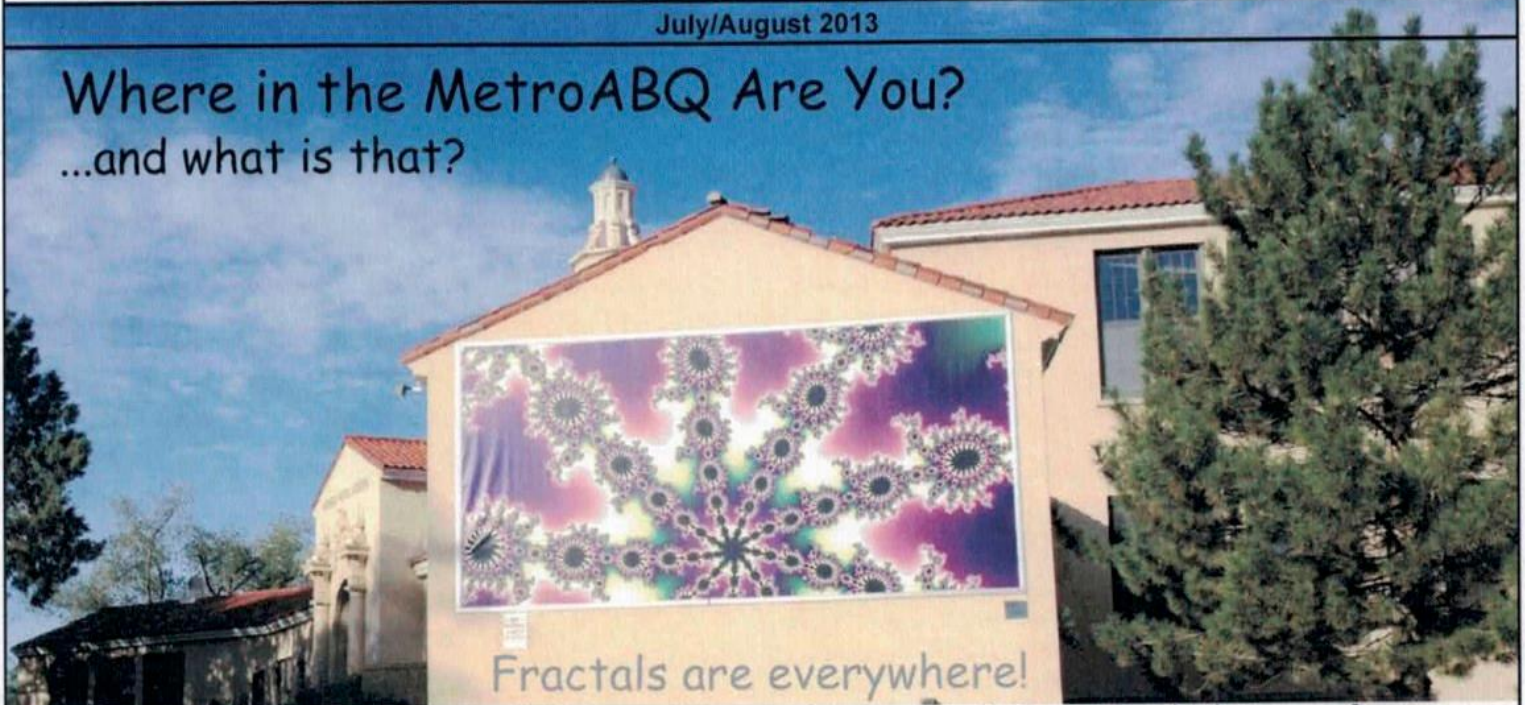


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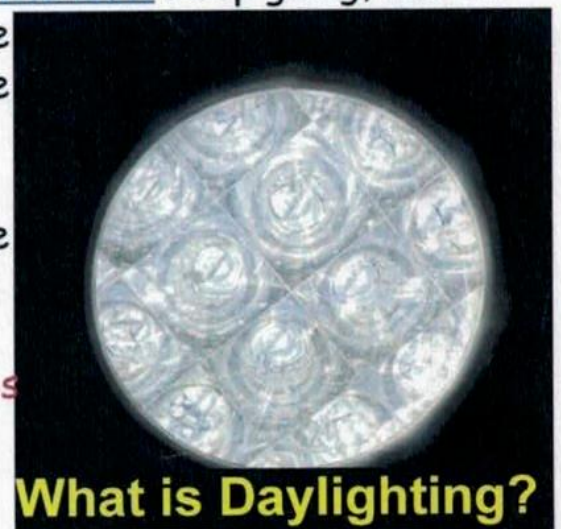
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Where in the MetroABQ Are You? ...and what is that?



