

CREATIVE EDGE

VISUAL ARTS HIGHLIGHTS

Rane and Mayor

"Unseen and New Works" is the theme of a two-man exhibit at RANE Gallery. The late Bill Rane and Thom Mayor, Taos contemporaries in spirit and paint, have been part of the Taos art scene since the early 1970s. Their work is similar in that both artists focus on line and color and undulating motion. However, while Rane chose to keep the human figure in most of his work, Mayor chose a more abstract path, allowing for the suggestion of form and formlessness to define his "action" paintings. An opening reception for the Rane/Mayor exhibit will be Saturday (Sept. 29), 5-7 p.m., at the RANE Gallery, 214 Ledoux St. Music will feature Randy Rane. The show runs through October. Call (505) 758-0000.

Figures on flowers

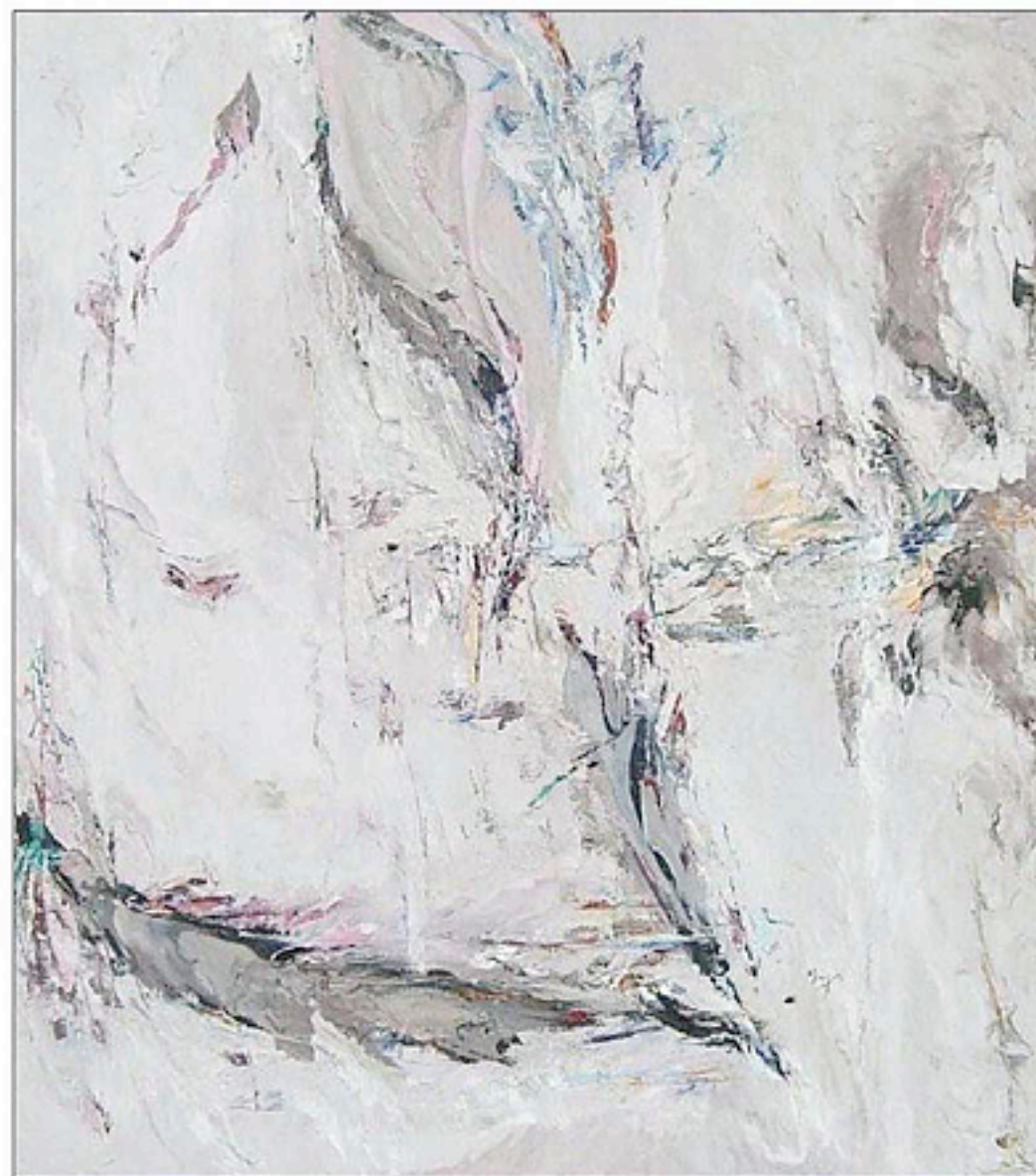
New monoprints and oil paintings by Sally Russell are featured in a show that opens with a reception Friday (Sept. 28), 5-8 p.m., at Cañon Road Gallery, 300 Kit Carson Road. Russell's work depicts her trademark poppies, amaryllis, and cannas lilies, newly combined with "haunting suggestions of figures." The artist said the addition of figures "represents woman's sufferings and joy, that dance between the two. The cross that appears in the monoprints draws me because of its resonance. For me, it is the cross roads, the choices we make, which can take us into new, more imaginative places." Call (505) 751-7510 or e-mail sr@canonroadgallery.com

