

Crafting a Life: Creativity Handed Down the Generations

1988-2018—A “brindis” to 30 years of HWC

Speaker



Dr. Carmen R. Samora earned a BFA in Weaving/Clay from Saint Mary’s College and an MFA in Fiber Arts/Clay from the University of Notre Dame. In 2005 she completed a Master’s in Education at the University of New Mexico (UNM) and completed a PhD in American Studies in 2011, also at UNM. From 1982-1989 she owned Carmen Samora Design Studio, designing and marketing fiber sculpture and wearable art.

“In 2001, I learned that my maternal great-grandfather had been a weaver and that his son, my grandfather, had been a tailor. When I knew my grandfather, he was a brick mason. I have always wondered where my artistic sensibilities come from. Through oral histories, photographs, family stories, and recovered handmade items, I endeavor to answer my central question about creativity and artistic sensibility as it flows through the generations. I have pulled together the story of three families (all related to me) from Northern New Mexico and tell about their lives through their art and craft. The forty-minute slide presentation is told from a folklore perspective. The story begins when the region belonged to Mexico, and follows the families as they endure and prevail through many governmental changes, two world wars, a pandemic, and of course poverty and its attending hardships. Using photos of seven generations of family members combined with photos of their artwork, crafts or household objects they themselves constructed, I recount their compelling story. In uncovering my artistic and creative *ancestros* (ancestors), I enrich and add to the collective human story.”

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