

# Karen Wray Fine Art



## Cheerful venue opens up year-round opportunity for local artists and collectors

Often, when Karen Wray puts the finishing touches on a painting of a flower or a landscape, someone will burst into her studio with an armload of dirty clothes and ask, “Isn’t this the dry cleaners?”

Her bright and friendly gallery used to be occupied by Executive Dry Cleaners on Trinity Drive. She noticed the vacant space in October 2008, when she outgrew her studio at home and was looking for a place to rent. The bright, cheerful space had easy access



to parking, and was close to downtown. Karen and her husband, Bill, began to imagine the space being more than just a studio where Karen could work, but also an art gallery where she and other local artists could exhibit their work on a year-round basis.

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Karen had spent 14 years exhibiting her paintings at the Fuller Lodge Art Center, the Los Alamos Artists Studio Tour, home art shows, local restaurants, an upscale boutique, the local gallery, and other businesses in Los Alamos and neighboring communities. When several of these venues closed their doors a couple years ago, there were fewer options available for artists to exhibit their work.

That's why she was so proud to invite other artists to exhibit in the gallery as well.

Her goal is to delight both collectors and artists by providing an inviting venue where superb local artwork is displayed in a professional,

pressure-free environment. Visitors to this charming gallery will find unique "comic" and "artistic" scrap metal sculptures in the forms of humans, animals, and insects created by Richard Swenson, and whimsical, light-hearted, and mythological animals, humans, and creatures born from scrap metal, frequently incorporating rocks into the designs, by David A. (Atlox) Trujillo. Beautiful watercolor paintings by well-known artist Secundino Sandoval, luminous florals and regionally-themed oil paintings, giclees (digital reproductions) and prints, cards, and tee shirts by owner and artist Karen Wray, and so much more, offer visitors an enticing array of visual treats.



**Karen Wray Fine Art Gallery is open six days a week: Monday through Saturday noon – 3. Exhibits change frequently, so visit often! Check out her website for news and upcoming events: <http://karenwrayfineart.com>. Call (505) 660-6382 or send email to [kewray40@comcast.net](mailto:kewray40@comcast.net)**