Fractals are everywhere!

Heading toward Nob Hill along Monte Vista Blvd from Carlisle, you first see Architect [Bart Prince's unique House and Studio on the right](#), and another of his [creations obscured by trees to the left](#). Keep going, and on the corner of Campus Blvd, on the wall of Monte Vista Elementary School, you will spot the scene above. For seven years now, these random Fractal images have been popping up in unlikely places around the MetroABQ. These large-scale art installations were envisioned by elementary school students and created by the Fractal Foundation, located in Nob Hill. [See more photos and find out about Fractal Fridays, on page 2...](#)



What is Daylighting?

...and how can we get some?
Discover an inexpensive way to transform your living space.

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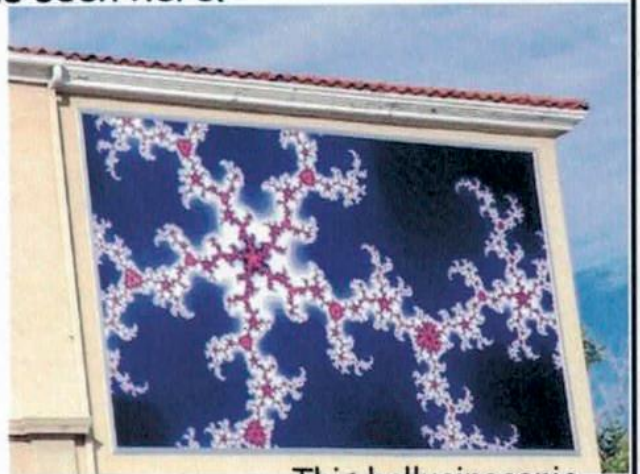


What is a Fractal? A fractal is a never-ending pattern that appears naturally in nature. From the [Fractal Foundation](#) website: they are "infinitely complex patterns that are similar across different scales of size" which means that as the pattern keeps repeating, it retains the same shape, no matter how small the image gets. A good example of this is the Aloe plant to the right, taken from the Web--the smaller leaves in the center are still the exact shape as the larger outside leaves. Abstract fractals can be generated by a computer calculating a simple equation over and over--a perpetual feedback loop, as the elementary students did to create these other Fractals seen here.

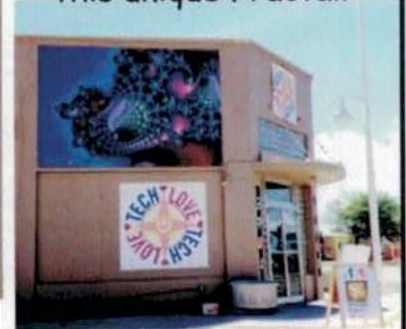
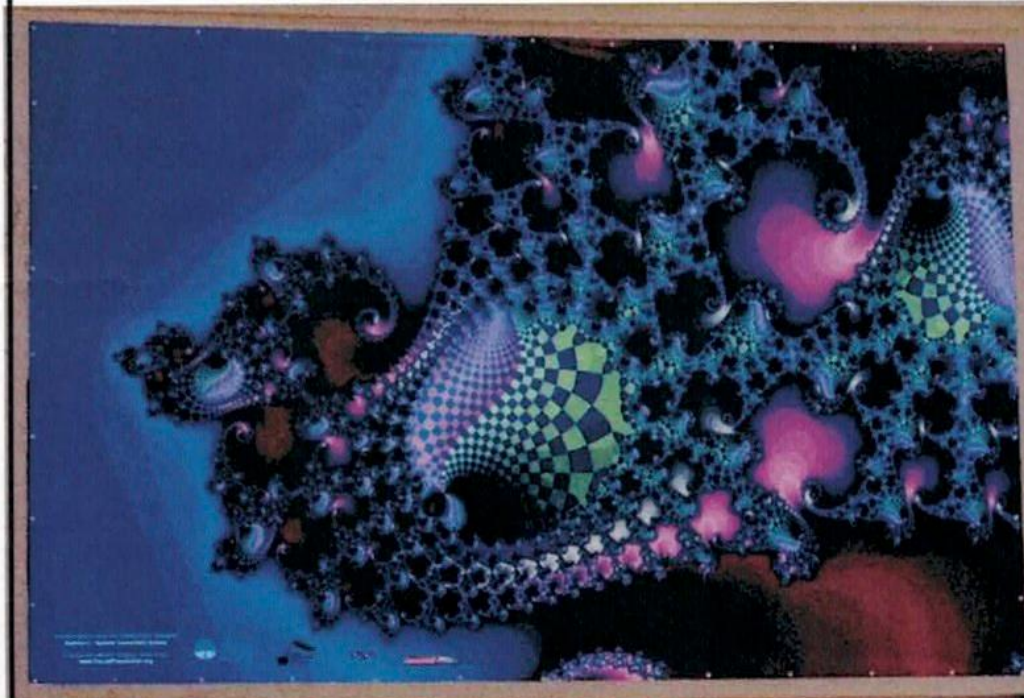


