

ArtsCrawl brings the world to Gallup's doorstep

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When Rhonda Quintana talks about Gallup ArtsCrawl, you can tell it's her pride and joy. Talking to the *Gallup Sun* March 4, she said ArtsCrawl, brought about 3,000 people last year and it continues to grow.

She says a recently scheduled ArtsCrawl Brainstorm ran across a few obstacles when Second Street was closed. But never fear. Quintana says there is plenty of input on social media and she plans to meet with planners for the Coal Ave. Commons Project to plan for logistics involving events scheduled for the future.

One of those is on July 11th. *Welcome to Wonderland* is meant to give people in Gallup an experience of art, live music and performance art similar to what they might get at a Disney park. She described a Mad Hatter's Tea Party and an Alice in Wonderland Native American fashion show. She said she is trying to give people an experience they wouldn't have otherwise.

Her goals are to continue to grow Gallup ArtsCrawl and to get more vendors from inside and outside the local community. Quintana says people are expressing interest from communities in Farmington, Grants, Shiprock, Santa Fe, Phoenix, Ariz., Window Rock, Ariz. and Chinle, Ariz.

The next scheduled ArtsCrawl event is set for April 11.