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## Santa Ysabel Gallery

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Santa Ysabel, Calif. Luiseño baskets by Catherine Nelson Rodriguez of the La Jolla Reservation; and Diegueño pottery by Yellow Sky, Kumeyaay, of the Santa Ysabel Reservation, are now on exhibit at the Santa Ysabel Gallery. Santa Ysabel is known in Kumeyaay as "Elkuanan" the place of many oaks.

This is a rare opportunity for collectors to purchase fine pieces by San Diego area Native Americans of traditional work. Both artists were taught by tribal elders. Very few, if any other, artists in San Diego are doing this work.

Rodriguez's baskets are exquisitely fine, combining black, white and natural colored natural materials: juncus grass; raffia, horsehair and pine needle, in elegant understated designs.

Yellow Sky's pottery vessels are of red Santa Ysabel clay, prepared, fired and built entirely by hand with stone implements according to traditional techniques and functional forms. They are undecorated other than by black designs caused by the oak bark in which they are fired. They are powerful in their simplicity and speaking of our local environment. They can only be produced when the weather and spirit of the process is auspicious.

Santa Ysabel Gallery is the only Gallery in which this work is shown. The Gallery is located at 30352 Highway 78, at the intersection of Highway 79, next to the Post Office, in Santa Ysabel. It is in the historic Hellyer House. Hours are 10a.m.-5 p.m. Wed. through Sunday; closed Monday and Tuesday. Telephone 765-1676 for more information.