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Presented by the Sully Gallery and the Columbus Cultural Arts Center, March 27-May 8, 2009

San Juan de Oriente

A charming hillside town between the volcanoes of Masaya and Monbacho in Nicaragua's southwest region, San Juan de Oriente has long been recognized for its cherished ceramic collectibles, made with all-natural paints and clays in the indigenous style and technique of the Nahuatl Indians, dating back 2,500 years ago.

Founded by the Spanish in 1585, the town was named San Juan de los Platos due to the prevalence of pots, plates and sculptures that were made in the surrounding area previously known as Namotiva. The town was renamed San Juan de Oriente in 1821 when Nicaragua claimed its independence from Spain.

Although today's artisans use more sophisticated techniques and designs than their ancestors, they continue in the handmade tradition, most using a potter's wheel. When the pieces, dry, each artisan applies his or her decorative style; some use pre-Columbian designs and others prefer more contemporary expressions. For all, however, the pottery is ornamental and should not be used for food or water. *Continued on Page 2*

{upcoming exhibits}

Anthem Art Show

April 26-May 29, 2009

Reception: Sunday, May 3, 2PM-4PM

Anthem Insurance

6740 North High Street

Worthington, Ohio 43085

Motorist Mutual Exhibit

May 22-June 18

Motorist Mutual Insurance

471 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio

Department of Art Bicentennial Art Exhibition

January 5, 2009-July 10, 2009

Miami University Art Museum

801 South Patterson Ave, Oxford, OH 45056

<http://www.muohio.edu/artmuseum/>

{all around the town}

{fine art}

The Columbus Cultural Arts Center

(<http://www.culturalartscenteronline.org>)

"Nicaragua: Unearthed", March 27-May 8

The Columbus Museum of Art (<http://www.columbusmuseum.org>)

"To Live Forever: Egyptian Treasures from the Brooklyn Museum"
February 13-June 7

"Murray Jones: Unfolding Vision"

October 10-April 12

"William Christenberry, Photographs, 1961-2005"

January 16-May 10

Ohio Historical Society (<http://www.ohiohistory.org>)

"Soul: Art from the African-American Museum & Cultural Center"

May 1, 2009-February 28, 2010

The Riffe Gallery (<http://www.oac.state.oh.us/riffe/>)

"Visual Dialogues"

January 29-April 12

The Short North (<http://www.shortnorth.org>)

Gallery Hop: April 4

-Cookware Sorcerer: "Funky Kitchens: Peterson Thomas"

-Ohio Art League: "Corners of the World"

-Rebecca Ibel Gallery: Art for a Recession: Works under \$1000

-Sharon Weiss Gallery: "Craig Carlisle: New Big Heads"

-Sherrie Gallery: "Body & Soul"

The Wexner Center (<http://www.wexarts.org>)

"William Forsythe's Monster Partitur"

April 1-5

{all around the town}

{performing arts}

BalletMet (<http://www.balletmet.org>)

"The Great Gatsby"
April 24-May 2, Capitol Theater, Riffe Center

CATCO (<http://www.catco.org>) 25th Anniversary Season

"The Clean House" by Sarah Ruhl
April 1-26, Studio Two, Riffe Center

Cathedral Concert Series (<http://www.cathedralmusic.org>)

"Tenebrae", Good Friday, April 10, 8:00PM
St. Joseph Cathedral

CAPA (<http://www.capa.com>)

"Spanish Harlem Orchestra"	April 5	Capitol Theater
"Godspell"	April 16-19	Southern Theater

Columbus Symphony Orchestra & Pops

(http://www.columbussymphony.com)		
"A French Connection"	April 10-11	Ohio Theater
"Three American Masters"	April 18-19	Ohio Theater
"Cirque de la Symphonie"	April 23	Ohio Theater

Broadway Across America

(<http://www.broadwayacrossamerica.com>)
"Annie"
April 17-19, Palace Theater

Little Theater Off Broadway (<http://www.ltob.org>)

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown"
April 24-May 16

{etc}

The Columbus Bluejackets (<http://www.bluejackets.nhl.com>)

Sun. April 5 Blackhawks Sat. April 11 Wild

{and beyond}

The Akron Art Museum (<http://akronartmuseum.org>)

"Edward Weston: Life Work"
January 31-April 26

The Cincinnati Art Museum (<http://www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org>)

"Surrealism & Beyond"
February 15-May 17

The Museum of Fine Arts Boston (<http://www.mfa.org>)

"Titian, Tintoretto, Veronese: Rivals in Renaissance Venice"
March 15-August 16

Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston (<http://www.icaboston.org>)

"Shepard Fairey: Supply and Demand"
February 6-August 16

The Art Institute of Chicago (<http://www.artic.edu/aic/>)

"Becoming Edvard Munch: Influence, Anxiety and Myth"
February 14-April 26

Minneapolis Institute of Art (<http://www.artsmia.org>)

"Art in Bloom: Timeless Art, Fresh Flowers"
April 30-May 3

Metropolitan Museum of Art (<http://www.metmuseum.org>)

"Pierre Bonnard: The Late Interiors"
Through April 18

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (<http://www.sfmoma.org>)

"William Kentridge: Five Themes"
March 14-May 31

The National Gallery of Art, Washington DC (<http://www.nga.gov>)

"Caught in the Act: The Artist at Work"
March 23-May 17



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Today, an estimated 90% of San Juan de Oriente residents work in the ceramic business, using skills passed down through generations, either processing clay, making pottery or marketing the work. The extraordinary beauty and quality of their art has attracted worldwide recognition, and many of the artisans have exhibited their pieces in the United States and Europe.

Giving Back to the Community

Having established a home and deep roots in San Juan de Oriente, Sully Gallery owners John Williford and William Glew are steadfast in their adherence to Fair Trade practices and in their desire to contribute to the quality of life of the village's artisans and residents who have become their friends. At Sully Gallery, we purchase all of our goods from the artists up front, introduce them to new markets with better prices and pay them a percentage of our proceeds after expenses.

Since moving to San Juan de Oriente a few years ago, Williford and Glew have donated their time and resources to projects that benefit their community. In less than three years, they have:

- Helped bring potable water and electricity to the town's Barrio Los Lopez area
- Assisted in opening an arts and music center, making it possible for children to receive free music lessons
- Donated books, supplies and furniture to the local library
- Helped support a children's nutritional program of the Church of St. John the Baptist, providing meat, fruit, juice and other supplements.
- Contributed toys and pinatas to the Mayor's annual Christmas Festival for more than 1,500 children

To learn more about the Sully Gallery please visit www.SullyGallery.com