

Silver City CLAY Festival's
Founder & Director, **Lee Gruber**,
is to be honored at this year's
New Mexico Governor's Awards for
Excellence in the Arts



Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham cordially invites you to

THE GOVERNOR'S AWARDS
for EXCELLENCE *in the* ARTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

Free and open to the public

Governor's Gallery

Fourth Floor, State Capitol

2 to 4 PM

Open House: Honoree Exhibition

Hosted by the Women's Board of The Museum of New Mexico

Exhibition continues through February 28, 2020 - Gallery hours: Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm

New Mexico Museum of Art

107 West Palace Avenue, Santa Fe

4:30 PM

Public Reception

Museum Courtyard

5:30 PM

Awards Ceremony

St. Francis Auditorium

2019 HONOREES

Individual Artists

Victor di Suvero of Santa Fe

Nicolas Otero of Las Lunas

Marc Neikrug of Santa Fe

Roxanne Svantzell of Santa Clara Pueblo

Major Contributors to the Arts

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Lee Gruber of Silver City

The Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts are organized by New Mexico Arts and the New Mexico Museum of Art, divisions of the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, in partnership with the Museum of New Mexico Foundation.



Lee Gruber of Silver City, Major Contributor to the Arts

Lee Gruber has been a major force in her community by initiating ideas and following through to reach goals that promote contemporary visual art, foster an understanding of the history of New Mexico cultural arts, and nurture an environment that economically supports the busi-

ness of art. Gruber founded the Silver City tile business Syzygy with her husband, David del Junco, over twenty-five years ago. Though she recently retired, Syzygy continues to make architectural ceramics. The company's many actions as part of their community include donating an estimated \$50,000 of materials over twenty years to local organizations and projects.

As board president of Southwest New Mexico Arts Culture and Tourism, Gruber led the establishment of the Silver City Arts & Culture District. She also initiated the Silver City Clay Festival and the Southwest New Mexico Clay Arts Trail. The Clay Festival has evolved into a national event of exhibitions, workshops, and demonstrations. The Clay Trail, begun in 2013, now includes over sixty member sites in Luna, Hidalgo, Grant, and Catron counties. It also partners with historic sites related to clay such as the Gila Cliff Dwellings and the Mimbres Cultural Center. ■