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**On and Off Fredericksburg Road Studio Tour Reaches 10 Year Milestone
*More than 60 artists participate in neighborhood gallery walk February 18-19***

Bihl Haus Arts will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the On and Off Fredericksburg Road Studio Tour during the annual gallery walk from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, February 18 and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, February 19, in San Antonio's Deco District.

"The On and Off Fredericksburg Road Studio Tour is the longest, continuously running, art studio tour in San Antonio," Kellen McIntyre, Bihl Haus Arts executive director, said. "We have evolved tremendously since its inception 10 years ago. The event gets stronger each year."

"Fred," as the event is known, is a self-guided tour of private homes, art studios and galleries of more than 60 artists, including painters, sculptors, photographers and metal smiths. The studio tour kicks off with an On and Off Fred Autograph Party and opening reception **from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, February 17 at Bihl Haus Arts, 2803 Fredericksburg Road.** Music is by Los Nahuatlitos and by the pool will be Laurel Gibson's Ojo de Dios Project. The Ojo de Dios has roots in the weaving practices of ancient Huichol Indians of Mexico.

During both days of the tour, there will be a number of theater and musical performances, and poetry readings. A highlight on Sunday, February 19 is the On and Off Fred on a Bike beginning at noon at the Danville Chadbourne Studio, 10002 Summit. Bike through Beacon Hill, Alta Vista and Monticello Park neighborhoods. Check out the print or online catalog for a full schedule of events. Bihl Haus Arts will host a closing reception for the studio tour from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 5 at the arts center with a Women's History Month jazz performance.

Last year, more than 2,500 locals and visitors walked, biked and drove up and down a 5-mile stretch of Fredericksburg Road to get a first-hand look at the artists working in their studios and to purchase their art, McIntyre said.

Attendees can purchase either the hardcopy color catalog consisting of a map to help people plan their route, artist bios and an image of their work, or the online catalog for \$10. For more information, visit www.OnandOffFred.org or call Bihl Haus Arts at (210) 383-9723.

McIntyre, who has lived in the Monticello neighborhood of the Deco District for the past 20 years, was a founding member of the studio tour, which was created in 2007. Now in its 10th year, she envisions the art showcase as helping to brand and bring exposure and economic growth to the Fredericksburg Road Cultural Corridor. "I'm proud to say that there has been an investment and development in the

neighborhood as an indirect result of the exposure that the Fred Studio Tour has provided to the area over the years," she said.

The Deco District, she adds, has become a hot spot for many of the Alamo City's artists. In fact, all artists featured in Fred *live and/or work* in the surrounding Fredericksburg Road communities: Alta Vista, Beacon Hill, Jefferson, Keystone, Monticello Park and Woodlawn Lake.

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