



Above: Zurina Wason-Carrington and Margarita Elizarde, buena gente
Below: Cleo Hernández assists Christina Herrera from Mexico



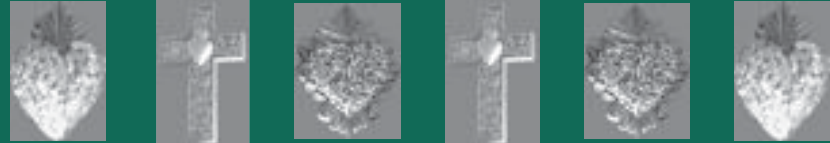
The 2016 Peace Market | Mercado de paz

was the biggest and best ever! The three-day fest was blessed with wonderful weather and great buena gente who volunteered throughout the day in the concessions stand, at the Esperanza Tiendita, translating for vendors from Mexico, helping to set-up and break down, and in transporting customers and vendors to and from the parking lots. The logistics of each day and daily operatives were made easier with buena gente working alongside Esperanza staff. Both buena gente and staff were lauded by the vendors and shoppers this year as being exceptionally helpful and generous in their assistance.

Some of the highlights of the 2016 Peace Market included that there was a greater diversity of shoppers and vendors. It seemed that children and babies were everywhere! Diana Galicia, the balloonista delighted children twisting balloons into animals and other figures and she often had a line of kids waiting for their balloons. Artisans from Mexico like Enedina Vasquez and Martha Santiago engaged the children as they watched them mold clay animals or paint fantastic imaginary alebrijes. It was nice to see whole families enjoying every aspect of Peace Market from the vendors to the food to the music and poetry and—just the general ambiente of amiability.

This year's stage performances had an incredible lineup that included every kind of music you can imagine plus poets interspersed in between musical sets. The stage was set-up at the San Pedro and Evergreen end of the tent city and drew the crowds in from the parking lots immediately engaging them in the conviviality of the Mercado.

With over 90 vendors and over 20 of those being from outside Texas, shoppers were treated to an extravaganza of goods. In the few minutes I got to shop I found some vintage molcajetes and feather paintings at Minnie and Roberto Villanueva's Junketts's tent. Mary



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Helen Abrams had a line of folks waiting to enter her puesto under the patio stairs. She told me that in an effort to lighten her load she actually put out a box of brass items for 50 cents and another box of glassware for a dollar. On the other hand, jewelers out did themselves this year with fine jewelry and creative pieces like those of Sweet Creations whose pan dulce jewelry is all the rage. Body products, vintage clothing, knitted goods, rug weavings, alebrijes (wood carved fantasy animals) of all sizes, books, embroidery, clay products, paintings of all kinds and sizes, papier mache products, wood burned products, mosaics, leather—y mucho, mucho mas. Quite an incredible array of goods!

If that were not enough, artists donated special items to the Esperanza this year for a special raffle. Pat Gavin, local metal smith, donated a silver cuff embedded with precious stones for a special raffle in memory of her mom, Thelma Villanueva Gavin, a Peace Market vendor who passed 5 years ago. Pat's generosity inspired Pearl Sánchez to donate a pair of hand painted Mexican chairs painted by Teresa Koslow, another vendor now deceased. Pearl also donated one of her wonderfully designed wood crosses for the raffle. In addition, some fine chocolates donated by MS Chocolatiers were thrown in the mix for a very special raffle that ultimately garnered over \$1500 for the Esperanza.

While the photographers did an excellent job of taking many photos these are but a few of the images we have to share with you. Our thanks are unending—the bar for next year has been set very high! Mil gracias y hasta la próxima!

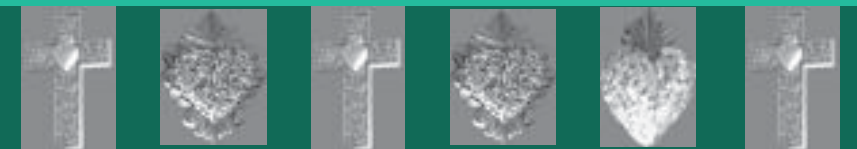
—Gloria A. Ramírez, Peace Market coordinator



Above: Diana Galicia, balloonista and Enedina Vásquez engage children.



Above: Kamala Platt, poet and musicians with Lloronas (Honora Sánchez & Amanda Vega) Below: New artisans from the Lorenzo and De La Pila families of Mexico. At left: Mary Helen Abrams sits under the patio steps.



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