

# Art Happenings

## Art, Music, and Connection Take Center Stage Moab’s 4<sup>th</sup> Annual ARC Festival

A painting, a poem, a song—there are many ways to tell a recovery story. On **Saturday, November 14**, Art for the Recovery Community (ARC) invites Moab to celebrate those stories at its 4th Annual Festival at the Moab Arts and Recreation Center (MARC).

The free evening begins with an **art show at 5 p.m., followed by live music at 7 p.m.** Refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome.

ARC brings together people in recovery, their families, friends, and neighbors to celebrate creativity and connection. Through art and shared experiences, the festival helps replace stigma with understanding and offers a chance to see recovery through the talents and perspectives of local artists.

Substance use disorder is a health condition, and recovery is possible. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), millions of adults across the country identify as being in recovery from substance use problems. Treatment, support, and strong personal connections can help people build healthier lives. Events like ARC help make recovery more visible, reduce stigma, and remind people they’re not alone.



**Artist registration is now open.** Artists of all disciplines and experience levels are encouraged to participate, including painters, photographers, poets, musicians, and anyone who expresses themselves through another creative medium.

Register at [artfortherecoverycommunity.com/register](https://artfortherecoverycommunity.com/register) or pick up a paper registration form at the Moab Regional Recovery Center.

The festival also highlights the importance of recovery support close to home. In rural communities, long travel



distances and limited treatment options can make getting help difficult. Moab Regional Hospital’s Recovery Center provides local outpatient treatment, counseling, medications, and ongoing support. In 2025, the center provided **3,333 patient visits**, helping people receive care

while staying connected to their families, jobs, and community.

ARC celebrates another part of recovery: finding a sense of belonging, building relationships, discovering talents, and recognizing progress.

Whether you come to share your work, enjoy the music, or spend an evening with neighbors, you’re invited to be part of the celebration.

### Event Details

Saturday, November 14, 2026

Moab Arts and Recreation Center, 111 E. 100 N., Moab

Art show at 5 p.m. | Live music at 7 p.m.

Free admission and refreshments

### Artist Registration

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Questions? Contact Alina Murdock at Moab Regional Hospital, 435-313-1150 or [alinam@mrhmoab.org](mailto:alinam@mrhmoab.org).

Photos courtesy of Arts for the Recovery Community from last year’s event.



## Moab Arts Opens Public Art Call for Projects to be installed in the Spring of 2027

Moab Arts is now accepting applications for Public Art Proposals to be installed in the Spring of 2027.

This call includes proposals for a sculpture, three crosswalks, sticker designs, and a mural to be installed in the City of Moab. Artists at all levels of their careers are encouraged to apply.

More information on the proposed projects, site locations, and full application requirements can be found online at <https://www.moabarts.org/public-art-application> or by contacting the Moab Arts staff by phone 435-259-6272 or via email at [marcadmin@moabcity.gov](mailto:marcadmin@moabcity.gov).

Please note there will be open office hours at the Moab Arts Center on Nov. 9 & 10 from noon-6 p.m. for those with questions about applying for public art funds.

Applications are due on Dec. 6, 2026, and accepted projects must be completed by May 31, 2027.

Each year, Moab Arts facilitates the addition of a variety of public art projects to the City of Moab. Public art provides artists with a wide-open platform for their work, without the limitations of a traditional gallery space. There are no barriers to entry for the audience — any one of the hundreds

of thousands of people walking through town annually is likely to encounter the vibrant output of local and non-local artists who have contributed their handiwork to the fabric of Moab. Public art gives our community color and character, building a unique sense of place and sparking creativity and curiosity. More information about public art projects from previous years can be found online at <https://www.moabarts.org/public-art>.

The mission of Moab Arts, the City of Moab Art and Events Division, is to share the power of art and creativity, inspiring connection and culture in a welcoming space.

To explore our upcoming programming and discover other ways to get involved, visit our website at [www.moabarts.org](http://www.moabarts.org), sign up for our newsletter, and follow along on social media: @moabarts on Instagram and @Moab Arts - The MARC on Facebook.



## The Art Center’s 56<sup>th</sup> Holiday Art & Craft Fair Returns November 20–22



The Art Center of Western Colorado invites the community to celebrate the season at the 56th Holiday Art & Craft Fair, a cherished Grand Valley tradition featuring original artwork, handcrafted goods, and one-of-a-kind gifts created by talented artists and makers from across the region.

For 56 years, the Holiday Art & Craft Fair has been a favorite destination for holiday shoppers seeking unique, handmade gifts while supporting local and regional artists. The juried event returns November 20-22, 2026, transforming The Art Center into a festive marketplace filled with fine art, jewelry, ceramics, fiber arts, woodwork, home décor, wearable art, and other handcrafted treasures.

Every participating artist is selected through a competitive jury process, ensuring a high-quality shopping experience and an exciting variety of original work. Visitors can browse hundreds of handmade items, discover distinctive holiday gifts, and connect directly with the artists who create them.



“This event has become a holiday tradition for generations of Western Colorado families,” said Lee Borden, Executive Director of The Art Center. “For more than five decades, our community has gathered to support artists, find meaningful gifts, and celebrate the creativity that makes this region special.”

The weekend begins with an exclusive Members’ Preview Reception on Friday, November 20, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., offering Art Center members the first opportunity to shop before the public sale opens.

The fair opens to the public on Saturday, November 21, from 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. and Sunday, November 22, from 9:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

In addition to providing a marketplace for artists, proceeds from the event help support The Art Center’s exhibitions, educational programs, and community outreach initiatives.

Whether you’re looking for a special piece of artwork, a handcrafted holiday gift, or simply want to enjoy a beloved seasonal tradition, the Holiday Art & Craft Fair offers something for everyone.

### Event Details

#### Holiday Art & Craft Fair

**Location:** The Art Center of Western Colorado  
1803 N. 7th Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501

**Members’ Preview:** Friday, November 20, 2026 |  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Saturday Sale:** Saturday, November 21, 2026 |  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Sunday Sale:** Sunday, November 22, 2026 |  
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The 2026 Holiday Fine Art & Craft Fair is generously sponsored by Alpine Bank.

For more information, visit [gartcenter.org](http://gartcenter.org) or call (970) 243-7337.

And be sure to mention that you heard about the Holiday Art & Craft Fair in *Moab Happenings*.