

# DATELINE: TCU

## Argentinian artist to exhibit works

Artist Mirta Toledo finds faces and figures in stones, mirrored souls in shopping malls and the will to live in the moment of a loved one's death. She brings them forward with ink, clay, paper, bronze and embellished rocks. The native of Argentina, who moved to Texas in 1990, has participated in 68 art exhibitions since 1976 in Buenos Aires, Minneapolis and Honolulu.

From **Sept. 29 to Oct. 1** her work will be shown for the first time in Fort Worth in TCU's Brown-Lupton Student Center lounge. Hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m., with an opening reception scheduled for 1-3 p.m. Sept. 29 in the lounge.

Titled "Pure Diversity," the show reflects not only the artist's approach to several media but also her awareness of the ethnic, cultural and individual diversity within her own life experience and heritage. Ms. Toledo's mother came to Argentina from Spain; her father was a Guaraní Indian; her husband is Italo-Argentinian; and she has lived in both North and South America and the Hawaiian Islands.

Quickly acclimating to life in Texas, she occasionally picks up a native stone, takes it home and illustrates its surface. She has taken her sketchbook/journal to malls and other public places to record visual and verbal impressions. The death of her father in early 1993 immediately influenced her visual expression, and images of family members, mythological and folk figures and her own self-portraits recur in her work.

Vinciguerra, a Buenos Aires publisher, brought out Toledo's first novel, *La Semilla Elemental* (*The Elemental Seed*), this year. Her illustrations appear on the covers of several novels issued by Plover Press, a Hawaiian publishing house. While living in Honolulu, she affiliated with a potters' guild and exhibited in area galleries but also began writing short stories and the novel. Her first published story, "Doña Zulema," appeared in 1992 in a Brazilian periodical; several are in press in *Confluencia*, published by the University of Northern Colorado.