

# Artists' Happenings

## Gallery Moab will Open Soon

Gallery Moab has been closed these past few winter months due to a remodel taking place. We, the members of our cooperative gallery, are hopeful that our reopening will be soon, and that the new space will be as bright and inviting as it has been in the past. To inaugurate our new space, we are pleased to show some new and exciting work by one of the gallery's founding members, Sandi Snead. Just in time for Spring, Sandi's paintings vibrantly wake up the winter-weary soul.

Sandi Snead, an active participant in the Moab art scene, is a painter and multidisciplinary artist known for her expressive oil and pastel paintings inspired by the landscapes and spirit of the southwest. Originally from Jacksonville, Florida, Snead studied art at the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale. In addition, she worked professionally as an illustrator before moving west, where the dramatic red rock environment became a central influence in her work.



Recently, she has applied those vivid and energetic qualities to a new collection of oil paintings. She thanks the awesome team at Moab Arts for inspiring a segue to the new series of paintings she calls "Botanical Visions". Snead explains, "It all started with the 4 x 6" painting of crocuses that I did for their 'Art by Chance' fundraiser held at Woody's. Something just clicked for me, and I had to run with it." And run she did! Before she knew it, she had fifteen paintings, enough for a dazzling exhibit of botanical subjects guaranteed to inspire the viewer as much as the artist was herself inspired by painting them.

About her new work, Snead says, "This collection of works celebrates the form, color, and living poetry of plants as their organic shapes stretch and transform. Each piece invites you to slow down and look closely at the natural patterns and quiet stories growing all around us."

In addition to creating visual art, Snead has had a long career in dance and fitness instruction, which seems a perfect complement to the expressive qualities of her paintings. Her latest work can be seen in her portfolio on the gallery website, gallerymoab.com, along with the portfolios of all the other active members.



*by Deborah McDermott*  
Gallery Moab is an artist-owned and operated cooperative gallery that features original fine art and artisan crafts handmade by local and regional artists, celebrating our beloved canyon country natural environment.

RE-OPENING SOON, we hope!  
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## 2026 Community Artist in the Parks - Chrissy Noel Kinslow

Chrissy Noel Kinslow is a Moab-based community artist whose work weaves together art, nature connection, and shared experience. Rooted in the landscapes of the Colorado Plateau, her practice centers on listening deeply and creating accessible, heart-led spaces for reflection and creative expression. Through guided art experiences, storytelling, and land-based practices, she invites participants to reconnect with themselves, each other, and the natural world.



She says, "As the 2026 Community Artist in the Parks, I invite you to join me in these sacred and stunning spaces for a series of mindful, creative, and nature-centered experiences. Together, we will slow down, breathe deeply, and let the landscape speak through our art."



Throughout 2026, Kinslow will create original work within the parks for a minimum of 24 hours per month, April through October, and share her inspiration and creative process with visitors. Her works will be sold in the Canyonlands Natural History Association stores during her tenure.

"Visitors from around the world come to experience these national parks—but few have the chance to witness, and participate in, art created directly from the desert in real time. I am honored to share this journey with you."

Dates for Kinslow's 2026 park visits are subject to change or cancellation if needed. Check current schedule at [go.nps.gov/2026CAIP](http://go.nps.gov/2026CAIP)



Chrissy will doing her art at various locations and times:

### Arches National Park

April 1 Balanced Rock:  
9am–12pm and 1–4pm

April 17 Windows Section and Double Arch:  
9am–12pm and 1–4pm

April 18 Devils Garden Trail and Landscape Arch:  
9am–12pm and 1–4pm

April 22 La Sal Mountain Viewpoint:  
9am–12pm and 1–4pm

### Canyonlands National Park

May 1 Maze District, Horseshoe Canyon Trail:  
9am–1pm & 2–6pm

May 14 Needles District, Stone Storehouse:  
2–6pm

May 15 Needles District, Chesler Park Trail:  
9am–1pm & 2–6pm

May 16 The Needles district, Pothole Point:  
9am–1pm

### Hovenweep National Monument

June 12 Square Tower Ruin: 9am–12pm & 1–4pm

June 13 Cajon Site: 9am–12pm & 1–4pm

June 20 Horseshoe/Hackberry Site:  
9am–12pm & 1–4pm

June 21 Little Ruin Canyon: 9am–12pm & 1–4pm

## Moab Downtown Entertainment starts another Big Season

Not only are there plenty of natural wonders to see in Moab, there's also lots of fun entertainment available right downtown. Moab hosts a thriving music scene. If you're looking for something totally different, there's the Moab Backyard Theater, located right in the heart of downtown. It's open to all ages and great fun for grown-ups and kids alike. Not only is it fun, but all shows are performed without the use of Artificial Intelligence.



The Backyard Theater is one of the only open-air entertainment venues in the west, a throwback to the old west days when traveling shows entertained culture-starved pioneers on the dusty streets of the frontier towns. Located just a half-block off Main street in downtown, The Backyard Theater features



Magic and Music two nights a week. The stage sits beneath a giant cottonwood tree that is older than the town itself. In its 12th year of operation, the theater has entertained thousands of people from all over the world. They come to see an old-fashioned type of American entertainment that has all but vanished in the rest of the country.

Every Wednesday, traditional bluegrass music returns to the theater. The band Quicksand Soup performs old-time standards and unique originals starting at 7 pm. The free show has become a downtown fixture over the last few years and it's common to see both locals and tourists alike tapping their toes.

Saturdays, the Southwest's only outdoor downtown Magic show returns with the award-winning magic of Rick Boretti. Rick's hilarious routine changes constantly, but always involves lots of wisecracks and mystifying magic tricks. Folks have been known to return year after year for the show.



Kids love Rick's magic, but adults are often amazed at how much they love it too. If you haven't caught a real magic show in a while, then you might have forgotten how fun they can be. Shows start at 7. Music is always free. Magic Prices are 15 dollars for folks over 12 and 8 dollars for kids over 3. 3 and under are free. The theater often features the authentic cooking of El Local Cocina Food Truck, and always allows outside food and drink. It is located just behind Zax at 56 W. 100 South