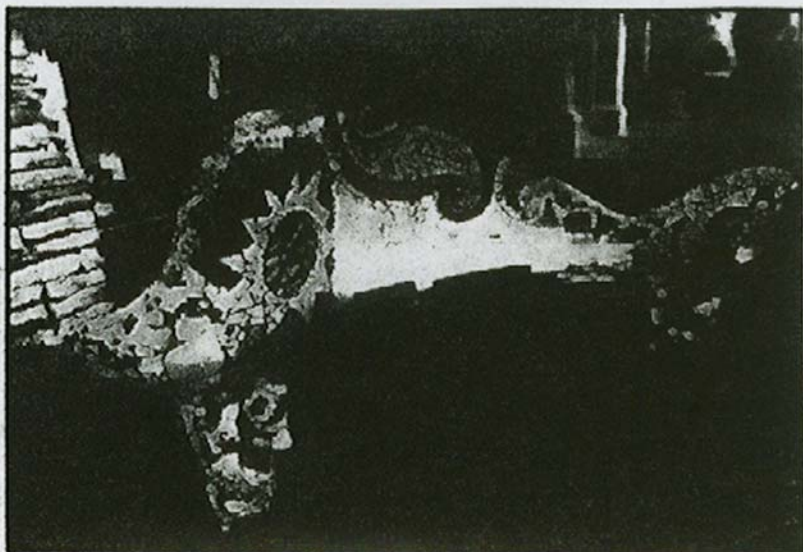


Artistic mosaic bench unveiled

PALM SPRINGS — Visitors to downtown Palm Springs have a new piece of functional art on which to rest their eyes and their weary seats, at the Plaza Mercado Center in front of retail stores Mosaic and La Mariposa.

The bench was commissioned by Diane Matzner, owner of the two stores, and created by Palm Springs artist Harvey Silverman from a mix of antique and new pottery, tile, ceramic pieces and glass. Silverman worked during the cool, early hours every morning for nearly a month carefully placing and securing the hundreds of individual pieces of material needed to cover the double-sided bench. He then grouted and sealed the bench. The unusual piece is sure to attract attention. Pedestrians can relax from shop



ping and appreciate Silverman's artistic vision.

The mosaic bench is the second downtown bench created by Matzner. She previously commissioned the popular cat bench in front of Aristokatz another of her downtown retail locations.