

## Governors Gallery News

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## Canvassing the Neighborhood *New Mexico Artists' Views of Neighborhood Life*

**Santa Fe**—Paintings, drawings and photographs presenting multiple views of neighborhood life by New Mexico artists will be on display in Santa Fe at the Governor's Gallery in the New Mexico State Capitol. *Canvassing the Neighborhood*—on view from April 3 to June 14, 2009—highlights works by Teal McKibben, Tim Prythero, Carlotta Boettcher, and Alex Harris with works that range from the surreal to the abstract.

The exhibition opens on Friday, April 3, 2009, with a reception between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., hosted by the Women's Board of the Museum of New Mexico. Gallery hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, admission is free.

Many Santa Feans knew Teal McKibben as part of the Canyon Road community of artists and shopkeepers. But few of her customers knew her as an artist. McKibben specialized in the region's indigenous arts that also filled her apartment behind the store. This private, solitary artist wove figurative textiles and drew large pastels of her collections. However, McKibben rarely revealed her spellbinding works to outsiders.

Tim Prythero constructs his own neighborhoods of diners, trailers, taco wagons, service stations, and auto parts stores. This hyper-real sculptor revels in the patina of well worn objects from a fleeting past, and skillfully recreates the illusion of those surfaces.

Carlotta Boettcher salvages automobile hoods and transforms them into metal "canvases" for her paintings. These works present an eclectic mix of imagery that ranges from memories of Cuba to geometric abstraction.

And from another perspective, Alex Harris offers an over-the-hood view of life in Northern New Mexico. Many of his color photographs present New Mexico as it is often seen – through the windshield of a car or truck.

*Canvassing the Neighborhood* confirms that unexpected works of art always turn up in the neighborhoods of New Mexico.

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*The Governor's Gallery is an outreach facility of the New Mexico Museum of Art and the Department of Cultural Affairs. Clara Apodaca, former First Lady of New Mexico (1975-1978), founded the gallery in 1975. The Governor's Gallery presents an average of six exhibitions per year, including the annual Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts. The exhibits are selected by the gallery curator in coordination with the New Mexico Museum Ars and the Office of the First Lady.*

**Information for the Public:**

The Governor's Gallery is located on the 4th floor of the State Capitol at the corner of Old Santa Fe Trail and Paseo de Peralta in Santa Fe, NM. For more information call 505-476-5072 or visit [www.nmartmuseum.org](http://www.nmartmuseum.org)

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

Admission: Free.