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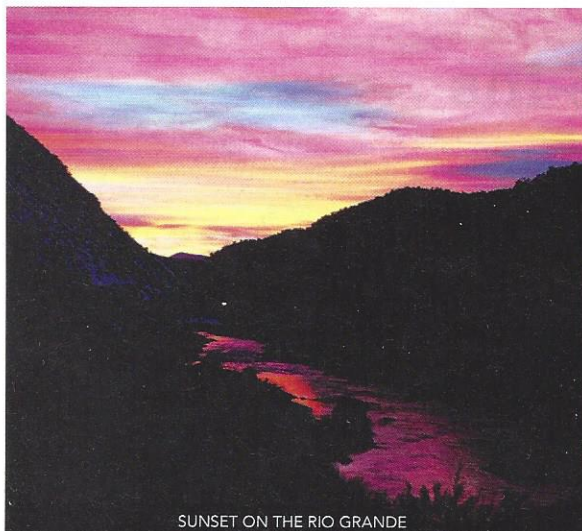
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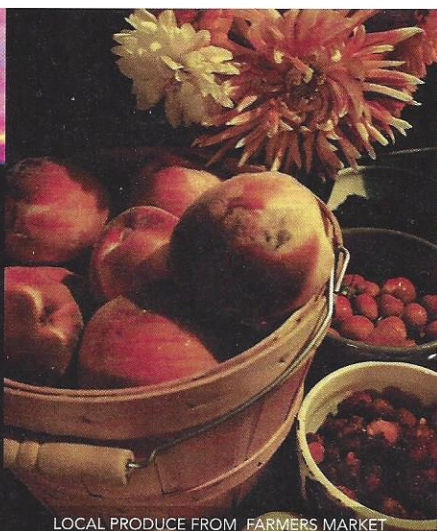
## Have Dog, Will Travel

Pack up the pooch  
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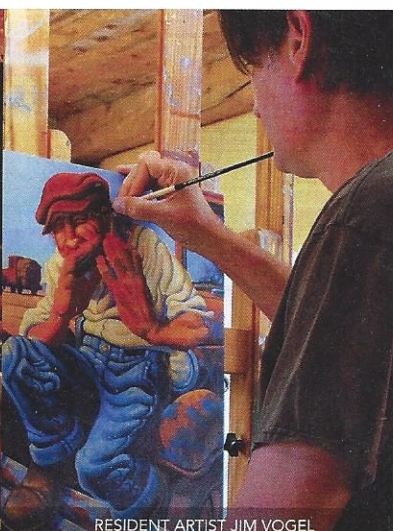
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SUNSET ON THE RIO GRANDE



LOCAL PRODUCE FROM FARMERS MARKET



RESIDENT ARTIST JIM VOGEL

[ DAY TRIP ]

# Dixon

Although the annual Dixon Studio Tour—held November 7–8 this year—takes the gold for a perfect day in the fertile Embudo Valley, about 26 miles southwest of Taos, explorers at heart may want to stay over in this vibrant community. As famous for orchards and organic farms as it is for its resident artists, Dixon boasts galleries, vineyards, two wineries with tasting rooms, local produce, and a half-dozen friendly bed-and-breakfasts. —Anne Z. Cooke



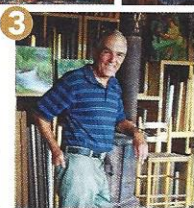
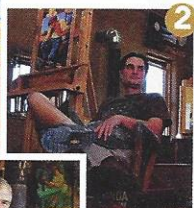
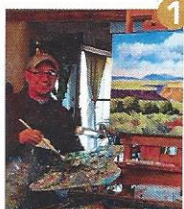
Since street signs are few in this rural village, it's a good idea to stop at the Dixon Co-operative Market for a map and one-of-a-kind gifts. **The Co-op**, a nonprofit service organization founded to benefit the community, sells locally grown produce, meats, and handcrafted items. Manned by volunteers, the market will be your lodestone. 215 State Highway 75.

(505) 579-9625;  
dixonmarket.com.

"Farm Fridays" at **El Bosque Garlic Farm** puts just-picked garlic and other vegetables destined for the Santa Fe Farmers Market on sale the afternoon before. Buy enough organic garlic to treat all your friends, and stay long enough to meet owner Stanley Crawford, who spends his time writing when he isn't working on the farm. 88 County Road 64 (a dirt road off State Road 75). (505) 579-4288; stanleycrawford.net.

**The Rift Gallery**, the only gallery open Wednesday–Sunday (Monday and Tuesday by appointment only), showcases award-winning pottery by ceramist Betsy Williams and stone carvings by Mark Saxe, her husband. Five other regional artists' works are also represented. 2249 State Highway 68, Rinconada. (505) 579-9179; riftgallery.com.

Stop for a cup of joe at **Zuly's Café**, Dixon's only eatery, which is known for its locally grown ingredients. A favorite of residents and visitors, the green chile cheeseburger (pictured) is unrivaled. Or opt for the chicken dishes prepared with farm-raised fowl. Open for breakfast and lunch. 234 State Highway 75. (505) 579-4001.



## 3 ARTISTS TO WATCH

**1 Clarence Medina's** plein air oil paintings have been capturing the feel of the Embudo Valley since the artist, now in his mid-40s, was a boy. By appointment. (505) 579-4645; worrellgallery.com.

**2 Jim Vogel's** realistic and sometimes comic vision of characters and scenes has earned his oil paintings a place of pride in Southwest collections. By appointment. (505) 954-9902; blueraingallery.com.

**3 Eli Levin's** etchings, often of gritty subjects best told in black-and-white, rely on art to speak the truth. By appointment. (505) 579-4163.

