

# Warner Crossing, Building F

## Art in Private Development Fact Sheet



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### Artwork

*Artist-designed entryway*

### Development

Warner Crossing, Building F

### Address

8312 S. Hardy Drive

### Artist

Susan Furini

### Completion

1998

### Material

Ceramic Tile, Glass, and Dryvit

**Description:** Plants native to Arizona work as a basis for the design of this entryway. Desert landscaping echoes the motifs of the wall. Pieces of ceramic tile and glass are embedded into what has been called chunky clay that is then covered with Dryvit, a latex-based stucco system.

**Funding:** This project was funded by the individual developer as a requirement of Tempe's Art in Private Development Ordinance.

**Artist biography:** Susan Furini graduated from Arizona State University in 1982 with a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Ceramics. Her undergraduate work was at the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University with its emphasis on the study of ceramics and glass. She also studied at the renowned Archie Bray Foundation in Helena, Mont. She was on the Arizona Commission on the Arts Artist Roster and is responsible for several public artworks around the Valley. Her first commission was at the Main Library in Mesa.

**Artist's process:** Susan Furini often emphasizes repetition in her work. She takes advantage of the elastic properties of Dryvit which forms a stucco-like shell on this piece. Ceramic pieces along with glass are embedded in what has been described as chunky clay. Open spaces also play a role in the work. Furini has described an influence from Picasso that can be seen in cubist elements of her work.