



David Trujillo Presents His First Exhibition Show at the Karen Wray Gallery

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For the past ten years, David Trujillo has been one of the most popular and best-selling artists at the Karen Wray Gallery. This fall, he will co-present his first exhibition, “I should Have Known by Now,” with Donato Spitzer.



Like many talented Los Alamos artists, Trujillo began his art career when he retired and had the opportunity to look at the way he spent his time and decide for himself, *what's fun?*

Part of the fun of being retired is creating art. He added, “The most fun is when you see people enjoying it.”

When he ran a booth at the Contemporary Spanish Market he sold ten of his scrap-metal sculptures and was thrilled with how his work brought a smile to everyone’s face.

Several of the pieces from the market will be in the upcoming show at The Karen Wray Gallery, including a dragon and several horses.

A creative life fueled by quality time with family and world travel

When he’s not sculpting, he’s travelling to Colorado to spend time with his grand-kids. The last time he was there he built them a tree house with a slide.

Or he might be harvesting fruit from his farm in the Valley.

Or he might be exploring rough mountain roads with his wife.

Or travelling the world. Last summer he went to Vietnam. “I haven’t been there since 1971,” he said. “It was completely different.”

Trujillo was a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War, and is now working on a book of short stories about his experience. One of his short stories, “Dreaming in the Desert”, was published and got second place in 2019 *Pasa Tiempo* short story contest.

Meet David Trujillo and Donato Spitzer at the Opening Reception for “I Should Have Known by Now”

While Trujillo’s work has been available at The Karen Wray Gallery for ten years, this is his first show and you won’t want to miss it.

He said, "I kept telling Karen that I didn't want to do one, but I'm really good friends with Donato Spitzer and we will do it together."

The reception for "I Should Have Known by Now" featuring Donato Spitzer and David Trujillo will be from 5-7 pm on Thursday, September 19th at the Karen Wray Gallery. The Gallery is located at 1247 Central Avenue, Suite D-2, in Los Alamos. The exhibition will be open through October 21st.

