

## ***For Immediate Release***

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## **Hopewell Community Mural & Arts Projects**

### **Community Mural and Sculpture Garden in the Center of the Triangle District**

Internationally known Brazilian artists **Jonatas Rodrigues dos Santos** and **Everaldo da Silva Costa** have spent six weeks with Hopewell community members to create a funky new look for El Centro Comunitario, a community center on the corner of Hopewell and Espinacitas streets. A beautiful landscape was painted on the exterior surface of the building and colorful wooden flowers, trees and butterflies pop out of the painting. A very unique hand carved multimedia sculpture with a functioning tire swing has been installed in the front yard of El Centro and is sure to be a main attraction for children in the neighborhood. During the cold winter months, a beautiful mural and sculpture garden has bloomed at el Centro. Jonatas and Everaldo have been working hard on these cold winter days to finish up the project before their departure Wednesday. The artists have been in Santa Fe for six weeks, working in the community as part of the Santa Fe Art Institute's **Education and Outreach Programs** and through the freeDimensional **Artists in Communities Program**.

### **Hopewell Community Art Project: the re-storying of a shifting community.**

Lead by Chrissie Orr and Soledad Santiago with Deanne Brown and Guadalupe Vargas.

The project will engage the visual arts, prose, poetry and audio to foster community involvement, discovering the new story for the Hopewell community. This new narrative will emerge from the culturally complex memories, hopes, dreams and stories of the local residents. These will be documented and translated into public installations in the spring of 2010.

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