First Friday Fractals

"is the spectacular, award-winning full-dome planetarium show that takes viewers on a tour of the fractals in nature & zooms through infinitely complex mathematical fractals. Featuring original music, the show is both educational and highly entertaining." I've been to the show at the NM Museum of Natural History in Old Town, and it was absolutely amazing!
The next Fractal show is September 6th. I would buy tickets in advance...



This hallucinogenic Fractal to the left can be found below, on the corner of Aliso and Central Ave in east Nob Hill, on a building housing a new coffee shop called Mimmo Espresso, and a community event gathering space called TechLove. Stop by & see this unique Fractal!



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Daylighting: What is it and how can you get it?

Recently I stopped by [The Natural Lighting Company](#) to ask about remedying the low light in one of my duplex units. They suggested daylighting using Solatubes to bring in light to darker areas. Daylighting is brightening your home without the use of electricity; in the Southwest, sunlight provides an unlimited no-cost daytime light supply. Solatubes capture daylight and deliver it to interior spaces, using "the world's most reflective material," bringing 99% of the daylight inside, summer and winter. And when the sun isn't shining, the LED light inside provides bright nighttime light. LED's use minimal electricity and last up to 20 years.



For my purposes, I priced out the 14" Solatube system, with a 'warm effect' lens and Optiview fixture. The total cost was \$715 before tax, which includes a plaster ceiling cut for the installation. *The entire installation cost qualifies for a 30% Federal Tax Credit, which brings the cost down to only \$500!*

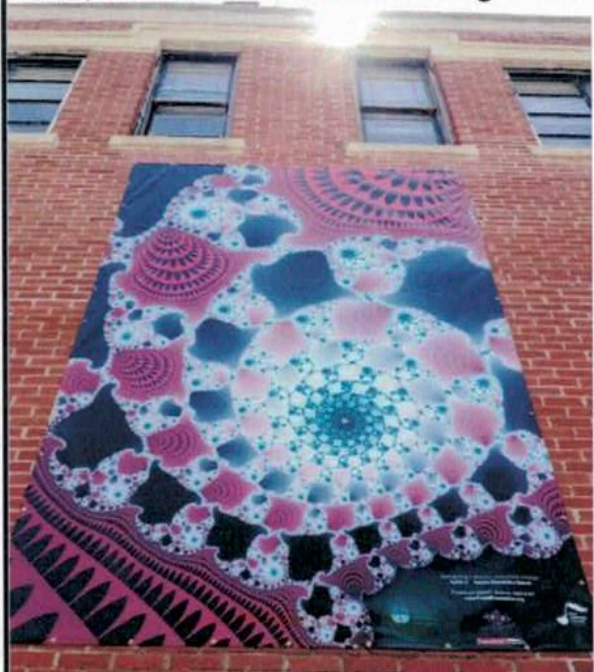


The bottom corner image on the first page is the OptiView, with a 'dazzling lens.' On the left are two fixtures/diffusers that you can use to customize your lighting.



Brooke, an owner of the lighting company, demonstrates the attic fan, which vents hot air when the sun hits the solar panel on top.

