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CENTRAL TEXAS ARTISTS CELEBRATED AT AUSTIN-BERGSTROM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DURING NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

AUSTIN, TEXAS — *Central Texas Visions*, on exhibit at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, displays the diverse talents, images and mediums of Austin artists and studios as well as those from the surrounding region. The exhibition runs through Nov. 26, 2001.

From abstract sculptures to classic lithographs, dozens of artists and works are featured in this the airport's celebration of October as National Arts and Humanities Month. A time for hailing the arts and humanities as vital to the well being of our families, communities, and the nation as a whole.

Colorful glass sculptures, wood carvings, carved tile and clay works of sculptures and vases fill the 10 glass pylon showcases on the airports concourse across from Gates 7-12. Subject matters range from wooden bears and wolves to Escher-like swimmers on a clay vase. Metal arts featured in the pylons include sculpted cowboy figurines and spurs. Art celebrating artist, a bust of Willie Nelson brings a familiar face to the exhibit.

Polaroid photos manipulated to a slight watery abstraction create colorful posters on the eight sides of the pylons.

Lithographs, etchings, woodcuts and photogravures are displayed in the airport's east gallery. The exhibit is both beautiful and educational as it shows the processes used to create the pieces including the carved woodblocks and etched cooper plates used to make prints. The styles of the artworks range from intricate outdoor scenes to the surreal. The east gallery is located behind the airport's Austin Article store near Gate 8.

Watercolors ranging from realism to abstract are displayed in the west gallery. The use of texture in landscapes and abstracts is a unique dimension of this colorful exhibit. Realistic paintings of people in parks and a "mod" look at downtown are among the Austin and hill country scenes displayed. The west gallery is located behind the airport's Book People store near Gate 10.



**Glass sculpture
Shapes in Time
by Ricky Charles Dodson**

The *Central Texas Visions* exhibit is a unique collection of artists, art organizations and studios from the Austin area. Those featured include: Flatbed Press lithograph, etching and photogravure collection, Waterloo Watercolor Group, sculptor Beth Perry Schoen, photographer Tina Weitz, glass artist Ricky Charles Dodson, metal smith Jimmy Harwell, woodcarver Phil Lurvey and ceramic artists Carol Hirsch, Bethany Andree', Andy Carroll, Connie McCreary, and Bill Ray Mangham.

For more information on the *Central Texas Visions exhibit*, contact Matt Coldwell, Austin-Bergstrom art coordinator, at 530-7541.

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