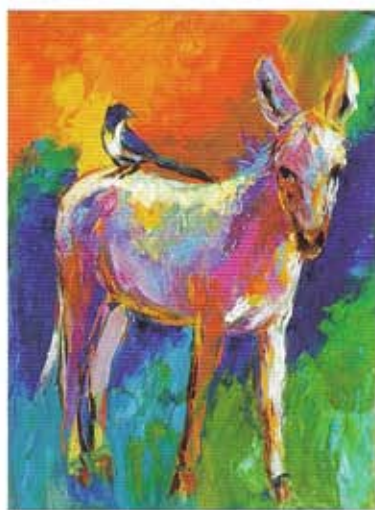


CHASING THE DARK HORSE, OIL ON CANVAS, 60 X 36"

SOMETHING IN THE AIR,  
OIL ON CANVAS, 36 X 48"THE SIMPLE LIFE,  
OIL ON CANVAS, 24 X 18"

## Southwest inspiration

Living just outside Santa Fe in the village of Tesuque, artist and gallery co-owner Barbara Meikle doesn't have to go far for inspiration. From her home, she can paint a typically charming New Mexican church as well as the horses and mules in her corral. The neighbors' burros are just a stone's throw away and wildflowers layer the ground with color. Climbing one of the folded foothills surrounding her home, she views the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in one direction and the dramatic badlands in the other. All of it will be part of her paintings at some point.

Meikle grew up in Albuquerque, and absorbed the soul of the Southwest with every breath of her youth. She studied painting and printmaking at the University of Denver, completing some of that study at Cambridge University. Art remained prominent in her

life as she worked in galleries in New York, Chicago and Denver. However, the lure of the Southwest eventually drew her back to her roots where she has found success in the expressive impressionism that suits her simple subjects best. Her burgeoning commissions have flourished due to her versatility and have included everything from her iconic horses and burros to aging Porsches.

"I love the idea of using unusual colors to explore the mundane," says Meikle. "A bright turquoise burro with a pink and blue background makes my heart sing. The joy of color is my gift to others."

Meikle will be part of the group show, *The Art of Dimension*, opening January 8 at Adagio Galleries in Palm Desert, California. She also will be present and painting at the gallery during the art walk on January 6. ●

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2011	\$850-\$1,200	\$1,600-\$2,400	\$3,200-\$8,000