

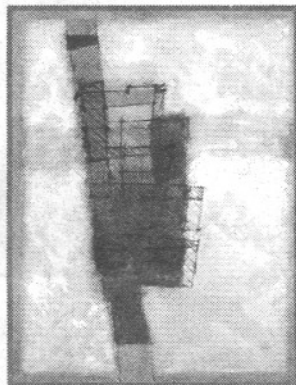
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Architectural abstracts and meditative assemblages provide soothing and hypnotic moods

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Bella Vista Art gallery in the River Arts district has brought together the works of two local artists that borrow the color and light from foreign landscapes to let us reflect on ourselves, and our environment, in a deep, rich and soothing tapestry of moods.

Peter Alberice has culled the vivid yellow, ochre and smoky olive-green colors of the Tuscany landscapes and ancient, degenerating buildings of Italy and melded them with the refined concepts of layers, transitions, offsets and shifts from his



Piece by Peter Alberice on display at Bella Vista.

architectural background onto the canvas in a luminous and charged series of Architectural abstract oil pieces. Peter comfortably rests the foundation of his work, like an architect, on the land itself, and evokes the calm, natural depth of the land in his vision of structure.

Eugene Avergon has succeeded in distilling the essence from the major branches of our ancestral cultures into the tactile, minimalist surfaces of his assemblages. Each of his pieces invokes a contemplative state of mind and could almost be called meditations on the tensions, pressures, fractures and vastness of our

respective ancestral cultures. Eugene's assemblages of natural and found objects are like the sound of your breath while you meditate; they serve as a soothing and hypnotic playground for your thoughts. An internalization of nature, as well as a blending and balancing of East and West characterize the "America Series". His other series include the Europa, Africa and Asian Series, not all of which are on display.

The two artists brought together this month at Bella Vista Art are visual artists of mood, influenced by ancient cultures and structures that resonate with us as humans and as descendants of those cultures. The opening reception will be from 5-8 pm on Friday, August 4th at 240 Clingman Ave. in the River Arts District. Visit www.BellaVistaArt.com or call the gallery at (828) 768-0246.