

Art in Public Places La Farge Library

1730 Llano St, Santa Fe, NM 87505
A project of the City of Santa Fe
Arts and Culture Department

New Mexico Quilt Janet Maher, 1989

Red clay tiles, underglaze, acrylic paint and sealer

New Mexico Quilt tells the story of multi-cultural New Mexico with over 240 handmade tiles of nature, traditions and history pieced together into a tile quilt. There are images of musical instruments, tools, linear handicrafts (embroidery, basketry, filigree and crochet), fetishes and wooden carvings, petroglyphs and iconic images, milagros, flora and shells, fauna and fossils, space, science, math, aeronautics, Chaco Canyon, ranching and farming.

In early 2022, conservator Shawn Turung of Milagro Fine Art Services painstakingly did conservation work cleaning, stabilizing and resurfacing the artwork to bringing it back to vibrancy for years of enjoyment.



About the Artist

Janet Maher has been a prolific exhibiting artist for more than four decades. Her prints, drawings, artist books, collages, assemblages, digital images and works in clay are in many public and private collections. She is a Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts from Loyola University Maryland, a member of the Artists' Cooperative Gallery of Westerly in Rhode Island, a Signature Member of the National Collage Society, and a member of the South County Art Association, Jamestown Arts Center, Warwick Center for the Arts and College Book Art Association. To learn more: <https://www.janetmaher.com>

In 1985 and amended in 2006, the City Council adopted the Art in Public Places ordinance which allocates two percent of City capital projects to public art. The policy allows for integrated permanent public. The Arts and Culture Department is responsible for the administration of Art in Public Places policy. The City's Public Art Portfolio belongs to everyone. If you notice an artwork is damaged, lost or in need of care, please notify the Arts and Culture Department at (505) 955-6707 or artscommission@santafenm.gov. For more information, please visit www.santafenm.gov/arts_and_culture_department

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