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## **Santa Fe Artist To Exhibit Collection of Solar Plate Etchings in the Friends of The Art Library at DAC**

(Durango, CO) -- The Durango Arts Center (DAC) in partnership with the Friends of the Art Library (F.O.A.L.) announces the opening of a new exhibit on Thursday, May 5 in The Art Library titled, *The Thread : A collection of solar plate etchings*, by Santa Fe artist Laurie Archer. An opening reception for the exhibit will be held that day from 5 to 7pm, followed by an Artist Lecture with Laurie at 7pm. This event is part of First Thursdays Art Walk, is free, and will be held in The Art Library, upstairs at the Durango Arts Center--802 E. 2nd Avenue.

In a statement about the show, F.O.A.L. Curator Louise Grunewald writes, "I was impressed with Laurie's skill with the process and her philosophical approach to her work...she seemed a natural for the Art Library. When we invited her to show, Laurie suggested this series entitled *The Thread*, which has also shown at the Verve Gallery in Santa Fe. Showing a coherent body of work based on a theme, along with the Solar Plate technique, should be of interest to our viewers."

Laurie will expand on her experience and process in creating these pieces during her Artist Lecture.

For more information about the exhibit and to see more works by the artist visit,

<http://durangoarts.org/laurie-archer>. *The Thread* exhibit is sponsored by New Face Productions.

For more information about F.O.A.L. and to see past exhibits in The Art Library visit,

<http://durangoarts.org/art-library>.

## **ABOUT THE ARTIST - LAURIE ARCHER**

Laurie Archer earned a BFA in Fine Arts from Colorado College. She is the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship for Dance & Art in Peru, and the John Hay Whitney Fellowship to pursue studies in theater, acting and dance in New York City. Archer was in the original cast of Camelot on Broadway that debut in 1960. As a visual artist, she has shown at the Palace of the Governors (Santa Fe, NM), Stables Art Gallery (Taos, NM), the Gran Palais (Paris, FR), the El Paso Fine Arts Museum (El Paso, TX), and the Taller Boricua Gallery (New York, NY) among other venues.

## **ABOUT FRIENDS OF THE ART LIBRARY (F.O.A.L.)**

The ART LIBRARY (upstairs at DAC) is supported by a volunteer committee of accomplished local artist-curators, known as the Friends of the Art Library (FOAL): Barbara Tobin Klema, Mary Ellen Long (FOAL founder), Leesa Zarinelli Gawlik, Deborah Gorton, Louise Grunewald and Jane Steele.

FOAL presents six contemporary exhibits per year, including notable artists of local and national/international acclaim – primarily in the mediums of paper, printmaking and fiber arts. Exhibits are accompanied by artists lectures, demonstrations and workshops to deepen the connection of art-making with the community.

<http://durangoarts.org/art-library>

## **ABOUT DAC**

DAC is a multi-faceted hub for community arts that hosts and promotes contemporary visual and performing arts, arts education, dynamics exhibits, an active Docent program and the annual Durango Autumn Arts Festival. Over the years, DAC has built its reputation as a local arts industry leader and has been working diligently to ensure that the arts continue to thrive in the Four Corners region and beyond. <http://durangoarts.org>.

