

Grove Gallery presents "A Mano: Bark Paintings of Guerrero"

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UCSD GROVE GALLERY PRESENTS

"A MANO: BARK PAINTINGS OF GUERRERO"

Fourteen folk artworks of hand-painted and handmade bark paper from the State of Guerrero, Mexico, will be on display at the University of California, San Diego Grove Gallery from April 29 through May 17.

The exhibition, called "A Mano: Bark Paintings of Guerrero," is a generous loan arranged by the Centro Cultural Tijuana, where it is currently being shown.

The Grove Gallery will host two public receptions: the first, on May 2 from noon-2 p.m., is in conjunction with UCSD's celebration of Cinco de Mayo; the second, on May 4, from noon-2 p.m., will take place during UCSD's annual Open House.

The exhibition contains 14 paintings; the majority are painted in black and white and some are brightly and subtly colored. The paintings are executed on bark paper made from the amate tree, a type of fig tree which grows in the State of Guerrero, where bark painting is an ancient tradition which continues to be practiced.

The paintings are representative of the work of ancient and contemporary Guerrero artists, having intricate folk designs which occur throughout, and having highly stylized borders. The subject matter is often mythical or symbolic, often focusing on the rituals of life in that culture.

Ron Carlson, director of the Grove Gallery, said, "It's a pleasure for our gallery to present this significant folk art exhibit to the UCSD campus and the surrounding community."

The exhibit was made possible through the generosity and cooperation of the following Mexican agencies: the Secretaria de EducaciOn Publica, Subsecretaria de Cultura, DirecciOn General de Culturas Populares, Museo Nacional de Culturas Populares, Centro Cultural Tijuana and the Programa Cultural de Las Fronteras.

The UCSD Crafts Center/Grove Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free parking is available on weekends. For additional information telephone 452-2637.

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