



Waxahachie's Webb Gallery has window feature at Neiman Marcus

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Waxahachie residents and Webb Gallery owners Bruce and Julie Webb spent their time earlier this week at Neiman Marcus in downtown Dallas.

The couple was creating a display window installation for the Dallas flagship store's participation in the upcoming Dallas Art Fair slated for April 8-10.

Neiman Marcus, a founding sponsor of the fair, has for the third year dedicated its display windows on Main and Ervay streets to the event. This year there were seven artists or gallery owners chosen to create the window designs, including Webb Gallery.

The Webb display adorns one of the Main Street side windows. "We are thrilled to do a window and share our ideas of art as a window of esthetics, design and the great feelings it brings through art's own far reaching visions," Julie Webb said.

Asked by Christopher Byrne, co-founder of the Dallas Art Fair and a big fan of using local talent, to take part in the installation, Webb said, "When we approached the idea, we decided what best represented us, our gallery and how we feel about art and design would be a Wunderkammer or cabinet of curiosities."

Onlookers to the window can experience the feeling of entering a visual wonder cabinet filled with art and antiques, which all share an esthetic, color palette or strong design element.

Choosing pieces to work together creating a vision of what Webb said she and her husband like, collect and offer to the public, a peek inside the window offers everything from handmade modern furniture, scarecrow totems made by a blind artist to vintage late 1800s beaded Indian suits, paintings by William S. Burroughs and a Victorian Masonic archway.

"The original idea of a Wunderkammer was done by the Surrealists, who have more of an African and Oceanic approach; but we are doing a more Texas – American – Native American approach, more where we exist," Webb said.

Working in the window for two days to complete the installation, Webb said the final outcome was also a result of weeks in thought and prep of artwork and the various pieces included.

“What we have created is very representative to what anyone would see or experience when visiting the gallery in Waxahachie,” Webb said.

Located in Waxahachie since 1987, the Webb’s gallery has been in its space on Franklin Street since 1994.

“We approach every exhibit we put up in the gallery in a similar way as we did the Neiman’s window,” Webb said. “We have been thrilled to do this not only for the challenge and fun of doing it, but we worked with Neiman’s on their 90th celebration and it gave us an opportunity to once again work with old friends.”

Neiman Marcus is located at 1618 Main St. in Dallas.