

**Press Release**

**NEW MEXICO COMMITTEE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS**

**A TRIBUTE TO AGNES MARTIN**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2012  
2 PM TO 4 PM**

**FORMER STUDIO OF AGNES MARTIN  
GALISTEO**

Tickets: purchase through Pay Pal on our website:  
<http://www.newmexicowomeninthearts.org/upevents.html>  
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An open house celebrating the late artist Agnes Martin and honoring the multi-talented women artists of the Galisteo will be held at Martin's former home and studio in Galisteo on Sunday, February 26 from 2 pm to 4 pm. This informal event will offer the opportunity to visit the studio and meet local artists, many of whom knew Agnes Martin and remember her fondly. The ticket price of \$20 includes refreshments.

Agnes Martin (1912-2004) was one of America's foremost abstract painters who achieved international recognition for her distinctive canvases of lines, grids and diluted color. Canadian born, she spent a portion of her career in New York City, but is most closely associated with New Mexico. Early years in her career were spent in Taos in the 1950s. After returning to Mexico from New York in 1968 she built a studio in remote Cuba, New Mexico and then spent many years in Galisteo before moving to Taos in 1993.

In addition to participating in an international array of group exhibitions such as the Venice Biennale (1997, 1980, 1976), the Whitney Biennial (1995, 1977), and Documenta, Kassel, Germany (1972), Martin was the recipient of multiple honors including the Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of the Women's Caucus for Art of the College Art Association (2005); the Governor's Award for Excellence and Achievement in the Arts given by Governor Gary Johnson, Santa Fe, New Mexico (1998) and the National Medal of Arts awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts (1998). Another career highlight was the establishment of the Agnes Martin Gallery at the Harwood Museum of Art in Taos.

## **New Mexico Committee National Women in the Arts**

Founded in 1997, the goal of the New Mexico Committee is to enhance the mission of the National Women's Museum in Washington, DC and to bring recognition to the achievements of women artists residing in New Mexico through special events, art shows, lectures and educational Programs.

The New Mexico Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts is pleased to announce a collaboration in Taos as part of the "Year of the Remarkable Woman."