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Presents the work of:

WILL SHUSTER (1893-1969)

Who: Owings-Dewey North

What: **Gallery Exhibition: *WILL SHUSTER (1893-1969) – Paintings, Drawings and Prints***

Will Shuster (William Howard Shuster, Jr.) was a versatile and well loved New Mexico artist, sculptor, inventor and writer. He was one of the founding members of Los Cinco Pintores – a group of Santa Fe artists, including Jozef Bakos, Fremont Ellis, Walter Mruk, Willard Nash, and Shuster, that became Santa Fe's first modernist art group. The five young painters, all under thirty, considered themselves the radical young avant-garde artists of Santa Fe.

In Shuster's fifty-year career as an artist, he drew heavily upon local customs and ceremonies as subjects for his art, so it seems only fitting that he played a part in creating one of Santa Fe's most popular rituals. Perhaps the most well-loved and well-known Shuster creation is Zozobra, the giant, 20 ft. paper puppet of Old Man Gloom, whose annual burning signifies the exoneration of last year's sorrows and the beginning of hope, celebration and Fiestas. Originally created by Shuster in 1926, Zozobra has become one of the symbols of Santa Fe and a part of the colorful legacy that Will Shuster created as "a Santa Fe legend."

Shuster's work has been exhibited widely throughout the country over the years and today, his work can be found in the collections of the Brooklyn Museum in New York, the Delaware Art Center in Wilmington, the Fine Arts Museum in Santa Fe and the New Jersey Museum in Newark to name a few.

This exhibition will feature many examples of Shuster's work – oils, watercolors, drawings and etchings, most coming directly from the artist's estate.

When: **Friday, July 15th through Saturday, August 27th, 2005**

Reception: Friday, July 15th, 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Where: **Owings-Dewey North**

120 East Marcy Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501

Business hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM