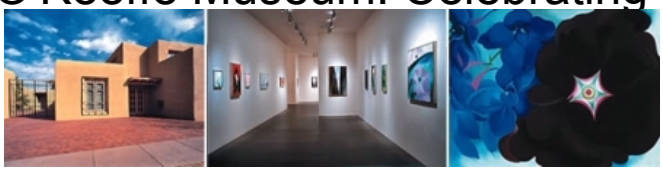
Georgia O'Keeffe Museum: Celebrating 10 Years



Eleven years after the death of American artist Georgia O'Keeffe (1887-1986), best-known for her large scale depictions of flowers, the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum opened in Santa Fe, New Mexico on July 17, 1997. In its 10-year history, more than 2 million visitors from around the world have made it the most visited art museum in the state.

Philanthropists John and Anne Marion, part-time residents of Santa Fe, officially founded the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in November 1995. (For more on the Marions, see page 42.) The Museum is dedicated to perpetuating the artistic legacy of Georgia O'Keeffe and to the study and interpretation of American Modernism. It is the first art museum in America dedicated to the work of a woman artist of international stature.

Housed in a spacious Pueblo Revival-style building two blocks from the historic Santa Fe Plaza, the 13,000-square-foot Museum's collection of more than 2,990 works comprises 1,149 O'Keeffe paintings, drawings, and sculptures, including pieces on extended loans, and is the largest collection of O'Keeffe's work in the world.

Since its opening, the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum has presented numerous exhibitions offering new insights into O'Keeffe's works and has sponsored more than 27 exhibitions showcasing O'Keeffe's work and that of her contemporaries. The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Research Center, opened in 2001, supports and promotes scholarship on American Modernism in the fields of architectural history and design, art history, literature, music and photography. VISIT GEORGIA O'KEEFFE'S HOME AND STUDIO

The Museum also maintains the Abiquiu, New Mexico home and studio of Georgia O'Keeffe, where she painted some of her most famous works, and offers public tours on a limited basis. Tours are conducted by appointment from spring through late autumn, and should be arranged at least six weeks in advance. Tours last approximately one hour and are limited to a maximum of twelve people. For reservations and information, call 505-685-4539.

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM 217 Johnson Street • Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 • 505-946-1017 ADMISSION During the summer months, the Museum is open 7 days a week. Admission is $8 for adults, $7 for seniors 60+, and free for children 17 and younger. Fridays, free 5 – 8 p.m. WEB SITES www.okeeffemuseum.org • www.santafe.org

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

May 25 - September 9, 2007 Georgia O'Keeffe: Circling Around Abstraction

May 25 - September 9, 2007 Georgia O'Keeffe, Illuminated

Anniversary Celebrations: Throughout 2007, the Museum will celebrate the achievements of its first decade. Educational lectures will be presented throughout the year. A community celebration with food, entertainment, and hands-on art-making activities is planned for July. Readings of O'Keeffe's letters by celebrity actors as well as an anniversary gala will occur in August.

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