

Around the World with O'Keeffe opens at Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Welcome Center in Abiquiú

*Free exhibition examines Georgia O'Keeffe's
extensive international travels through collected objects and more*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—May 22, 2023 (Santa Fe, NM)— *Around the World with O'Keeffe*, the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum's newest exhibition only at its Welcome Center in Abiquiú, is now open for viewing. Free to the public, *Around the World with O'Keeffe* examines O'Keeffe's international travels through special objects she collected, including items of clothing, textiles, and shoes, on those trips that influenced both her art and her design aesthetic.

"O'Keeffe's extensive world travels are quite vividly reflected in the Abiquiú Home & Studio," said Giustina Renzoni, Curator of Historic Properties for the Museum. "The pantry contains food items, cookware, and pottery from cultures around the world. In her closet hang kimonos purchased in Japan, which she often wore as house coats. While examining the objects in the artist's pantry and closet may initially appear inconsequential, they represent how the places she visited deeply influenced her and, ultimately, her art."



Around the World with O'Keeffe features a dining room vignette set up similar to the Dining Room at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Home & Studio.

The exhibition showcases the influence of international design that O'Keeffe incorporated into her home. At the center of the exhibition is a vignette of a dining room, depicting the table furnishings at the artist's Home & Studio. The table features a bright blue tea set from Japan and a reproduction of a minimalist plywood table that O'Keeffe designed herself. Hanging above the table is an Isamu Noguchi lantern, similar to the one O'Keeffe received as a gift from the artist, the scene exemplifies O'Keeffe's knack for integrating her travel souvenirs and international aesthetic into her everyday life and style.

Visitors will also learn about O'Keeffe's trips abroad, the artist visited almost 50 countries on nearly every continent during her lifetime, and the items the artist traveled with to make her



travels most comfortable. Just the second exhibition hosted at the Welcome Center, *Around the Work with O’Keeffe* follows on the success of *O’Keeffe in the Landscape*, which focused on O’Keeffe’s camping trips and gear.

Around the World with O’Keeffe is on view at the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum Welcome Center, 21120 US-84 in Abiquiú, through spring 2024. The Welcome Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The exhibition is free, no advanced reservations are required. Tickets for tours of the Home & Studio are required. Visit gokm.org/tickets-tours

Left: Photograph reproductions highlight the extent of O’Keeffe’s travels alongside souvenirs such as fans and a kimono,

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Quotes from the Artist:

“I must speak to you this morning . . . such things I have seen out the window I have never dreamed—this is more like my dreams than anything I have ever seen.”

“I really can’t tell of it but it makes me believe in my dreams more than I ever have.”

Georgia O’Keeffe in a letter to Anita O’Keeffe, 1959

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