

Kirk Clark organizes ‘Works of the Spirit’ exhibit to benefit IMAS

SPECIAL TO THE MONITOR

McALLEN — The International Museum of Art & Science in McAllen announces a special art exhibition organized by artist, philanthropist and local businessman Kirk Clark.

About five years ago, Clark exhibited with Amado Peña, a well-known artist from New Mexico who introduced him to Legacy Art, an annual fundraiser that Peña’s foundation uses to raise money for scholarships for underprivileged children. Clark was inspired to put together “Works of the Spirit.”

This exhibition will feature original artwork by eight of New Mexico’s outstanding artists, including Ronald Chee, Peña, Jim Rabby, Ed Sandoval, Jonathan Sobol, brothers Dan and Michael Vigil, and Thom Wheeler. Clark and two other local artists, Richard Hyslin and Joe Taylor, will also participate.

“Each of these artists has a very special and generous soul, and I am honored and delighted that each of them has agreed to participate, and be present for, the opening of the exhibit,” Clark said.

The artists will each donate half of all sales proceeds to the museum, with the exception of Clark, who will donate 100 percent of the proceeds.

The exhibition features a variety of original work, with a variety of mediums to choose from. The art work will be for sale beginning Thursday, April 10, from 6-8 p.m. at the opening reception where attendees will be able to meet the artists, buy the art, make new friends and support IMAS.

“My wife Jeri and I have been real believers in the International Museum of Art & Science in McAllen for years. No other institution in the community is prepared to provide exceptional art as well as an exceptional science experience as IMAS is prepared, willing and able to do,” Clark said. “Through continued support of the community, the museum is capable of reaching its full potential. It couldn’t happen without these talented folks, our generous sponsors and our friends at the museum. Come join us.”

For information about this program, call IMAS at 956-682-0123 or visit the exhibition Web site at [www. worksofthespirit.com](http://www.worksofthespirit.com).