

Cibola Arts Council sponsors golden hour ‘photo safari’

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Everybody welcome to shoot the ‘Mother Road’

GRANTS – Amateur and professional photographers will have a chance to “safari” down the Grants and Milan stretch of Highway 66 June 10 during the early morning “golden hour.” The “golden hour” for photographers is that time when the light adds mood and texture to photographs, early morning or late afternoon. Shooting in the field is from 6 am to 9 am or so.

The event begins and ends the Cibola Arts Council’s Double 66 Gallery in Grants and is open to everyone.

“I’ll have cinnamon rolls and coffee at 6 am,” Executive Director Robert Gallegos said, adding that there will be refreshment for the return to the gallery at 9 am, as well. Photographers will be able to download and copy their work to a flash drive and discuss photos at the gallery after the shoot. Old Route 66 throughout the area still has original art on some buildings; many buildings and signs from the hey-day of the “Mother Road” are still standing. The United States highway, known as “Route 66” contributed greatly to the Cibola County economy in its time, but is falling into memory in the 21st century.

“We can capture it so it becomes new again,” Gallegos said.

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Photographers should provide their own flash drives, but co-founder of the event, local photographer Joe Chavez, will provide assistance and computers Gallegos said.

Gallegos said the community photography event began to form when Chavez one day said, "Let's have a photo safari," and the gallery started developed the idea.

Gallegos said he doesn't know what to expect. He hopes this will be the first of a series of themed photo safaris.

"We will try to do four a year," he said.

Participants in the Saturday's event can provide ideas and comments for future themes and locations.

"There are no rules. Just get out and shoot," Gallegos said.

No reservations are needed, show up at the Gallery at 6 am with a camera or a mobile phone. No one will scoff at people using non-digital cameras, but they will not be able to download images. Beginners are welcome.

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