

The Three Rivers Women's Collective (aka TRWC) is a local, non-profit, all volunteer organization organized with the charitable purpose of fostering, promoting, educating and encouraging the creative artists of San Juan County. We support all artists and crafters, male and female, at all levels, and encourage all members to participate in events and activities of the collective.

Membership is open to anyone, male or female, wishing to support TRWC's mission, vision and goals. TRWC makes possible venues to artists that they may not otherwise be able to afford. TRWC provides a supportive environment, encouraging artists and crafters in their artistic and business endeavors. In meetings and sponsored classes, artists have the opportunity to explore other media, share their expertise, and learn business practices to help ensure their individual success.

Ongoing Activities

- Monthly meetings for members and guests. Meetings begin at 2:30 pm with a "swap and talk" opportunity to visit, give away or sell any supplies they no longer need, as well as a "show and tell" time - to present their latest works. The business meeting follows at 3:00, adjourns at 4:30, and is followed by a 1/2 hour presentation, demonstration or talk provided by either a member or guest speaker. The topics cover either art or business related subjects, and have covered topics such as "How to Write an Artist's Statement" or demonstrations of how a particular artist creates their works. Several artists have provided, and are encouraged to provide, informational sessions on their particular art/craft. Although based in Aztec, membership meetings currently take place in Farmington, NM.
- In addition to the information and demonstration opportunities provided during the meeting, each meeting is usually preceded by a 2 to 4 hour class for both members and non-members. For a nominal fee of \$20 for members, and \$25 for non-members, payable to the collective, all supplies are provided by the collective and instruction is provided by either members and guest instructors. The classes are designed to teach individuals about the different media in the art/craft world and specific to the members. Many of the classes are taught by members of the collective. By teaching these classes, members build more confidence in themselves and their abilities. Additionally it is a benefit to each member taking the class as they have a better understanding of what is involved with creating the different pieces of art and can therefore become better sales people.
- TRWC is also dedicated to outreach projects - to find the artist and crafter in everyone. Upcoming outreach projects include adaptive art projects for the ARC in Farmington, Ceramic Bell painting with Seniors, demonstrations and hands on projects with Vista Nueva High School in Aztec.