

Millicent Rogers Museum Hosts *7th Annual Taos Pueblo Artists Winter Showcase*, March 8-10

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As part of the Millicent Rogers Museum's ongoing commitment to Taos Pueblo, the museum is hosting its *7th Annual Taos Pueblo Artists Winter Showcase* on March 8th from 5:30-7:30, March 9th from 10-5, and March 10th from 10-4. Unique and original artworks will be available for purchase directly from the artists, and visitors can still enjoy the museum's permanent galleries during this event.

7th Annual Taos Pueblo Artists Winter Showcase—Kathleen Michaels, Office Manager at the Millicent Rogers Museum, as well as Ilona Spruce of Taos Pueblo Tourism, founded this annual event as a way to support and promote artists from Taos Pueblo during their annual ceremonial closure. The Millicent Rogers Museum has a long-standing relationship with Taos Pueblo on account of the museum's namesake. Millicent Rogers was a major collector of locally-made art and an advocate for Native American rights. Many of the works from her private collection were donated to the museum after her death by her son, Paul Peralta-Ramos, the institution's founder.

Upon the museum's founding in 1956, Peralta-Ramos established the museum's longstanding partnership with Taos Pueblo by reserving an honorary seat on the board of trustees for the governor of the Pueblo. The late Tony Reyna served on the board during his tenure as governor in the 1980s. The museum is also closed to the public every year on September 30th in honor of Taos Pueblo's San Geronimo Feast Day celebration. Thanks to a sponsorship from the Taos Mountain Casino, there are no fees for artists participating in the *Taos Pueblo Artists Winter Showcase*—the Millicent Rogers Museum does not charge the artists a booth fee or require a percentage of any artwork sales.

In the spirit of Millicent Rogers' passion for supporting local art, the museum is honored to partner with Taos Pueblo Tourism to once again create this unique event. This event will feature a variety of art forms including fashion, jewelry, pottery, photography, sculpture, paintings, beadwork, and more. The showcase is fast becoming a local favorite and also one that the artisans of

Taos Pueblo enjoy. Kathleen Michaels says that the success of this event has inspired other museums in Taos to open their doors to Taos Pueblo artists in a similar fashion and she is delighted that the museum remains a trendsetter and leader like Millicent Rogers herself.

Due to limitations in space at the museum, only a select number of artists have been invited to participate. The full list of artists will be released at a later date.

The showcase is organized in collaboration with Taos Pueblo Tourism, sponsored by Taos Mountain Casino, and offered as a courtesy to Taos Pueblo artists. There is no admission charge for the opening reception on Friday, March 10th from 5:30-7:30. The Millicent Rogers Museum is open from 10-5 (MST) Tuesday through Sunday from November to March, and are open every day from April to October. Visit www.millicentrogers.com or call (575) 758-2462 for more information about the museum, holiday closures, and the Taos Pueblo Artists Winter Showcase.