

## *A unique opportunity to show your love for the Botanic Garden*

Support the New Mexico BioPark Society and contribute to the Bugarium expansion at the Botanic Garden through a beautiful mosaic art installation by Laura Robbins of Placitas, New Mexico.

The Garden first began to welcome bugs as part of their educational offerings with the construction of an Arthropod Rearing Lab—a facility to raise and nurture insects and arachnids—completed in 2010. The opening of the new Dragonfly Sanctuary Courtyard area in September of 2011 marks the completion of the second stage. And now the Garden prepares to enter the third and final stage—the construction of the interactive Bugarium exhibit, inviting the public into the often hidden and always fascinating world of insects all around us.

### *About the Art*



In support of the newest area of the Garden, a wonderful glass mosaic mural will be created on the northern wall and banco of the Dragonfly Sanctuary Courtyard, nestled in a shady, contemplative area perfect for quietly observing nature. The completed mural area will be approximately 7' tall x 10' wide and will playfully depict dragonflies, bees, ladybugs, spiders, and

grasshoppers, each fashioned out of numerous pieces of hand-cut glass. Clay work will also be incorporated to create additional depth.

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## About the *Artist*



Laura Robbins is renowned for her imaginative and inspiring mosaics, often depicting nature in a mix of reality and fantasy. Her works are primarily made from ceramics and glass, sometimes incorporating stones, gems, fossils and found objects.

She is committed to protecting wildlife passageways of New Mexico, and frequently uses imagery of flora and fauna in her work.

“A beautiful balance of reality, imagination and awareness is inherent in every mosaic....Robbins’ love of nature and individual experiences with the delicacy of all life forms is expressed exquisitely in each piece.”

*Excerpted from Heather Saxon’s piece in Local iQ, 3/24/11-4/6/11, pg.5.*

Laura Robbins work may be viewed at [www.laurarobbinsmosaics.com](http://www.laurarobbinsmosaics.com).

## Be a part of this fascinating new exhibit!



Support the Botanic Garden expansion at the \$500 level, and become a part of this beautiful new artistic installation. On either side of the mosaic, fused green glass ribbons, each bearing a donor’s name, will be artfully placed on or next to whimsical clay flowers, cactus pads, and leaves. Donor ribbons at this level will also be accompanied by a mosaic dragonfly—a special symbol of the donor’s commitment to nature and to the future development of the Botanic Garden. Additional opportunities for support will be offered at the \$1000 level once the mural is installed.



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