

## **For Immediate Release**

May 21, 2009

**New Mexico Author**

**Katherine Wells**

**Book Release Reading & Signing**

### ***Life on the Rocks: One Woman's Adventures in Petroglyph Preservation***

**What:** Katherine Wells **Reading & Signing**

**Where:** Tipton Hall

**When:** June 22, 2009 @ 6pm

**How Much:** \$5 General Public, \$2.50 students/seniors/SFAI members

The Santa Fe Art Institute is proud to celebrate the release of Katherine Wells' new book, ***Life on the Rocks: One Woman's Adventures in Petroglyph Preservation***. Please join us on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> for a reading and book signing by the author.

**Katherine Wells** was born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri. After graduation from the University of Wyoming with honors (Phi Beta Kappa), she spent a year living in Venezuela as a Fulbright Scholar. Later, she attended Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles, taught high school for several years, and owned a silk-screen/graphic design business.

Since the 1980s Katherine has devoted herself to mixed-media sculpture and writing and has had many solo exhibitions. In 1992, she moved to New Mexico where she purchased a rock art site with more than 6,000 petroglyphs. She has spent much of her time in New Mexico working for the protection of Native American rock art. In 2006, she received the American Rock Art Research Association's Conservation and Preservation award.

Her memoir, ***Life on the Rocks: One Woman's Adventures in Petroglyph Preservation*** will be published in May of 2009 by the University of New Mexico Press.

For more information, images, or interview requests, please contact Michelle Laflamme-Childs at [mchilids@sfai.org](mailto:mchilids@sfai.org) or call (505) 424-5050.

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