

# Walk in My Shoes II

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## Ann Morton, Phoenix

After a 35+ year professional career as a graphic/environmental designer, Morton returned to school to get a Master of Fine Arts degree in fibers from Arizona State University. Currently she is a practicing artist and educator at ASU and Paradise Valley Community College. The work in this show is part of an ongoing commitment Morton has to people facing homelessness. She was the founder of an organization called “Street Gems” in 2012 which sought to help homeless individuals through art making and job training.

## Annie Lopez, Phoenix

Lopez was born and raised in Phoenix. She has been a recognizable figure in the arts scene since the 1980s when she was part of Phoenix-based Chicano arts organization, Movimiento Artístico del Rio Salado (MARS). Much of Lopez’s artwork is a personal narrative that reveals thoughts about issues like race, gender, aging and relationships. At times the work is serious, and at times includes an underlining dark humor that reflects family history and the stereotypes and biases she has encountered in growing up as a Mexican-American woman in Arizona.

## Chris Boyd, Phoenix

Boyd is an Arizona native who received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Arizona State University and his Master of Fine Arts degree in sculpture from California State University, Long Beach. He later earned his Ph.D. in psychology with a specialization in transformative social change from Saybrook University in Oakland. In addition to making art, Boyd manages the arts-based nonprofit *VelNonArt* and works as a Psychosocial Arts Therapist.

## Jorge De La Torre, Tempe

De La Torre was born in Sonora, Mexico and raised in Douglas, AZ. He earned a Bachelor’s degree in computer systems engineering from Arizona State University. After ten years of working as an engineer, he decided to pursue a career in the arts. De La Torre works in many creative media such as woodworking and stop-motion puppetry, but his favorite medium is sculpture. Since 2009 he has owned his own design studio, De La Torre Design.