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Border issues and the United States' relationship with Mexico are explored in the mixed-media exhibit "Redefining Walls."

The exhibit will open with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday and run through Jan. 5 in the UTEP Union Gallery.

The show will include paintings, sculpture, film, video and printmaking by local artists Kelly Eoff, Dave Ford, Jason Lucero, Zeque Penya and Keith Allyn Spencer, who also blogs about art for the El Paso Times.

It is the culmination of a yearlong process led by Kate Bonansinga, lecturer and visual arts director for UTEP's Rubin Center.

Information: 747-5481.

Promote yourself: Jeweler and gallery owner Susan Eisen will be part of a workshop designed to help local arts groups improve their visibility.

"How to Better Promote Yourself and Your Organization" will be presented twice -- 8 a.m. to noon and 5:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday -- at the El Paso Museum of Art, 1 Arts Festival Plaza.

It's being organized by the city of El Paso and is intended to help artists and groups make better use of the media and give them a better idea of what businesses expect of them.

Also on the panel are Dawn Thurmond, cultural programs specialist of the city's Museums and Cultural Affairs Department; Victor Guerrero, the city's marketing and cultural tourism coordinator; and Socorro Q. Diamondstein, the city's cultural funding coordinator.

Eisen owns Susan Eisen Fine Jewelry, Watches and Gallery.

Information: 541-4481.

Chamizal films: The movies "The Border," "My Family" and "Zoot Suit" are part of a new, free film festival coming to the Chamizal National Memorial next month. The "First Friday Film Festival" will offer six movies that examine life in El Paso and on the border, as well as "the Chicano experience."

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It will open Dec. 5 with the 1939 movie "Juárez," about Mexican President Benito Juárez, with Paul Muni, Bette Davis and El Paso native Gilbert Roland.

Also on tap:

Jan. 2, "The Border" (1982), shot in El Paso with Jack Nicholson and Harvey Keitel as Border Patrol agents.

Feb. 6, "Born in East LA" (1987), comedy starring Cheech Marin and Paul Rodriguez.

April 3, "My Family" (1995), life in a Mexican-American family with Jimmy Smits and Edward James Olmos.

May 1, "Rio Bravo" (1950), the Western classic with John Wayne and Dean Martin.

June 5, "Zoot Suit" (1981), the film version of Daniel Valdez's stage hit, co-starring Edward James Olmos.

There's no March film.

All movies will show at 7 p.m. in the theater.

Information: 532-7273.

Pecha Kucha II: Designers, artists and "creative types" who want to show their work in a relaxed setting are being sought for the second Pecha Kucha Night El Paso on Dec. 11 at Vanilla nightclub, 115 S. Durango

It's limited to about 20 participants, who'll get nearly seven minutes to show up to 20 slides and explain what they're working on.

The deadline for entries is Dec. 4.

The first Pecha Kucha, based on an idea launched in Japan, took place in July and went well, local coordinator William C. Helm said.

"Last time we only did 14 (artists), and it was a full night," he said.

Information: www.pechakucha-ep.com.

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