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## Gray & Gray Exhibition to Open at Arts Center

Father and Daughter put 75 Years of Works on Display

**(Pueblo, Colo.-January 23, 2020)** The Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center presents *Gray & Gray: 75 Years of Working in Dirt* from March 21 through May 3 in the Hoag Gallery. Frank and Audrey Gray are father and daughter ceramists that have shown their works together since 2007 and have a combined experience of 75 years.

The main connection between these two artists is their media - both Frank and Audrey work with basically the same materials, just in very different forms. Audrey and Frank each show close attention to detail but create very different work. Showing together brings an opportunity to show their diverse art forms, and also to create collaborative pieces bringing their diverse techniques and ideas together. Audrey's work is unique because she is creating traditional-feeling landscapes using non-traditional materials, namely different colors of earth that she gathers herself. Frank's work is grounded in functional forms and draws on both historical vessels and his 50 years of experience working with clay. When they bring their techniques and aesthetic visions together, they create low-relief, three-dimensional wall pieces featuring both fired ceramic and raw natural materials like mica and sand.

This show will include both current and retrospective works from each artist and from their collaborative body of work. Approximately 75 pieces will be displayed - a theme, as this will be a retrospective of a combined 75 years of work!

Frank is a ceramist, so viewers can expect to see bowls and the two have also been working on some new projects together which will be unveiled in this exhibit. According to Frank, "The overall goal of my work is to provide people with a means to experience beauty in the midst of their daily lives. The appropriate venue for such art is in the hand and in the home and that is why this exhibition is staged as it is and also why you are encouraged to handle the ware as part of the experience. The cornerstones of my identity as a folk artist have been that my work be useful, available to the middle class and genuinely fit into their lives. This show consists of a small retrospective of 50 years, wall pieces done with my daughter Audrey Gray, and a body of recent work." Arts Center Collections Manager Ludel Walter says, "Frank is a folk artist in that he makes beautiful pieces for people to use (in contrast to an artist who makes things to look at). He makes pieces for people "from the cradle to the grave" -- from baby dishes to urns -- for everyday life. Some of the pieces in the exhibit will be table lamps, pitcher sets, tea sets, and baking dishes."

The Sangre de Cristo Arts Center galleries are open Wednesday-Saturday 11 AM-4 PM and Sunday Noon-4 PM. Admission is \$10 adult / \$8 child, senior 65+ & military, Arts Center members free.

*Photos attached.*

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### ***About the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center:***

The cultural hub of Southern Colorado, the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center gives visitors the tools to think and act creatively through a three building complex including seven galleries offering the best in historic and contemporary art by artists of local, regional and national renown. The Arts Center offers the Buell Children's Museum, recognized as the second-best for art by Child magazine, a 500-seat theater featuring a variety of performing arts programs, both local and national, and two gift shops. Over 100 fine arts, dance, and leisure classes are available quarterly providing unique offerings to everyone from children to adults of all skill levels. Admission to the Arts Center is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children, seniors 65+, and military. For more information, please call 719-295-7200; stop by the Arts Center located at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., just off of I-25, exit 98B, or visit online at [www.sdc-arts.org](http://www.sdc-arts.org).

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