

WHAT: **MEET THE ARTIST RECEPTION with GEORGE MENDOZA**

WHERE: **Carlsbad Museum & Art Center**  
418 W. Fox St.  
Carlsbad, NM

WHEN: **THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2010**  
**6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Also GRAND OPENING of our new MUSEUM MERCANTILE with  
Christmas in July SALE!**

*Come see the exhibit by legally blind artist George Mendoza, meet the artist, enjoy fabulous refreshments and shop the new and improved Museum Mercantile!*

George Mendoza of Las Cruces, a legally blind painter and visionary artist, exhibits "George Mendoza: Touching the Sun" at the Carlsbad Museum & Art Center now through August 23. An author, athlete, artist, and motivational speaker declared to be a state treasure by New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, Mendoza's show features works that reveal the moods and creative journey of this remarkable man. George Mendoza suffered from a crippling eye disease as a young teenager which left him legally blind. Encouraged to paint the moving vibrant colors he "sees," Mendoza has developed an extensive body of work which has been adapted by Westminster Fibers, through its Free Spirit brand, to launch two premiere textile collections. Paintings and fabrics make up the exhibit, which caters to visually impaired patrons. The CMAC is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. **Admission is free.** For more information call 575-887-0276.