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SPECIMEN curated by Ted Mills
June 29 – August 10, 2013



June 6, 2013: The Arts Fund is pleased to announce the opening of SPECIMEN an exhibition curated by Ted Mills on Saturday, June 29, 2013. The exhibit will feature works by local artists Dug Uyesaka, Dan Levin, Tracey Beeler, Jim O’Mahoney, Sue Van Horstein, Norm Reed, Mike Long, Ethan Turpin, Matt Straka, Tom Schulz, and Ted Mills.

The exhibition will be held at The Arts Fund Gallery, located at 205C Santa Barbara Street, and will be on view until August 10, 2013. A public reception will be held in the gallery on the evening of **Saturday, June 29 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm**. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

“SPECIMEN grew out of a visit to Jim O’Mahoney’s museum in the funk zone, where an alternative history of Santa Barbara is represented by an odd collection of curios. And that tapped into

an early childhood visit to British Museum of Natural History, with its old cabinets of skeletons, eggs, weird drawings, and old machinery. So I decided to ask several artists- many of them work in assemblage and hence spend their lives surrounded by fascinating objects- to create their own cabinets filled to the brim with stuff. I like small, fiddly things. The hope for this show is to keep you coming back, because there's going to be things you missed.”

The Community Gallery program is made possible by the generosity of Santa Barbara Foundation, Santa Barbara County Arts Commission, and individual donors. For more information on the Community Gallery or other Arts Fund programs, please call The Arts Fund at (805) 965-7321.

Organization Background:

The Arts Fund (www.artsfundsb.org) was established as a nonprofit in 1983 dedicated to fostering the arts in Santa Barbara County. The organization's formal mission is to create, fund and administer programs and projects that foster the arts for the people of Santa Barbara County, to act as a catalyst maximizing the effectiveness of arts resources, and to nurture collaborative relationships amongst arts organizations.

The Arts Fund is best known as the sponsor of the annual Individual Artist Awards (IAA), a juried competition open to Santa Barbara County artists, and the Teen Arts Mentorship Program that matches promising high school students with professional master artists and writers in a workshop setting. In 2001, The Arts Fund opened The Arts Fund Gallery at 205C Santa Barbara Street at Yanonali in Santa Barbara's Funk Zone neighborhood. Gallery sales and private donations are an important and essential source of funding for the organization. Please visit www.artsfundsb.org to learn more upcoming programs and events or how to make a donation to support the work of The Arts Fund. The Arts Fund Gallery is open Wednesday – Friday from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday 11-5 p.m. and by appointment.

