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Mission

The Capitol Art Foundation was established by the New Mexico Legislature in 1991 to oversee policy for the collection. The mission of the Capitol Art Foundation is to collect, preserve, exhibit, interpret, and promote appreciation of works of art that reflect the rich and diverse history, cultures, and art forms of the people of New Mexico. The members of the Foundation Board are volunteers and are chosen for their expertise and experience in the arts and history of New Mexico. They meet six times a year and come from all over the state.

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Capitol Art Collection



Waterbearers by Glenna Goodacre located on the Capitol grounds

*In the "State of the Arts"
you'd expect nothing less
than a first-class collection in
the State Capitol building.*



Our Capitol

Think of a State Capitol with its buildings and grounds, and you might think of manicured lawns, benches, a dome, and conventional statuary honoring heroes on horseback. Visit the New Mexico State Capitol at the corner of Paseo de Peralta and Old Santa Fe Trail in the capital city of Santa Fe, and your ideas will change.

The first thing you will notice is that the main building is round, imitating the shape of the Zia Indian Sun Symbol. The second thing is that the landscaping around the "Roundhouse" is high-desert-lush and lyrical, seeking to welcome rather than to impress. And, there is not a conventional monument in sight. The visitor is greeted instead by a variety of sculptures, some on loan and some a permanent part of the Capitol Art Collection.

One can find no better survey of contemporary New Mexico art than the Capitol Art Collection, which contains almost 500 works permanently on view.



*Left: Chair with Egyptian Colors by Janusz Kozikowski
Above: Crystal Woman II by Emmi Whitehorse
Below: Man's Best Friend by John Nieto
Right: Buffalo (all found objects) by Holly Hughes*



Our Collection

Every segment of the state's multicultural society is well represented under the Capitol rotunda and in its many hallways. Traditional arts are balanced by experimental work, and in between the two extremes is the entire gamut of creative endeavor. Even the most long-term resident, thoroughly steeped in local art and custom, will be gratified by the scope and balance of the collection.

The Capitol Art Collection originated during the remodeling of the building in 1989-1991, when an initial 1% of the budget was designated for art. Initially the funds were set aside and allocated for two- and three-dimensional works of art. Those purchases formed the core of the collection.

Ours to Enjoy



Capitol, third floor, Chris Sandoval furniture and Kozikowski weaving

The legislative council approved a portion of the furniture budget to purchase New Mexico hand-crafted furniture, commissioned from local furniture makers. These exquisite pieces, incorporating traditional form and contemporary style, are an important part of the art collection. Over the years other acquisitions have been made possible by the generosity of patrons and artists.

The Capitol building is open Monday through Friday 8:00am - 5:30pm, and Saturdays after Memorial Day and before Labor Day. Tours of the building are given at 10:00am and 2:00pm ONLY during the summer hours and can be arranged by calling 505-986-4589 or by emailing capitolarts@nmlegis.gov.