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PRESS RELEASE

Galeria ARTopia Presents
PRIMARILY PAPER:
Works of Handmade Paper by Judy Hatfield
Works on Paper by Galeria Artists

Opening Reception: Friday, March 5, 2004, 5-9pm
Show Continues Through: Saturday, May 1, 2004
Hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 11-4, and by appointment

For Immediate Release

Albuquerque, NM – Monday, February 16, 2004 - Galeria ARTopia today announced its next show, "Primarily Paper," will open on Friday, March 5, 2004, with a reception from 5 to 9 p.m. The show will continue through Saturday, May 1, 2004.

"Primarily Paper" will focus on "paper as a vehicle for expression and as the expressive medium itself," says gallery founder and director, Allan Rosenfield.

The show will feature the handmade paper creations of Albuquerque artist, teacher and storyteller Judy Hatfield, as well as works on paper by other Galeria ARTopia artists.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment. The gallery is located at 5100 Constitution Ave. NE in Albuquerque, NM. More information about the show and the gallery can be found on the Galeria ARTopia web site at <http://www.artopia-gallery.com> or by calling the gallery at (505) 254-0504.

About Artist Judy Hatfield

Judy Hatfield says her interest in papermaking goes back to "the age of five when I started collecting paper dolls." Many years later a friend who had taken a papermaking class introduced Judy to the art, "first with a blender and an iron, later with a handmade Hollander and a 20,000 ton paper press."

"Making paper," says Hatfield, "is a rigidly structured process with certain inviolable rules. However, you can also make paper by throwing handfuls of pulp on the floor."

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Hatfield is largely self-taught, but credits workshops taught by the Museum of New Mexico Print Shop through the University of New Mexico Continuing Education Program for some of her skills and inspiration.

Born in Missouri and educated at the University of New Mexico, Judy is a professional librarian who has worked with the Albuquerque Public Library and the Albuquerque Public Schools. She has also taught at the Albuquerque Academy.

Judy Hatfield is also one of New Mexico's premier storytellers. She has performed on Albuquerque's KUNM (89.9 FM) radio and at museums, schools, and public libraries throughout the state. Her extensive repertoire includes folktales from cultures the world over.

About Galeria ARTopia

The gallery began in 1995 as a publisher and distributor of fine graphic and digital images, representing the works of several artists.

Since April 2003, Galeria ARTopia has operated a unique home-based gallery in Albuquerque, NM, that has presented the works of emerging and mid-career artists "whose works have been overlooked by the mainstream art establishment," according to gallery director Allan Rosenfield.

Galeria ARTopia also offers graphic and decorative art consulting services for individuals and businesses, with special attention given to the first-time art collector.

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