

## **Deming Arts Council**

**Presents**

**Jose Andres Giron**

In October 2020, the Deming Arts Council is proud to present the artwork of Jose Andres Giron with an exhibit entitled “Vida y Muerte”. Giron has a rich Southwestern history having spent time as a child between Arizona and New Mexico. Just out of high school he joined the Army and spent time in Viet Nam where he received the Army Commendation Metal with “V” for heroism and the Purple Heart. After being wounded, drawing became instrumental in his healing process and he vowed he would make a commitment to becoming an artist if he survived the war. He studied art in California and Arizona and soon started showing in parks and community events. He met and was active for a time with civil rights leader Cesar Chavez – this time became an inspiration for his art. In 2009 he was involved with establishing Arizona’s first Latino Arts and Cultural Center in downtown Phoenix. He continues to play an active role there and mentors younger up and coming Latino and Native American artists. In 2015 he was honored by the Victoria Foundation as a recipient of the “Arizona Higher Education Award” for his contribution to the community in Art and culture. In New Mexico he was awarded “Outstanding Artist 2003” in Santa Fe’s Spanish Market and First Prize in 2006 at the Albuquerque Spanish Market. He has received other awards and citations too numerous to mention. He divides his time between his studios in Arizona and New Mexico to bring a greater understanding of Latino and Native American Art and Culture for all to enjoy. He draws inspiration from his roots- sun basked portraits of his people and their lives indigenous to the beauty and enchantment of the southwest lands.

The exhibit will run from October 2-29, 2020. The Deming Art Center is open Mon-Fri from 10AM – 3PM and on Saturday from 10AM – 12:30. For more information please call 575-546-3663, visit our website at [www.demingarts.org](http://www.demingarts.org) , or see us on Face Book.