



New Year 2022

Welcome to the Fractal Capital of the World!

Historic Los Poblanos Winter Lecture Series

Modern Albuquerque: Mid-Century Home Tours



Happy New Year!! A great time to check out Fractal Murals...

The MetroABQ always amazes: sometime during the last many months, the locally grown [Fractal Foundation](#) installed some new murals at Monte Vista Elementary School, in Nob Hill. Their Fractal Challenge contest--where local school-age children learn code & create amazing ever-replicating computer-generated fractal designs--came to a close last year & some of the great fractal designs have been installed in a few select places around the city since then.



Where else but in the Metro do you get to experience stunning works of complex science & math-designed art, created by students learning to code & displayed publicly for all to appreciate? The [winning fractals can be found here...](#)

The grande dame Mediterranean Revival-style Monte Vista Elementary School is the geographic anchor to the MetroABQ's most recent Historic District, the Monte Vista & College View Historic District.

Nob Hill is fortunate to have the fabulous 90-year-old Monte Vista Elementary School to use as an extravagant canvas: three gigantic new fractal murals again grace the walls of the historic school, above. The third is below. The fractal murals certainly add the the grandness of the building.





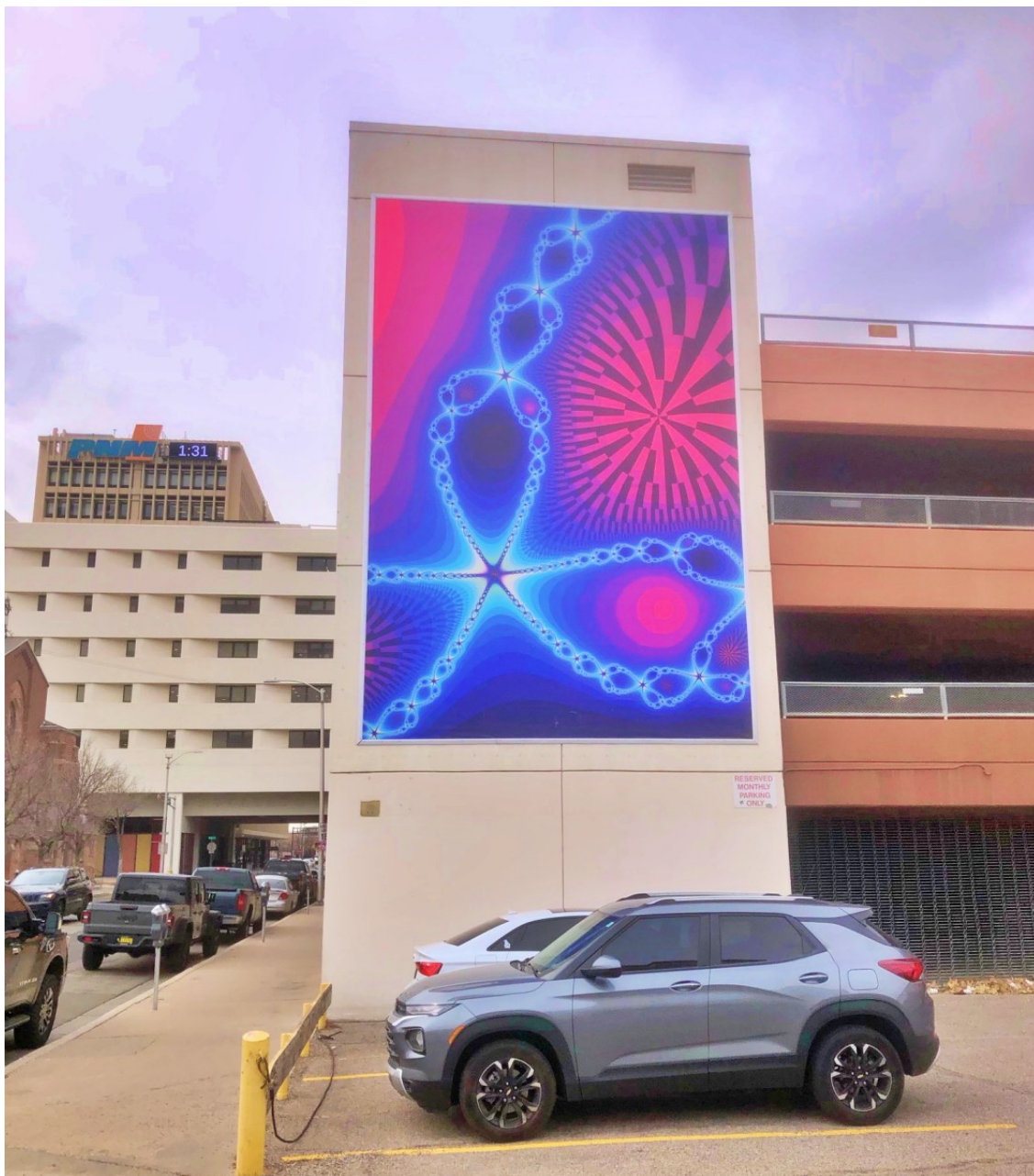


An easy mural to see is a Starburst Fractal on an outside wall at the [NM Museum of Natural History](#), seen two above.

