

brave new word

BOOK New Mexico has an established tradition of both attracting and nourishing literary talent—who can forget the eccentric and zealous Witter Bynner, or effusive novelist Rudolfo Anaya? And contemporary writers are reaping the same benefit from this word-inspiring state, as is instantly recognizable in a new anthology released this past spring. *Earthships: A New Mecca Poetry Collection* (Horse and Tiger Press, \$15.50) includes work from more than 70 New Mexico writers, and covers every part of the poetic spectrum—from traditional verse to pieces that are usually performed as spoken-word. Featuring guest poets Sandra Cisneros, Ana Castillo, and Jimmy Santiago Baca, the collection also contains poetry by Gary Mex Glazner (founder of the Santa Fe-based Alzheimer's Poetry Project), Hakim Bellamy (member of the 2005 National

Poetry Slam-winning team from Albuquerque), and a host of poignant outpourings from writers under 20. In this one anthology, an entire poetry community converges to highlight our state's unique and powerful literary voice.—*Liz Napieralski*



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thinking inside the box

AWARD While creative boundary busting is hard, using outside-the-box ideas to design a unique development that fits comfortably inside the box—in the form of downtown buildings that conform to both historic styles and limited existing space—poses a double, paradoxical, challenge. And it's what Studio Southwest Architects faced in designing the Residence Club at El



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Corazon de Santa Fe (505-820-0850, elcorazondesantafe.com), completed in 2005, which replaced part of a 1960s apartment complex. A testament to lead architect Jeff Seres's skill, and restraint, El Corazon was one of only five projects in the state to receive this year's Award of Merit for Residential "Infill Design," from the American Institute of Architects' Albuquerque chapter. The fractional-ownership club, a complex of 15 vacation-home units within the 72-unit development at 103 Catron, may not seem innovative at first glance, but according to the judges, that's part of what makes it remarkable. Praised for "details which evoke the capital city's architectural heritage without slipping into kitsch" and its space- and view-saving underground parking, El Corazon also won points for its 100,000-gallon cistern, which collects rooftop rainwater for landscaping. But design solutions are only part of this sustainability equation: Developer Rob Harper and builders Jim and Rick Borrego, faced with the needs of longtime tenants, created a program to help find new housing, with two months' free rent and startup cash.—*MS*

local dealers who know "eco" means "home"

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Casa Natura	The philosophy of this home store is that a residence should be a nurturing, health-promoting sanctuary—so here you'll find only chemical-free pillows, comforters, organic-cotton sheets and towels, and all-natural upholstery and carpeting.	328 Sandoval 505-820-7634 casanaturainc.com
Recycle Santa Fe Art Festival	November 16–18 at El Museo Cultural, earth-conscious artists sell goods made from a minimum of 75 percent recycled materials; in booths laden with treasures like lamps made out of license plates and mobiles fashioned from discarded plastic.	1615 Paseo de Peralta recyclesantafe.org
Red Lantern Boutique	This new boutique carrying Fair Trade (often organic) home décor and accessories is operated by the founders of the Guanyin Association for Women's Education, a nonprofit that helps disadvantaged young women around the world achieve success.	131 W Water 505-466-3793
Sachi Organics	The owners of this shop that opened in June want you to breathe easier knowing their organic futons, yoga props, furniture, and beds—including pet beds—are earth-friendly, people-friendly products, at once beautiful and functional.	523 W Cordova 505-982-3938 sachiorganics.com
Santa Fe Beeswax	Not only are this company's handcrafted, 100-percent-beeswax candles hypoallergenic, non-toxic, smokeless, and dripless, but they also donate five percent of proceeds to educational and preservation causes relating to the welfare of the honeybee.	173 Paseo de Peralta 505-983-1548 santafecandle.com
VIDA Design	All furniture from VIDA Design, whether in stores or custom built, is artisan-made and comes from environmentally sensitive hardwoods, hand-forged and welded steel, reclaimed granite, reconstituted concrete, and English-bridle leather.— <i>LN</i>	505-913-9844 vidadesignonline.com