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ARTsmart empowers and transforms lives by teaching art, literacy, and life skills.

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**2017 Fundraisers**

**February 25**

Dinner & Auction:  
*You Will Be Served*

**February 25-26**

Art of Home Tour

**June 8**

Behind the *Woman in Gold*

**June 9-10**

Edible Art Tour (EAT)

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**ARTsmart hosts its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual February Fundraiser**

ARTsmart is pleased to announce its 20th annual February fundraising weekend, Santa Fe’s foremost winter celebration of artful living. Two events celebrate the city’s world-class chefs and restaurants, prominent artists and galleries, and unique homes. Our gala Dinner & Auction titled *You Will Be Served* returns to the Eldorado Hotel & Spa on Saturday, February 25, 2017. Author Anne Hillerman is Honorary Chair and Melinda K. Hall is Honorary Artist (please see bios below). The Art of Home Tour hosted by Keller Williams realtors takes place on Saturday and Sunday, February 25-26.

This year’s seated dinner, elegantly served, includes fine wines selected by Santa Fe sommelier Kate Collins accompanying a feast prepared by Santa Fe’s most celebrated ... and upcoming ... chefs: Santacafe **Chef Fernando Ruiz** crafts hors d’oeuvres; **Chef Laura Licona** from 401 Neighborhood Dining creates the first course; **Chef Jean Pierre Vincent** from Eldorado Hotel’s award-winning Old House has designed a selection of three sumptuous entrees, and **Santa Fe High School Culinary Arts Students**, with instructor Myoko Costello, are back by popular demand with their delectable desserts.

**ONE-OF-A-KIND.** The silent auction offers artworks, travel experiences, jewelry, dining opportunities and much more! This year’s captivating collection of “I Made It!” ceramics painted by Santa Fe Public School fifth-graders includes the popular large and small plates, as well as vases, plus there’s a 12-piece *Fantastic Faces* set of 12 plates. Other auction items include a six-day trip to Ireland, and a dinner for ten with Honorary Chair Anne Hillerman, created by Adobo catering. Honorary Art Melinda K. Hall offers to paint a portrait of your favorite pet! Tickets for the dinner and auction are \$200 per person, available by visiting the ARTsmart website, [artsmartnm.org](http://artsmartnm.org)

**ART OF HOME TOUR.** ARTsmart is proud to partner once again with Keller Williams in hosting the the Art of Home Tour. Fifteen abodes, each showcasing works of art from Santa Fe’s top galleries, are open from noon to 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free and brochures will be available by mid-February at the Keller Williams offices at 130 Lincoln Ave, Suite K, and at both ARTsmart and KW websites.

<p><b>DETAILS</b>  <b>What:</b> Gala Dinner &amp; Auction  <b>When:</b> Saturday, February 25, 5:30 pm  <b>Where:</b> Eldorado Hotel &amp; Spa  <b>Tickets:</b> \$200, <a href="http://artsmartnm.org">artsmartnm.org</a></p> <p><b>What:</b> Art of Home Tour  <b>When:</b> Saturday &amp; Sunday, February 25-26, 12-5 pm  <b>Where:</b> 15 properties throughout Santa Fe  <b>Admission:</b> Free, <a href="http://kwsantafenm.com">kwsantafenm.com</a></p>
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**UNDERWRITERS.** ARTsmart gratefully thanks underwriters Southwest Art magazine, Los Alamos National Bank, and New Mexico Bank and Trust. As a fundraiser, proceeds from ticket sales and purchases made throughout the weekend go to ARTsmart New Mexico, a 501c3 nonprofit that ensures that schoolchildren have the opportunity to explore, experience, and engage in the visual arts, which are a critical component of every student's education.

**ANNE HILLERMAN, Honorary Chair**



Hillerman is a Santa Fe journalist and author, who has written several nonfiction books including the award-winner *Tony Hillerman's Landscape: On the Road with Chee and Leaphorn*, with photographs by her husband Don Strel. The daughter of mystery writer Tony Hillerman (1925-2008), Anne has taken up fiction, carrying forward the adventures of Chee and Leaphorn, as well as officer Bernadette Manuelito in a series of books released through Harper Collins. *Spider Woman's Daughter* (2014) won the Western Writers of America award for the best first novel, and *Rock with Wings* (2015) became a *New York Times* best-seller. Her third novel, *Song of the Lion* debuts in April 2017.

**MELINDA K. HALL, Honorary Artist**

Chicago-born Melinda K. Hall received her art degrees from Southern Methodist University and New Mexico State University. Living in Santa Fe, her work is represented locally by Giacobbe-Fritz Fine Art. In her role as honorary artist, Hall worked with Santa Fe High School students who created paintings inspired by Hall's unique philosophy, style and techniques. As she notes: "Painting is not a matter of rules, rather it is an arena of freedom and creative liberty where no permission is required, if one paints authentically. My style evolved in the struggle of push and pull between artist and canvas, in the space of my own private, quirky, little battleground of observation, interpretation, intention and application. What has resulted is a visual journal, a commentary on many universal subjects. As paint and brushes are my tools so are humor, metaphor, playfulness, color and text. I want the work to be initially accessible. I like to draw the viewer into the environment of the painting, invite them to stay a while and there discover more subtle aspects of the work."

