



Media Contact:

Jodi Bart

jodi.bart@gmail.com

512.657.8297

New Mural at Texas State School of Nursing Highlights History

ROUND ROCK, Texas, April 22, 2010 — A mural depicting nursing history by Houston artist Cookie Ashton will be the centerpiece for the lobby of Texas State University's new [School of Nursing](#) in Round Rock. The ten foot long, six foot high mural will cover more than 300 years in the development of the nursing profession beginning in the 1700s to the present day. The school will open to the public and welcome their first 100 junior-level nursing students in the fall of 2010.

[Art + Artisans](#) was chosen by a University Art Committee, including the Dean of the College of Health Professions and nursing faculty, as well as a senior designer from The LauckGroup, to help select pieces from more than 20 artists. Art pieces were commissioned or selected from a number of Texas State University-San Marcos professors and the University's own private art, print and photography collection. Commissioned pieces from other Texas artists working in a variety of media, including blown glass, reverse-painted acrylic, sculpted wood, and original oils, will occupy the remainder of the 79,000 square-foot space.

"The art committee wanted to create a calm, soothing environment, while also speaking to the mission of nursing," says Jennifer Seay, president of Art + Artisans. "It was also important to give the new school in Round Rock its own identity, at the same time showing its connection to the main campus in San Marcos."

[Art + Artisans](#), with offices in Austin and Houston, guides clients through the art process, from research through procurement and installation. They serve design firms and clients in a variety of sectors including corporate, education, healthcare, and hospitality.