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## 19th ANNUAL

### ARTFEAST SANTA FE

A year-round celebration of fine art, food, wine, fashion, and homes benefiting art programs for the youth of Santa Fe.

### Fall FUNdraiser,

October 24, 2015

### ARTfeast Gala Dinner

February 27, 2016

### ART of Home Tour

February 27-28, 2016

### Edible Art Tour

June 10-11, 2016

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## ARTsmart Announces Executive Director, Sharon Peterson

ARTsmart New Mexico is pleased to announce that current Operations Director Sharon Peterson has been named Executive Director following a unanimous board vote. According to Board President Connie Axton, "Sharon Peterson has been invaluable asset to ARTsmart and is exemplary in her dedication and commitment to our mission serving youth in Northern New Mexico."

Peterson brings to the position over a decade of experience with nonprofits including the McCune Charitable Foundation and over five years in the classroom teaching middle school. She first joined ARTsmart in 2009, rising in leadership from manger to Development Director prior to her role in operations.

Peterson has been a vital part of the Santa Fe community since moving here in 2007. She frequently volunteers her time to arts, cultural, and educational events. You may recognize her face from the Japanese Cultural Festival, International Folk Art Market, during one of our partnerships with SITE Santa Fe, at one of our public ARTsmart Student Exhibitions, or a fundraising event. She is a favorite of our board, staff, and students alike and we look forward to ARTsmart's next chapter under her direction.

