6-9 p.m. at Fuller Lodge lawn. The event is free to the public. Before the event starts, there will a Masquerade Recital at 3:30 p.m. inside the lodge. Local music students will perform.</p>
<p>NOV. 14 The Los Alamos County Environmental Services will host its Recycle Fashion show at noon in Fuller Lodge. Participants can compete for cash prizes. The deadline to register for the event is Nov. 11. Register by calling the Environmental Services at 662-8163 or e-mail at solidwaste@lacnm.us.</p>	<p>NOV. 21 Los Alamos Arts Council will hosts its annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Los Alamos Middle School.</p>	<p>DEC. 4-6 MainStreet will host Winterfest. Events include the Holiday Light Parade, which will begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 along Central Avenue. Other festivities include the Los Alamos Geological Society's Earth Treasures Show, Fuller Lodge Art Center's Affordable Art Sale and the Los Alamos Arts Council's Open House at Fuller Lodge from 10-3 p.m.</p>	<p>DEC. 8 Family Night at the Pajarito Environmental Education Center will held at 6:30 p.m. The program is held the second Tuesday of every month. The program is free.</p>	<p>JAN. 6 Los Alamos Art Council's Brown Bag Performance, 12 noon at Fuller Lodge.</p>



Scarecrows return to Central Avenue

A limber gymnast, “Nightmare Before Christmas” Jack, the pumpkin king, and Milton from the movie, “Office Space” all put in an appearance during last year’s Scarecrow Contest. The Los Alamos Arts Council will again hold the contest starting Oct. 24. Entries can be dropped off starting at 10 a.m. Oct. 24 at the Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce. The cost to participate is \$10; all entrants will receive a prize and recognition for their work. Scarecrows will be displayed through Nov. 1 along Central Avenue.



Scenes from last year's Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair at the Los Alamos Middle School.

LAAC ready to be bring in the holiday spirit with holiday arts and crafts fair Nov. 21

It may seem too early to be thinking about the holiday season but the truth is it comes up fast! To usher in the season, the Los Alamos Arts Council will host its Annual Northern New Mexico Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair. The holiday arts and crafts fair will be held from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Nov. 21 at Los Alamos Middle School. This is not only an opportunity to pick up unique gifts, but it also helps support the Los Alamos Arts Council. Booth fees allow the arts organization to host a number of free events such as the Kite Festival and Pumpkin Glow.



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