

# Art Center Seeks Mountainair Memorabilia

The Mountain Arts on Broadway (MAOB), an art center in Mountainair, is sponsoring a community art project in which it is asking area residents to contribute memorabilia that tell the town's history. Items such as old pictures which will be copied and then transferred to tiles; old tools or found objects; and interesting historic objects that can be securely cemented into a mosaic mural are greatly appreciated.

The painted and mosaic mural will have about 100 square feet of painted area and 60 square feet of mosaic area. The perspective of the mural would be historic and biographical with the overall design being a cosmogram (such as the design of sand paintings, mandalas, or the Aztec Calendar) which radiate from a central focus. As a symbolic interpretation of the greater Mountainair area, this cosmogram would have three principal areas:

1. The center space would be a view of the Manzano Mountains with eight surrounding images representing flora and fauna of the area.
2. Next, radiating from the center, would be a geometric pattern with images of local, cultural, and social importance, including the Salinas Pueblo Ruins, the railroad, ranching and farming activities, and multicultural symbols.
3. A large section surrounding the central images would be the biographical section which would use historic photos burned into tiles and embellished with found objects.

The mosaic will go on the East side of the "B Street" Market building located in the center of Mountainair. The project is funded by the Manzano Mountain Art Council (MMAC), parent organization of the Mountain Arts on Broadway which opened in May of 2011.

If you have photos or small memorabilia made of metal, glass or tile that could be used in the mosaic, or if you wish to be part of the mural construction team please contact Tomas Wolff at 847-2444 or e-mail to: [wolff.clayworks@gmail.com](mailto:wolff.clayworks@gmail.com).

The mosaic has been designed by area artists and is being overseen by MMAC. It will be constructed by artists and volunteers every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm beginning in October and lasting several months. **Location:** Mountain Arts on Broadway, 122 East Broadway. Everyone is invited to participate!

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