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**On and Off Fredericksburg Road Studio Tour Reaches 10 Year Milestone
*More than 70 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 historic 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 50 artists, including painters, sculptors, photographers and metal smiths. In addition, more than 200 musicians, poets, and theater and dance groups help make this community event one of the most diverse studio tours in the nation.

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 2006. 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, Los Angeles Heights, Monticello Park and Woodlawn Lake.

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