The search for winning Fractal Challenge murals inevitably brings you to the Harwood Art Center, where there are two installations on the campus. You may regularly pass one of the fractals--previously seen in this newsletter--which [faces Mountain Road](#) & reminds me of the [Transcendental Painting Group](#), a show recently held at the Albuquerque Museum.

The other fractal mural at the Harwood can be found in a gated courtyard to the back of the main complex. As the Harwood is closed to the public though, visiting it is currently a challenge. Peering through the fence across the courtyard, you can still catch a glimpse of the fractal: bright blue against the almost 100-year-old red brick building background, directly above. You can catch most of the [image on the site](#).

Below is an interesting & playful fractal Downtown near Third St & Silver Ave, just west of the Silver Street Market. Here's a previously installed [mural in the same spot](#). Treat yourself & go see some of them. Many [current Fractal Mural images here...](#)



Who doesn't love fractals?

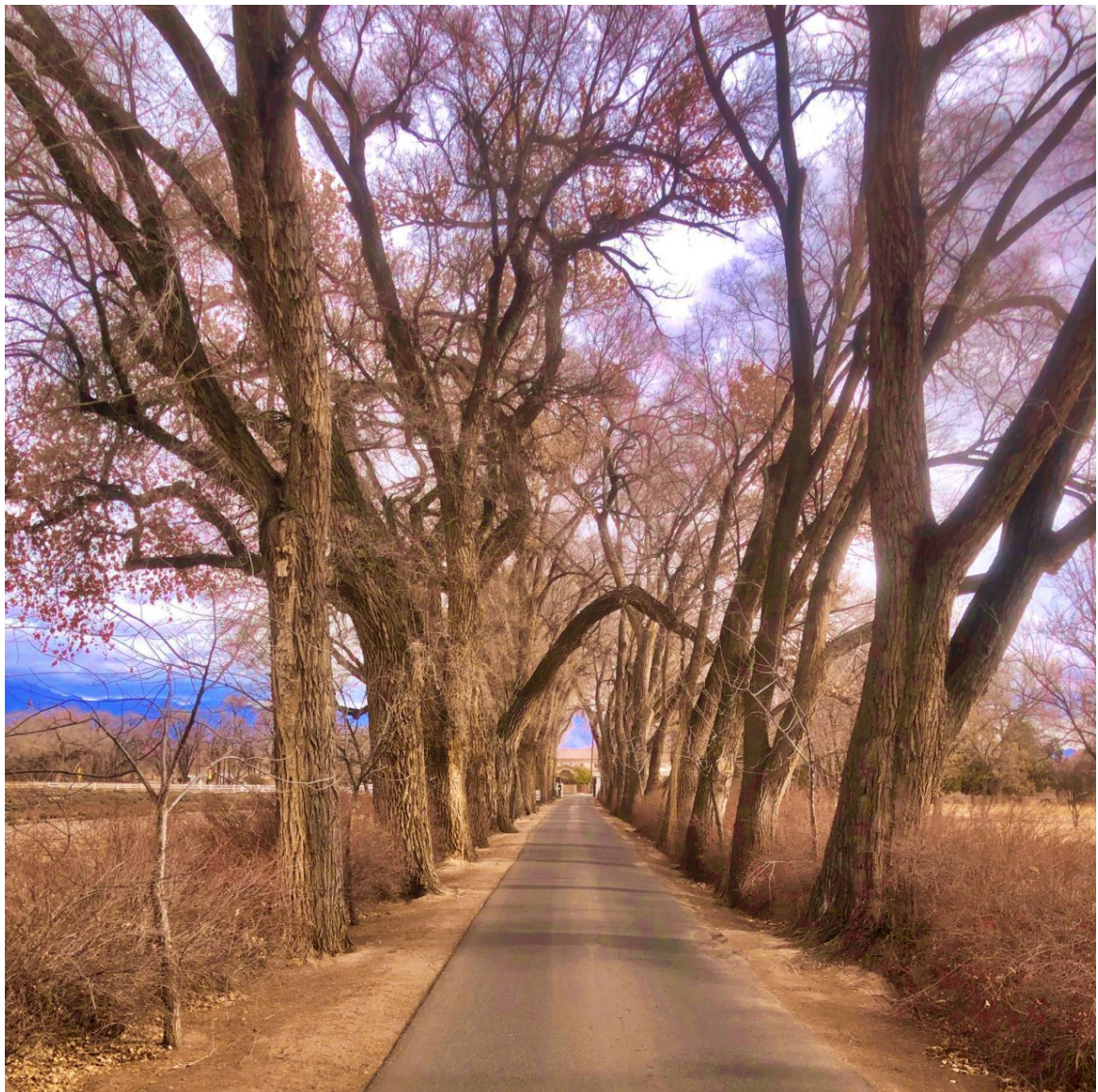
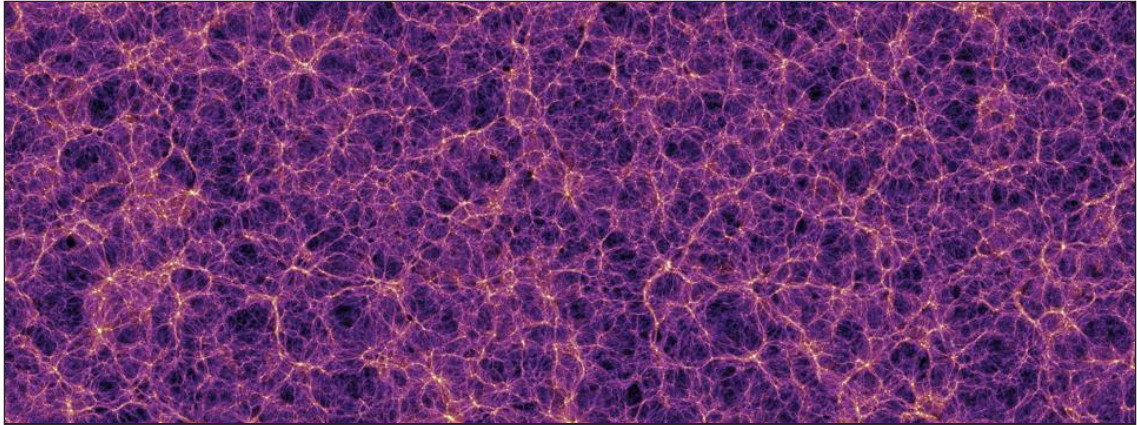
The mesmerizing geometric designs are organic & flashy & remind of imagined scenes from space. There's an exorbitant amount of scientific knowledge that goes into conceptualizing these fractal shapes & their relationship to the cosmos--just ask the 300 students who submitted entries for the Fractal Challenge...

