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Baby boomers will get a nostalgic kick out of Kemp Davis' FotoSeptiembre show in the Blue Star Contemporary Art Center's intimate Gallery 4 through Sept. 24.

Here, viewers will find "a collection of childhood memories," such as a model airplane, an Erector set robot, an old-fashioned push mower, an Estes rocket, well-worn baseball mitts, homemade skateboards and a horned toad that has a firecracker clenched in its jaws. And, yes, there is a portrait of a dead bird for those who once stalked the wilds of the backyard with their Daisy BB guns.

"It's about growing up in South Texas, those summers when you were about 12 or 14," says Davis, who just turned 54. "My mom would tell us to go outside and not come back until dinner. You didn't have a lot of toys, so everything became a toy. I think anyone over 40 will see this show and go, 'I did that.'"

Davis says that for this ongoing series, he broke each memory down "to its basic component" and then photographed it in his studio. He kept things simple — "no Photoshop or digital manipulation."

The artist hopes his images will "invoke memories of your childhood or at least make you smile."

*Steve Bennett*

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