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OWINGS-DEWEY NORTH Presents the work of:

GINA KNEE (1898-1982)

Who: Owings-Dewey North

120 East Marcy Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501 Business hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM

What: Gallery Exhibition: *Gina Knee (1898-1982)*

American painter Gina Knee is an important, surprisingly unacclaimed artist, whose career spanned more than five decades and many locations; she worked in New Mexico, Georgia, California, and New York. Starting in the 1940s she had solo shows on both coasts, and her work found its way into major public and private collections. She knew and exhibited with some of the major artists of her day: Jackson Pollock, William de Kooning, Mark Tobey, and her third husband, Alexander Brook. Yet, like many artists – especially women – working on the fringes of mainstream art movements, her achievements have been nearly forgotten in the rush to create art superstars.

"That artists are born, not made, is amply proved by Gina Knee," writes Ina Sizer Cassidy - referring to the fact that Knee received no formal art training. "Her work has an original, a fresh point of view, unhampered by tradition or set formulas as to what an artist should say, or should not say, or how, is her contribution to the art of New Mexico." ("Art in New Mexico", *New Mexico Magazine*, February, 1939)

This exhibition will feature approximately 25 of Knee's paintings – mostly watercolor or gouache on paper, depicting New Mexico scenes.

When: Friday, September 28th through Saturday, November 10th Reception: Friday, September 28th, 5:00 to 7:00 PM

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Where: Nusbaum Street – at the end of the Healy Building - behind the public library

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