State Fair winner

Taos artist Dale E. Mills won honors for the third year in a row at the 2007 State Fair Professional Art Exhibition. This year Mills won first prize for his glass art piece titled "Dragon Play."

Angel Fire art

The Angel Fire ArtSpace is having its September reception today (Sept. 27) at 5:30 p.m. This is a change from its usual Fridays. Featured artists are jeweler Pamela Kirk and painter Laurie Hill-Phelps. While you're there, check out Katherine McDermott's DVD, "How to Paint a Poppy that POPS!" The Angel Fire ArtSpace is at the Cove Arts Center. Call (505) 377-6273.



"Bird Talk" by Thom Mayor, showing at RANE Gallery.

Courtesy photo

Cards by Graves

Valerie Graves will be signing several new 2007 prints and introducing her new line of boxed sets of greeting cards, including several 2007 Christmas cards with old Taos images. Stop by the Carson House Shop, located on 117 Kit Carson Road, Saturday (Sept. 29) from 5-7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Call (505) 758-0113.

Tammy Garcia scores three

The Museum of Indian Arts and Culture in Santa Fe has purchased a limited edition glass sculpture by renowned Blue Rain Gallery artist Tammy Garcia. The sculpture, titled "Out of Sight," will be part of the museum's permanent collection. The piece, mounted on a black

granite base at over seven feet tall, will be placed in the museum's lobby just inside the front entrance. Garcia also sold a bronze sculpture, titled "Element 3," to the Houston Museum of Natural Science for inclusion in their John P. McGovern Hall of the Americas permanent exhibit. The Hall of the Americas exhibit celebrates the diversity and accomplishments of the indigenous peoples of the Americas. Garcia's work is also part of Blue Rain Gallery's exhibiting at the 14th annual Exposition of Sculpture Objects and Functional Art (SOFA) in Chicago, which runs from Nov. 2-4. In addition to Garcia, Blue Rain artists Tony Abeyta, Preston Singletary, Richard Zane Smith, and Les Namingha will be showing at SOFA.

Four artists, one show

As part of Fall Arts, the Terrie Bennett Gallerie is highlighting the works of sculptor Terrie Bennett, and painters Leigh Gusterson, Issa De Nicola, and Mary Ann Warner. A reception to which the public is invited is planned Saturday (Sept. 29), from 5-7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided, as well as music by guitarist Mike Hogan. The gallery is at 103 Paseo del Pueblo Norte. Call (505) 758-3911.

Black and white

The simplicity of black and white can bring to life details both subtle and bold, as Taos artist