

## The Mad Potter Plays Many Roles

Jamie Douglass loves to get her hands dirty. Usually it's the result of potting unique combinations of flowers and plant materials – and the occasional unexpected statuary – as owner of Mad Potter Container Gardens. But it also happens when she shows up to volunteer once a week at the Law Center, where she takes on any task in front of her.

Jamie's love of horticulture led her to leave a 15-year career in investment banking back in Chicago. She took a degree in Horticulture/ Landscape design, then went to work for the Chicago Botanic Garden. She managed 45 inner city gardens in an outreach program serving impoverished neighborhoods in the inner city, working with horticulture therapy sensory gardens, school gardens, and senior centers. "In my investment career I worked with Chicago's wealthiest citizens but I felt the inner city gardeners were the richest," she recalls of those years.

Ready for another change, Jamie moved to Denver, where she worked for several non-profit organizations including a micro economic project with homeless and those living on the margins of society, and Grounds for Learning, a school garden program utilizing school grounds as an outdoor classroom.



*Jamie says she was drawn to the Law Center because she "wanted to learn more about the environment in New Mexico and how the law can be part of protecting our natural resources. I wanted to know what's going on with issues like the dairy industry, water, mining, and other issues." For more information on Jamie's Mad Potter Container Gardens, visit her website at Madpotter.net.*



From left to right: Elizabeth Lee, Ouida MacGregor, Jamie Douglass, Katie Rountree, Doug Meiklejohn, Joan Murphy

## Thanks to the Women Who Care!

To receive the vote of confidence of 100 women who care – literally, 100 Women Who Care – made our day, our month, our year. At their quarterly meeting in November 2013, the philanthropic group 100 Women Who Care Santa Fe (a local chapter of the national movement), voted to distribute their proceeds from the meeting to the New Mexico Environmental Law Center after executive director Doug Meiklejohn gave a presentation on the health impacts of uranium mining on Native land and the Law Center's efforts to continue fighting it. Find more information on the group at [100womenwhocaresantafe.com](http://100womenwhocaresantafe.com).

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