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SHOP ORIGINAL, SHOP HANDMADE, SHOP WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY!

Event – 16TH ANNUAL RIO GRANDE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL HOLIDAY SHOW

Dates – November 27th, 28th & 29th, 2015

Times – Friday 10a-5p, Saturday 10a-5p, Sunday 10a-4p

Location – EXPO New Mexico's Manuel Lujan Building: 300 San Pedro NE Albuquerque NM 87108

Admission - \$7.00, kids are free, \$9.00 Festival Pass (3 day pass)

Contact – To set up an interview, contact director Ruth Gore at 505-480-7457, or Liz Gore at 505-550-2471

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – The Rio Grande Arts and Crafts Festival Holiday Show brings a top-notch, one-of-a-kind shopping experience to Albuquerque over Thanksgiving Weekend. Festival goers won't find big box, mass produced items anywhere in this festival, but instead original work by a juried lineup of 185 fine craftsmen and artisans from 20 different states.

The event features a wide array of handmade items for sale directly from the artists, making the discovery of the perfect gift a memorable and fun experience. Kicking off on Black Friday, large crowds of local shoppers are expected to attend the 16th Annual Holiday Show as an alternative to mainstream shopping. Last year, on the morning of Black Friday, there was a line down the block! Attendees can find unique leatherwork, woodwork, glass art, ornaments and more, as well as fine art, furniture, and items for the home! Rio Grande carefully selects the artist lineup to ensure a range of high-quality options with a broad option of price points!

There's more! The Holiday Show also offers festive live entertainment, specialty food sampling in 'Culinary Row', the 'Kid's Creation Station', a face painting elf and even free photo opportunities with Santa! Throughout the weekend, attendees will enjoy a family-friendly atmosphere that leaves everyone in the spirit of the season, and hopefully with lots of gift buying underway!

***We invite you to cover the Rio Grande Holiday Show...
It's a Thanksgiving Weekend Tradition for the city of Albuquerque!***