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NM WINE FESTIVAL COMMEMORATIVE POSTER COMPETITION

Bernalillo, NM – The Executive Board of the New Mexico Wine Festival has narrowed the festival poster artwork competition to four entries. “The public is invited to participate in the selection of the commemorative festival poster of the 19th Annual NM Wine Festival by voting for their favorite entry”, said Town of Bernalillo Mayor Patricia A. Chávez.

Sixteen artists from around New Mexico submitted original artwork for the competition. The finalists are New Mexico artists Jared Chavez of San Felipe Pueblo, Rudi Klimpert of Placitas, Darryl Willison of Bernalillo, and Virgil Stephens of Nogal.

The four selected paintings will be displayed in three Bernalillo restaurants for public vote beginning Friday, May 5, 2006. Abuelitas New Mexican Kitchen, 621 Camino del Pueblo will host the first showing on May 5 – 8th; Pueblito Mexicano, 1100 Camino del Pueblo hosts the second showing on May 10– 13th; and, the Range Café will host the final showing on May 14-16th.

The public is invited to visit these restaurants and vote by paper ballot for their favorite entry. The votes will be tallied and the artwork with the most votes will be declared the 19th Annual New Mexico Wine Festival commemorative poster winner on May 17, 2006.

“We received more submissions this year than in any previous year in which a poster competition was held”, said Maria Rinaldi, the executive director of the festival. “The breadth and quality of the submissions was truly representative of the fine art New Mexico is known for,” she said. The competition was open to New Mexico artists of all media.

The Town of Bernalillo MainStreet Association sponsors the annual New Mexico Wine Festival as an economic and tourism development project. The event has received the designation of a “Top 100 Event in North America” by the American Bus Association. In 2006, the New Mexico Wine Festival will be held on Labor Day weekend, September 2-4. Festival information can be found at www.newmexicowinefestival.com.