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Bath House  
CULTURAL CENTER

## Daughter uses art to keep alive memory of mother's love for life and color

The Bath House Cultural Center presents

### **Todo Sobre mi Madre (All About my Mother)**

**Recent artwork by María Teresa García Pedroche**

**May 1-June 5, 2010**

**Opening Reception with the Artists: Saturday, May 1, 2010 (7-9 PM)**

Free and open to the public

DALLAS –The Bath House Cultural Center presents *Todo Sobre mi Madre (All About my Mother)*, an exhibition of mixed media artwork by María Teresa García Pedroche, May 1 to June 5, 2010. An opening reception with Ms. García Pedroche will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 7 to 9 PM. Both the exhibition and the reception are free and open to the public.

In the exhibition *Todo Sobre mi Madre*, Dallas artist **María Teresa García Pedroche** investigates the cherished and everlasting relationship she developed with her late mother, María Pedroche García (1928-2007), through a collection of nature-related color photographs and other works in mixed media that poetically illustrate the love for vivid colors and fragrances that the artist's mother expressed throughout her life.

The intimate moments that the artist and her mother shared together serve as the main source of inspiration for this exhibition—particularly the moments during the last days of the mother's life. Upon that relationship, the artist reflects: "My mother's love of nature was contagious and she would find beauty in all that surrounded her. She would often describe her garden with vivid colors and fragrances and with the sounds of her birds that would visit frequently." García Pedroche adds:

While she was in hospice, she reminded me to water her flowers and feed her birds. It was during one of those days when I felt helpless that I discovered a bird of paradise that had two flowers blooming in one stem. I immediately showed her the fresh cut flower and she smiled and responded, 'This is Paradise.' Every day for a month I would take the flower and photograph it facing the sky. I would show her the flower and the photos and she held on to my hand and prayed for blessings to shower all of my family. The flower died when my mother went to paradise. A year passed before I developed the photographs. I continue to discover new works from this series that bring back memories stored in my heart."

In 2009, the artist created glass soldered houses inspired by her mother's *dicho*, (proverb) "*Cuida tu casa y deja la ajena*" (Take care of your home and don't meddle in others'). The mixed media houses are also on display in this exhibition as the artist continues to pay tribute to her mother as a way to hold on to her memories, which have provided strength and wisdom for many years.

Please visit [www.bathhousecultural.com](http://www.bathhousecultural.com) for more information and to preview selected art pieces from the exhibition in the Photo Gallery.

**Press Photographs:**

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**The Bath House Cultural Center** is a division of the City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs. The center is dedicated to fostering the growth, development and quality of multi-cultural arts within the City of Dallas. The center emphasizes innovating visual and performing arts as well as other multi-discipline events throughout the year. Funding for the Bath House Cultural Center is provided by the City of Dallas, with additional support from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

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**LOCATION AND HOURS:**

The Bath House Cultural Center is located on the eastern shore of White Rock Lake at the end of Northcliff Dr. off of Buckner Blvd. at **521 E. Lawther, Dallas, TX 75218**. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday, 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM. The center is open until 10:00 PM on nights with theatre performances. For general information about cultural programs at the Bath House Cultural Center, please call (214) 670-8749 or visit the center's website at <http://www.bathhousecultural.com/>

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