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EVELYN SIEGEL GALLERY

Features works of Argentinean Artist/Writer Mirta Toledo. This native of Argentina moved to Texas in 1990. Since 1976 she participated in 68 art exhibits.. in Buenos Aires, Minneapolis, and Honolulu.

Quickly acclimated to life in Fort Worth she takes her sketchbook/journal to malls and other public places to record visual and verbal impressions. Occasionally she picks up a native stone and illustrates on its surface. Her work reflects, as well as the artist's approach to several media, 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 Guarant Indian; her husband Italo-Argentinean. She has lived in North and South America and the Hawaiian Islands. The death of her father in 1993 influenced her visual expression and intensified her awareness of the Guarant legacy that he left her.

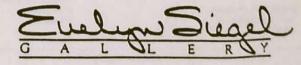
Mythological and folk figures also appear in her work, as do her husband, children, and herself.

Toledo's illustrations appear on the covers of several novels issued by Plover Press, a Hawaiian publishing house, and in Fort Worth she began writing stories of her own. Dr. Maria Teresa Marrero in a prologue to Toledo's book noted the sculptor's approach to her literary expression, from the three-dimensional to infusing her novel with life. Marrero observed that Toledo writes with perspective on her Latin American heritage and identity that only distance can provide.

A graduate of both the Belgrano School of Fine Arts and the Pueyrredon College of Fine Arts in Argentina, she received a fellowship from that nation's ministry of culture and education along with the first prize in a competitive sculpture exhibition in 1979, as well as other awards and honors. .



Mirta Toledo



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> EVELYN SIEGEL GALLERY, 3700 W. 7th St., features works of Mirta Toledo, Sculpter, formerly of Argentina. A luncheon will be hosted in the gallery in her honor November 30, 1994. Please eall for reservations. See p 10.