

# Village of Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts

Fall 2025



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HOURS: TUES-SAT 10AM-5PM

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## VETERANS OF VALENCIA COUNTY

**NOVEMBER 1 - 29, 2025**



The annual Veterans of Valencia County exhibit will feature individuals who served in the armed forces from different eras, many of whom were born and raised in Valencia County. The exhibit contains stories of courage under fire, gallantry, service, and honor. There are artifacts from many families that have been donated or loaned to the museum for display. New this year, the VFW Post 9678 and Valencia Art Center will host their first annual Veterans Art Exhibit and Sale. This art show is open to all artists, both youth and adults, in Valencia County. The theme is "Welcome Home: A Patriotic Art Tribute to Our Nation's Veterans." Information packets and sign up forms are available at the museum, the last day for entries is October 17. There is no cost to submit. Opening reception Sat., Nov. 11 from 3-5 PM.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Rick Kozak Exhibit ends on October 25, 2025.
- Robert Torres will discuss "The Bad Girls in New Mexico History."
- Paranormal Investigator Cody Polson author talk.
- Veterans of Valencia County Exhibit.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show - Vida, Cultura, y Familia.
- Kauau Ruins Tour.
- Tea Party at the Museum.
- Southwest Model Railroad Museum exhibit at the Los Lunas Museum.

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### MUSEUM STAFF:

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### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Adult Art show: Dec. 6, 2025 - Jan. 31, 2026

The theme of this year's adult art show is *Vida, Cultura y Familia*. Artists 18+ are encouraged to enter their original works of all mediums by Nov. 29, 2025.

- Enter up to 3 original works: \$20 each or \$50 for 3
- Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded for Best of Show, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Places and 2 Honorable Mentions.
- Best of Show will also receive a solo show at the museum in 2026!

Applications are available at the museum or online at

<http://www.loslunasnm.gov/104/Museum-of-Heritage-and-arts>

- Opening Reception: Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 2-4 PM.

# Paranormal Investigator Cody Polston

Author Talk - Saturday, October 11 from 6 PM - 8 PM

The Friends of the Los Lunas Library & Museum are pleased to host Cody Polston again for a spooky evening author talk. Polston is the author of multiple books on paranormal topics. He's appeared on *Dead Famous*, *Weird Travels*, *In Her Mother's Footsteps*, *Extreme Paranormal*, and *The Ghost Prophecies*. He has a new book out: *Dark Tales of Old Town Albuquerque*.

This is a free event, books will be for sale.

## Kauau Ruins - Coronado Historic Site Van Tour Saturday, November 22

Join us for a van trip to the Kauau Ruins (Coronado Historic Site) in Bernalillo, NM. The Kauau Pueblo was the northernmost of the twelve villages visited by Vasquez de Coronado. The village was first settled around 1325

AD and had about 1200 inhabitants. We will do a outdoor 45 minute docent-led tour which includes going inside the Painted Kiva (accessed via a ladder). The path is approximately ¼ mile long. Paved walking paths and museum are ADA accessible. We'll have lunch in their ramadas that overlook the Rio Grande. Cost of tour

is \$5 per person. Please bring a sack lunch, water bottle, sunscreen, and hat. Call us at (505) 352-7720 to reserve your spot. Space is limited.

### Schedule:

**9:30 AM:** Arrive at Los Lunas Museum and load van

**9:45 - 10:45 AM:** Drive to Coronado Historic Site

**11:00 - 11:45 AM:** Docent tour

**12:00 - 1:30 PM:** Lunch and Free Time at Site

**1:30 - 2:30 PM:** Return to Los Lunas Museum



photo from NPS.gov

## Historical Highlight



## The Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Depot - Los Lunas

The railroad was built in 1879. The Los Lunas Depot was originally 118.5 feet long. The freight room was expanded in 1886 and then shortened by 30 feet in 1942. The depot is no longer in use as a railway station. It was moved in 1976 to where it currently sits on State Road 314. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9676 uses it. It is notable as one of the oldest surviving depots in New Mexico.

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# Valencia County Historical Society Events

- **October 11, 2025**, at the *Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts* at 2 PM Author and Speaker Robert Torres will discuss “The Bad Girls in New Mexico History.”
- **October 17th & 18th**: New Mexico Genealogy Society annual conference at CNM Space Solutions at 5600 Eagle Rock Ave, NE in ABQ. The full schedule of events is now available. A link to register online or by mail is also available. See this web page on the society’s web site: <https://www.nmgs.org/2025-conference>

**The Southwest Model Railroad Museum and Club** will feature their traveling exhibit at the Los Lunas Museum of Heritage and Arts from December 6-20, 2025. The Los Lunas Museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 10am-5pm. Please come by and enjoy their display for the holidays!



## Tea at the Museum

**Friday, December 12, 2 PM - 3:30 PM**

In partnership with the Los Lunas Public Library, we’re hosting a hot tea party at the Museum! We’ll have light bites and assorted hot teas for your enjoyment. This is a free event open to all ages. Reservations are required as we have limited space. Reserve your teatime by calling the Museum at (505) 352-7720. Groups will be limited to a maximum of 4. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate any dietary restrictions. Bring your own cup and saucer or borrow one of ours. Feel free to dress up!

**Help Us Win 2025 Best of Valencia County!**

**Tourist Spot:**

Los Lunas Museum of Heritage & Arts

<https://tinyurl.com/ms9kdpvr>



Use the drop down to find all the different voting categories. Vote daily through October 31!

## VISIT OUR GIFT SHOP!

The Friends of the Los Lunas Library & Museum gift shop offers a wide selection of jewelry, handbags, books, and gifts. Come in today and see the new items we have! Your purchase supports our Museum and Library.

If you filled out a 2025 Frequent Visitor Card, don't forget to come in November 18 - December 20 for 20% off an entire purchase in our gift shop! Exclusions apply.



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