

Art from the heart at Trios Gallery

By Diane Welch

Trios art gallery is an Aladdin's cave of the contemporary arts. Located in Solana Beach's Cedros Design District, it's an environment where the eye candy is prolific, non fat and no carbs! Up to 75 percent of the artists represented at the gallery are local. This month, Trios launched a solo exhibition of a collection of works from Encinitas artist D.Goth. Her work is a unique blend of fine art and sculpture. "It's what I term contemporary fresco," said Goth.

Her work is also a metaphor for her

life's story and has become a powerful connection to many who have traveled the same painful journey.

"Seven years ago, I began focusing my energies into my art. It was a much needed release for a very painful period of time that spanned one-and-a-half years. During this time I suffered the loss of six close loved ones, friends and family, and was going through a painful divorce." Goth began painting hearts on natural stone, travertine, slate and marble. She cracked the surfaces and the images were reminiscent of a broken heart. Adding

layers of water based paints, then sealing the images with a clear coat glaze, these simple evocative art pieces became a distraction from her grief. This innovative art form soon became the spring board for her 'Hearts of Stone' collection and, with poetry she wrote to accompany the hearts, the healing began.

"When I would do art shows with my collection, customers would sit with me and share their own grief," Goth explained. Their stories would touch her and the exchange became more of a therapeutic one. The latest introduction into the 'Hearts of Stone' collection is a new piece

that represents a heart split into two distinct parts, with each half then wired back together. It's a mended heart.

Goth considers herself a colorist, incorporating vibrant hues into the organic stone materials that constitute her canvas. Her technique is now evolving to depict portraits, hands and fantastical figures with bird like heads. "As I begin to hammer the material, the emerging fractures evoke an immediate response. I 'see' in the cracks and breaks a definite image rather (like) a roschart technique."

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Some of the pieces she now cuts out of the restrictive stone shape, resulting in a more sculptural form. She is widely exhibited throughout California and is a member of the San Diego Arts Institute.

To learn more about Goth's "Hearts of Stone" collection, log onto www.trios-gallery.com and click on the link for featured artist, or call (858) 793 6040. The gallery is open daily from 10:00 am to 6:00 p.m. On the third Thursday of each month, Trios participates in "Gallery Nights" and is open until 8:30 p.m. for after business hours browsing and buying. Goth's solo exhibition at Trios will run until September 30th, 2004.

Encinitas artist D.Goth.

