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## **DOWNTOWN CHANDLER WRAP PROJECT UNVEILED;** **PHOTOGRAPHS MAKE ART OUT OF ORDINARY OBJECTS**

**CHANDLER, Ariz. (Jan. 7, 2010)** – The *Downtown Chandler Wrap Project* has turned common streetscape items into objets d' arte by bedecking trash receptacles and crosswalk bollards with photographic images captured by four Arizona artists. The project is sponsored by the Chandler Arts Commission, City of Chandler's Downtown Redevelopment Office, and the Downtown Chandler Community Partnership. The *Downtown Chandler Wrap Project* is a temporary public-art installation that features 18 different images printed on vinyl substrate. The images were installed in early January and will be on display through the end of 2010.

The four artists – Maynard Breese, Sue Cullumber, George Lenz and Dale Kesel – were selected through a jury process by the Chandler Arts Commission. Each photographer brought different strengths to the project. Breese is one of a new breed of digital painters, taking multiple images and digitally altering and painting them into new creations. Cullumber has a strong history in landscape and digital photography. Lenz is a specialist in automobile, wildlife and digital artistry. Kesel's Arizona scenes depict grand vistas and the haunting charm of vacant buildings.

The selected images provide a colorful display throughout downtown Chandler. They include vibrant florals, sweeping landscapes and desert creatures as well as shots of classic hot rods, garden flowers and works created through digital collage. Combined, the images tell an Arizona story, one that reflects the variety the state has to offer in terms of climate and landscape.

Visitors are welcome to tour the downtown area to enjoy the *Downtown Chandler Wrap Project*. All of the images are on exterior objects and there is no fee to view them. For more information, call Vision Gallery at 480.917.6859.

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