Neighborhood Art

An Animals Welcome to the Neighborhood

Kris Kollasch

Concrete irrigation standpipe base covered with ceramic tiles, masonry blocks, Hot Wheels cars, steel, a bicycle and other miscellaneous objects, thin-set and grout

2009

Location: Mitchell Park East Neighborhood
Wilson Street north of 11th Street

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Description: *An Animals Welcome to the Neighborhood* is inspired by local children. When asked about what they noticed in their neighborhood, the children began talking about dogs. This piece became a tribute to the animals of the neighborhood. Dogs, cats, birds, a peacock and mouse create a welcoming place for children. Each animal on the standpipe is a representation and a remembrance of the creatures that fill human lives with friendship and smiles.

Artist biography: Kollasch's artworks are created with rich layers of color, often laden with objects and text that may portray hidden meaning or simply help state a less obvious significance in the color or composition of the piece. The multitude of layers draws the viewer in beyond the first impression. Kollasch has been defined as a painter, a sculptor or a ceramist, but no single word can describe the multi-faceted artist that flourishes inside. Her portfolio reveals this eclectic blend of styles, techniques and mediums purposefully chosen to best express the art at hand. Kollasch is a thriving artist producing fine art and murals and enjoys working collaboratively on public art projects that involve the community. In addition, she gives back to the community through her work with Free Arts of Arizona, a local non profit organization.

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