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On Sunday, January 22, 2012, The Placitas Artists Series, in celebration of its Silver Anniversary will present the art of Sonya Coppo, Patricia Gould, Sarah Hartshorne, and Dana Patterson Roth with a reception at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. The works will be on display from December 31, 2011, to January 28, 2012.

Sonya Coppo is a versatile artist who has created many types of art since childhood. After graduating from Michigan State University, while raising a family, she owned an interior design business in Wisconsin. In addition to her design practice she designed furniture, painted murals, canvas floor cloths, and table runners for her clients. After selling her business and moving to New Mexico in 2005 she began using her canvas to paint interpretations of the Plains Indian Parfleche Envelope as wall hangings as well as handbags in addition to her other canvas art. She designs and paints with acrylics and inks on heavy weight canvas reflecting the colors, culture and spirit of the Southwest. Her work can be seen in Santa Fe in Handwoven Originals; San Pasquals and Vintage Cowgirl in Old Town, Albuquerque; and Ojo Caliente Mineral Springs Resort and Spa, New Mexico.

Patricia Gould's art quilts and wearable art creations have won both national and international awards and are in private collections worldwide. She exhibited her art quilts at the 2009 Florence Biennale. In addition to winning a Niche Award in 2008, Patricia was chosen as an Artist-in-Residence for a month in Hungary in 2005 and "Artist of the Month" in March, 2003 by The Artist's Magazine. Her quilt "Christo's Umbrellas, October 1991" was installed in the US Embassy in Estonia from 2002 – 2004. Since 2007, The State of New Mexico has purchased eight of Patricia's artworks as part of the Art in Public Places Program.

Sarah Hartshorne came to painting after pursuing four earlier careers. She began her adult life as a classical cellist, playing in symphony orchestras, and chamber music groups as well as teaching in North, South, and Central America. She then developed an early-learning Spanish program and taught young children through schools and daycare centers as well as privately. Later she built a service business which she owned and operated for almost nine years. During that time Sarah returned to school and earned a Masters Degree in counseling. She worked in mental health, in a great variety of settings for 12 years before turning to painting. Her many awards include the 2009 Merchant Award, Encantada 2009, and RGAA Annual Juried Show, Albuquerque.

Dana Patterson Roth has spent a life of adventure in New Mexico, where she has raised children, ridden horses, raced sailboats, hiked, camped and helped her husband build their own home. She has studied photography and painting at UNM, as well as other venues. She has been a photographer for over thirty years, initially specializing in black and white portraiture and event photography, but in recent years she has focused solely on fine art photography.

For more information on the artists, please visit
www.PlacitasArtistsSeries.org/januaryc.html .

For more information concerning ticket sales, times and location, please see page 2

A reception for the artists will be held at 2:00 PM on January 22, 2012, prior to a concert by Willy Sucre & Friends Playing String Quartets. Tickets for the concert will be available at the door one hour before the concert, or may be purchased in advance at The Merc Grocery Store in Homestead Village Shopping Center in Placitas, Ah! Capelli Salon & Color Studio in Enchanted Hills Plaza, Rio Rancho or on-line at www.PlacitasArtistsSeries.org. Prices are \$20 in advance. At the door prices are General Admission: \$20 and Students: \$15.

This project is made possible in part by New Mexico Arts, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The facility is completely accessible. Las Placitas Presbyterian Church is located six miles east of I-25 on NM 165 (Exit 242.) For more information call 867-8080 or visit www.PlacitasArtistsSeries.org.

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