

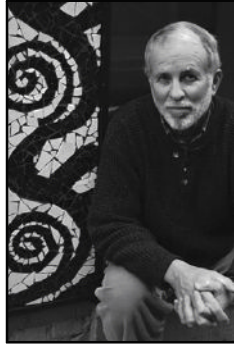
# Mountainair's Cibola Arts Gallery

Potter Tomas Wolff retrospective in November

Mountainair's Cibola Arts Gallery will host a retrospective art show of raku and sawdust-fired pottery by Tom Wolff beginning Saturday, Nov. 1, with an opening reception from 2 - 5 pm. The show will run for the entire month of November.

Wolff makes mainly coiled pottery based on traditional ancient pottery from around the world. He began making pottery this way some 25 years ago while living in eastern Pennsylvania.

His childhood in Haiti, Argentina and New Mexico influenced his desire to work with clay in a rudimentary way. I found even using a potter's wheel too restrictive, says Wolff. I wanted to work the clay without any mechanical interference. I guess I am the ultimate techno-avoidance person! I like the way I am completely at the mercy of the clay and my own abilities. It creates a more intimate relationship with the earthy mate-



Tomas Wolff

rial, he says. I love the organic sensual shapes of vegetables, fruits and flowers, and in my pottery making, I attempt to emulate them. According to Wolff, Some art theorists

believe there is a perfect ratio that defines how those opposing (or complementary) lines make a beautiful pot. But the ancient pottery makers found the perfect shape by experience and primitive instinct. It is that primitive instinct that I am exploring, that state of intuitive space where natural beauty is realized.

Tom Wolff has constructed vessels of all sizes and shapes, from three-inch closed forms to three-foot tall vases using both raku and sawdust-fired decorative effects.

Over the years, he has won numerous state and local grants and art show awards for his work. In 2005 he won the Artist of the Year award from the Arts Community of Easton, Pennsylvania. Since 2006, he and his wife have lived in New Mexico, and now reside in Mountainair.

For further information call the Cibola Arts Gallery at (505) 847-0324.

## October Show: The creative endeavors of Art Etc.

Mountainair's Art Etc. The show opening Saturday, Oct. 4 at Cibola Arts Gallery here is a celebration of the fruits of planting a seed.

The featured artist for this show is really a group of artists that call themselves Art Etc. This is a group of artists that meet weekly to paint together, to experiment and learn. The group started two years ago with a beginning oil painting class offered by Shirley Simmons, a local painter. The class was open to all interested and artists as well

as novices came together to study the medium and experiment with oil techniques.

That was two years ago, and the group has continued to grow and expand. The emphasis now is on encouraging the creativity in each other and everyone, says Simmons. The group is still open to anyone interested in meeting weekly and painting.

The group now explores different techniques and mediums, with professional artists in the group

and guest workshops, and from each other. The show at Cibola Arts Gallery in October will show a wide scope of color, technique and creativity due to the nature of the group.

A reception will be held at the Cibola Arts Gallery from 2-4 pm on Saturday, Oct. 4. Come and meet the members of Art Etc and enjoy their eclectic art. The show will hang until October 31.

For more information, call the gallery, 505-847-0324.

## New and old businesses accentuate Mountainair's charm, history and culture

By: Karen Smith  
SO Mountainair rep

Don't let Mountainair's one flashing stoplight fool you. There's plenty to enjoy around town. Take the time to explore a bit and you'll find some interesting shops and staples to leave even the discerning visitor satisfied.

This autumn welcomes the 20th anniversary of Uncle Walter's and one-year anniversary of Alpine Alley. These are just two of the businesses that add to the quaint and unique attraction of Mountainair.

Uncle Walter's Thrift Store, owned by Kenneth and Dolores Aguilar, celebrates its 20th anniversary this month. The store is named after Ken's uncle, a man who also owned a variety store and taught Ken important lessons about telling right from wrong. As a youngster, Ken spent many hours with Uncle Walter. He learned from him how to run a good, honest business. The store carries a variety of items, from tools, house wares and office supplies to gifts and toys. Adjacent to the retail side

of the store is a resale area which offers deals on furniture, accessories, and collectibles. Currently, a large selection of reasonably priced shelving units fills the west wall. Uncle Walter's provides locals the convenience of nearby shopping, and always delivers service with smile. If you can't find what you need, just ask. You'll often be happily surprised to have Uncle Walter's staff find exactly what you're looking for. Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Closed Sundays. Phone: (505)847-2995

For many years, Mary Ivey has envisioned running a gathering place that would encourage conversation in a homey setting. With this idea in mind she created what she calls a meeting place with coffee as the connection. November will be the Alpine Alley's one-year anniversary giving Mary confirmation that her dream has become reality. Alpine Alley has wall and shelf space for showcasing a variety of artists' work, and graciously hosts impromptu musical guests. Serving breakfast and lunch, with

a variety of specials and fresh baked goodies daily, Alpine Alley keeps customers coming back for more. Locals can gather for a meal and casual conversation. Visitors to Mountainair are welcomed and often persuaded to join in on the conversation. Workers from the new Wind Farm Project can enjoy the chance to taste homemade soups and stews they might miss while out in the field. It only took a few months for the word to spread and for Alpine Alley to be filled with customers. Mary's husband Scott closed his alignment shop in town to team up with her at the Coffeehouse and has never looked back. Stop in for their comfortable decor hearty sandwiches, and a variety of coffee & tea delights. Or contact them to cater your next party. Hours: Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Closed Sundays. Phone: (505)847-2478

## Grants's Cibola Arts Group hosts quilt, lilliputian shows at Double 6 Gallery

Grants's Full sized quilts and lilliputian art will be featured at Double 6 Gallery in November and December. And, large or small, there will be lots to see at the Cibola Arts Council's gallery and museum, 1001 Santa Fe Ave this fall.

The huge Ceramics Show continues through October.

In November in what is becoming a tradition, the Mt. Taylor Guild will exhibit quilts at the gallery, exhibiting their handiwork from the year. The group quilts lap robes for Veterans and quilts for children's home, donating their time and talents.

The group this year is especially pleased to welcome new member Dolly Boelter who will be showcasing her Carol Doak design quilt.

Sign up for the raffle for your chance to receive a full-sized quilt.

In an accompanying exhibit, Cibola Arts members will display their tiny works of art during the Lilliputian Show. Also, new works by members in every size, theme and medium will be exhibited.

The gallery also houses a small museum of area history. Since purchasing the building just a couple years ago, the group has made major renovations and added a sculpture garden outside which displays works of artists from Silver City as well as local art activist Robert Gallegos.

For more information, call 505-287-7311



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