



Museum's Newest Exhibition, *Rooted in Place*, Features Georgia O'Keeffe's Sketches and Paintings of Foliage

Rooted in Place was curated in partnership with the Santa Fe Botanical Garden and will be on view until April 15, 2024

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—November 9, 2023 (Santa Fe, NM)— Leaf peepers are in for a late-season treat as the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum presents *Rooted in Place*, a new exhibition highlighting Georgia O'Keeffe's works of trees, shrubs, stumps, and other botanic delights. Curated in partnership with the Santa Fe Botanical Garden, the exhibition provides scientific insight into some of the featured flora.

"*Rooted in Place* is a testament to O'Keeffe's deep relationship with nature," Bess Murphy, Luce Curator of Art and Social Practice, said. "Many of us are familiar with Georgia O'Keeffe's explorations of flowers, however, an even more persistent botanical subject in her work was trees, especially during her time in New Mexico."



The exhibition spotlights "keystone species" from New Mexico with expert input from the Santa Fe Botanical Garden on the origin and unique characteristics of these species. A keystone species helps to define and support an entire ecosystem, and without these species, those ecosystems may drastically change or even collapse. O'Keeffe painted many versions of piñon, juniper, and cottonwood, all of which are keystone species in northern New Mexico, as well as those of countries and regions to which she traveled.



"O'Keeffe sketched banyan trees in Bermuda, redwood trees in California, and palm trees in Antigua. She also painted piñon, juniper, and cottonwood in New Mexico many times. *Rooted in Place* is a unique display of an iconic artist who portrayed the iconic flora of a region she lived in or visited," Murphy said.

Rooted in Place will be on view until April 15, 2023. See it free! Join the Museum for First Friday on December 1, 2023. First Fridays are free all day for New Mexico residents and free for everyone from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Free

spotlight tours of the exhibition will be available with an art activity led by teaching artist Morgan Jones. For more information, visit gokm.org.

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