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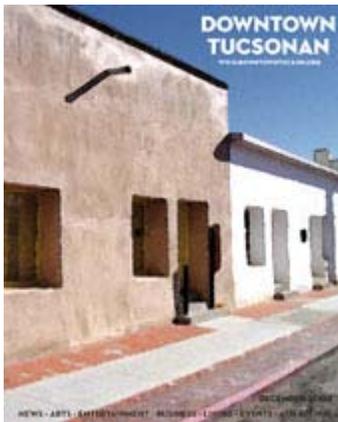
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Downtown Business Updates

New Business

Last month, proprietors Natasha Winnik and Josephine Thomason opened their complementary businesses Originate and The EPA

Center in the warehouse at 526 N. 9th Ave.



Winnik's Originate is a natural building materials showroom that "specializes in interior finishes that are environmentally friendly, non-toxic, durable and made from natural and renewable resources," according to her website www.OriginateNBM.com. Trained as an architect, Winnik said she "found it difficult to use these types of materials because they weren't available locally."

The women bought the space in the middle of June with the “idea that the building is a community and demonstration center,” Winnik explained.

Thomason’s EPA Center is a school for ecological building, permaculture and art that will cover subjects such as building with rammed earth and strawbale, water harvesting, desert gardening and paper and printmaking.

The schedule of upcoming classes is available at www.EPACenter.org or by calling 792-4410.

The Originate showroom will generally be opened during the week, after 10:00am. Call 977-3277 for more information.
