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***New Mexico Artist and Patron Edwina Milner
Selected for Two Upcoming Exhibitions***

Where: Collected Works Bookstore: 202 Galisteo St., Santa Fe, NM 87501

(For info on Collected Works Bookstore visit www.cwbookstore.com)

When: May 1 – May 31, 2017

Opening Reception for the Artist Saturday, May 13, 4-6 pm – the public is invited

Where: Design Studio / April Price Projects Gallery: 201 Third St. NW, Ste. G, Albuquerque, NM 87102

(Located in the Hyatt Regency Downtown – for exhibit info contact April Price: 505-573-0895 –

<http://aprilpriceprojectsgallery.blogspot.com> – other artists exhibiting simultaneously include: Marietta Leis and Mayumi Nishida & Jon Carver)

When: June 17 – August 31, 2017

Opening Reception for the Artists Saturday, June 17, 5-8 pm – the public is invited

Edwina Milner recently celebrated her 86th birthday, but age and wet macular degeneration in both eyes have not slowed her down. In fact, Edwina's studio practice has intensified with her switch from creating large abstract acrylic paintings to more compact mixed-media collage works. What has not changed is Edwina's joyful use of color, her refined sense of composition, and embedded references to her life in art.

Advocacy has always been a part of Edwina's life – especially when it comes to inclusion and recognition of women artists. As Edwina noted, "Early in my career I became aware that women artists were poorly represented in galleries so I became active in organizations to get women the recognition they deserved." This included serving on the Advisory Board of the National Museum of Women in the Arts (NMWA) in Washington, D.C., and the Texas Committee of NMWA, and organizing the New Mexico Committee of NMWA. During her 11-year tenure on the NM Committee Edwina played a pivotal role in charting the Committee's course and organized 5 statewide juried shows for living New Mexico women artists and served as President for four years – efforts that necessitated her putting her own art practice on hold to avoid any conflicts of interest.

Edwina has served as Director of the Board of Regents of the Museum of New Mexico and was honored with the Governor's Award for Excellence and Achievement in the Arts. Over the years, she and husband Charles have been outstanding supporters of numerous charitable and non-profit organizations, and are well-known as the lead donors for Milner Plaza on Museum Hill in Santa Fe. After many years of dedicated volunteer service, Edwina has narrowed her focus to her work as a board member of the New Mexico School for the Arts and the Milner's sponsorship of a program at Western New Mexico University in Silver City that brings New Mexico women artists to the campus for lectures and demonstrations.

More at: www.edwinamilner.com