



Karl Hoffman, Treasured Placitas Artist

Karl Hoffman is the first in a series of visual artists to be seasonally honored by the Placitas Artists Series. Throughout the year PAS will give special attention to our treasured local artist by offering artworks specially produced by Karl for our patrons and exhibited on a monthly basis. He produced the linocut image that graces this year's website and program book.

Karl taught humanities and art at universities around the country. In 1976 he settled, with his wife Mary, in Placitas, among other artists in this unique community. He taught at Sandia Prep School for 19 years, and worked in his first media, pottery. He thinks of his pottery creations as New Mexico landscapes and hopes that, like the mesas, they will last in their beauty and usefulness. Since retiring from teaching he has developed his many skills by attending printmaking and pastel workshops.

Karl says, " My work is based on personal experiences, reveling in the material itself. I am process oriented, reveling in the media, like when a lump of clay evolves into a shape, or the various blocks of linocut come together to produce an image, or the layers of pastel merge into a landscape." Creating glazes has now morphed into the painterly effects to create prints and pastels.