Where are these? You can find the Fractal directly below at the Harwood Art Center on Mountain Road, and the Fractal to the right is another at



Monte Vista Elementary School in Nob Hill. On the previous page, the Fractal in the middle can also be found at the Monte Vista School. Do you know of other Fractals displayed around the MetroABQ? Send me an email, or call.



The Sky's The Limit!

The MetroABQ offers the greatest reasons to crane our necks upward: the infinite color gradations of the sky provide no end to the visual entertainment. Below are selected properties I have listed, and the sky

above them...

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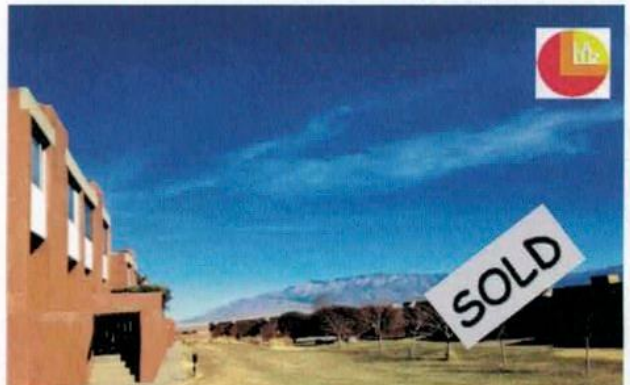
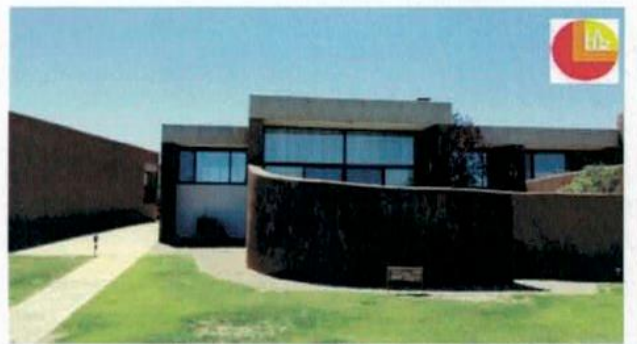
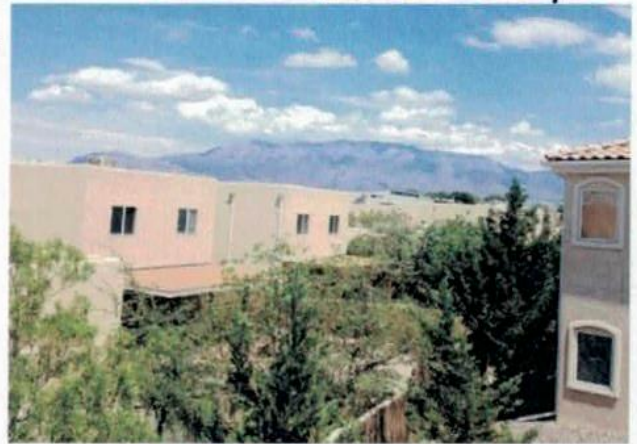
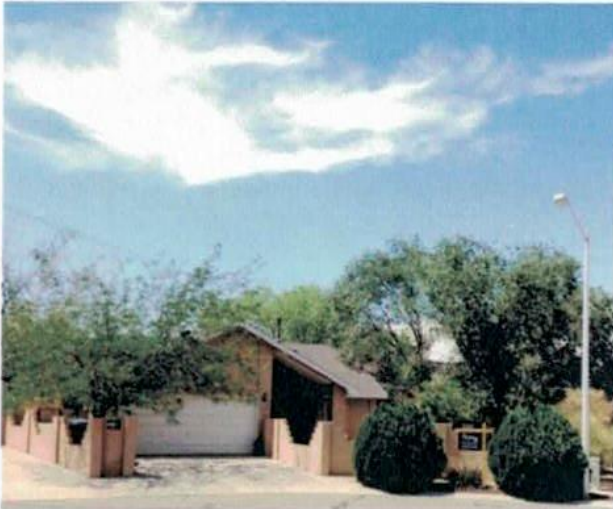
Rancho »
Mirage Condo (\$140,000)

Seven Bar »
West (\$364,900)

« Mauger Mansion B&B (\$979,000)

La Luz »
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