

Kids learn to find math in art, nature at Community Gallery

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Young mathematicians learned about the Fibonacci sequence, a mathematical pattern on which a number of naturally occurring shapes are based, during a special event for kids Saturday at the Santa Fe Community Gallery, 201 W. Marcy Street.

With the help of Mollie Parsons, the new education director for the Santa Fe Botanical Garden, toddlers and teenagers found the mathematical pattern in seashells, asparagus, cauliflower and roses. Parsons also had books on hand to explain the concept to kids and adults interested in learning more about it.

The backdrop for the afternoon of learning, which is one of two events being held just for kids at the gallery, is the *¡Viva Flora!* exhibit there. The exhibit, which opened June 21 and runs through Aug. 23, features work from 35 local artists whom the gallery chose to create art based on New Mexico's native flora.

From a mixed-media sculpture of morning glories featuring hand-blown glass blooms to various paintings, the exhibit is meant to show off local art while building word about the opening of the botanical gardens on Museum Hill the weekend of July 19.

Parson's next free kids' activity day will be from 12-4 p.m. Aug. 10. The subject will be plant anatomy.

The gallery website is santafenm.gov/index.aspx?NID=1531. For more information on the Santa Fe Botanical Garden, visit santafebotanicalgarden.org.