"Is the universe actually a fractal?" is a recent article found at [Bigthink.com](https://bigthink.com).

It gets scientifically heavy pretty fast--dark matter, an accelerating universe & String Theory is a lot to grasp. The images though, are magnificent. Also, the concept that the universe is an ever-unfolding & never-ending pattern activates the mind. Considering educational events like the Fractal Challenge, it's assured that this generation of student scientists

will continue to figure it all out for the rest of us...

Below is a cool cropped fractal image of the cosmic web, from the article.



A 'To Do' List at Los Poblanos

Wandering around the Los Poblanos Historic Inn & Organic Farm is always a treat. Nestled in the North Valley's upscale Ranchos de Albuquerque community & sitting among century-old Cottonwood trees along the Rio Grande Bosque, [Los Poblanos](#) is a lush getaway located strategically in the middle of the Metro. The [Territorial Revival-style](#) of the La Quinta building is stunning & worth the trip alone. An [archived article](#) featuring [Los Poblanos is here](#).

Los Poblanos is introducing the Dr. Armin Rembe Lecture Series at architect Gaw Meem's signature La Quinta building, occurring monthly. Named in honor of Dr. Rembe, who passed away last spring, the talks reflect regional culture & local vegetation. Below is the current list, varied enough to appeal to many...

- *January: [Flamenco in Albuquerque, Presented with the Cervantes Institute.](#)
- *February: [NM's Winemaking History, with Certified Sommelier, Dylan Storment.](#)
- *March: [Home Lands: How Women Made the West, with UNM Professor Virginia Scharff.](#)
- *April: [An Evening with Northern NM band Lone Pinon.](#)
- *May: [Gardens of Los Poblanos, Past and Present, with Judith Phillips, Landscape Designer](#)

I've been following activist [Judith Phillips](#) for about 25 years & am excited she is giving a talk about the Gardens of Los Poblanos. She is one of the leading experts on what to plant & what not to plant in the Southwest. [Plants for a Natural Garden](#) is one of the best...

How a season changes everything...Even/especially in the stark winter months, the farm-along-the-bosque offers great view scenes. Above is the lane of Cottonwoods leading into Los Poblanos from Rio Grande Blvd; below is one of the lavender fields in winter, along with the same field last summer, during the height of the growing season. What a difference a season can make...



Want to see some fabulous homes without leaving yours? Check out [Modern Albuquerque](#), a non-profit project focused on the documentation, promotion, preservation, & education of the public about the presence of modernist architecture & art in the city of Albuquerque & State of New Mexico!

The group has assembled some Virtual Walking Tours for houses across the city, from Altura Park to Four Hills. [The youtube page with the videos is here.](#) The image above is from one of the home tours, found on the Modern Albuquerque site.

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