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March - April 2010

spring membership meeting

Saturday, April 24, 10 AM - 12:30 PM

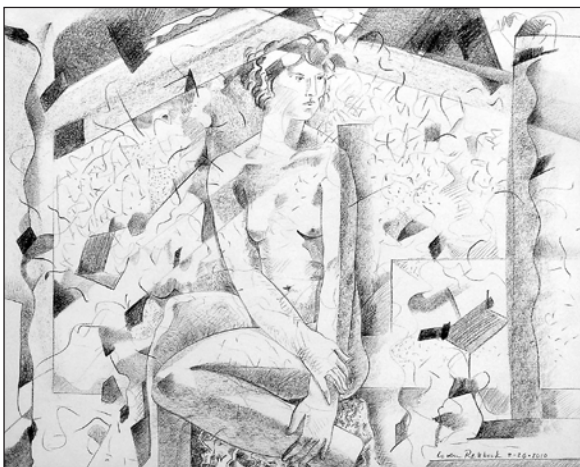
On the Agenda Exhibition at the Craft & Cultural Arts Gallery, State of California Office Building, Oakland, CA
Program Lecture by Dorothy McCall, "Touchstones in Finnish Art: From Akseli Gallen-Kallela to Helene Schjerfbeck"
Hosted by Diane Rusnak, 1306 Marin Ave, San Pablo, CA 94806
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For the pot luck brunch, please bring a dish or a beverage to the meeting.



colette crutcher

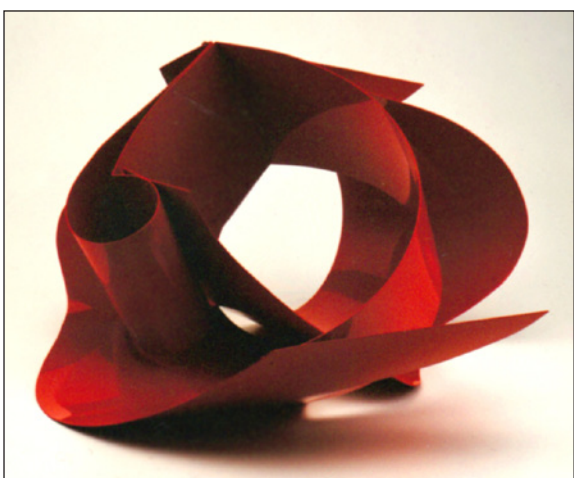
Colette spent part of the winter months assisting students from San Francisco State University in creating a series of giant puppets to be used in demonstrations against cuts in California's education budget. They appeared at protests in San Francisco and Sacramento and brought a lot of media attention to the cause.



loren rehbock

"Recently I've joined a drawing workshop and after 20 minutes of gesture poses to warm up, the model usually settles into one long pose for the duration of the session. This is proving to be a fun and interesting challenge. Also, I continue to compose music.."

Above: One of the new works from the life drawing group



kati casida

Kati exhibits her sculptures at Sculpturesite Gallery, 201 Third Street, Suite 102, San Francisco, March 15 - April 9. Her sculpture, "Jonsok," fabricated in Norway, will be installed in Skjolden, the end point of the Sognefjord, in June for Mid-Summer's Eve.

Left: Red Wings

latest news...

colette crutcher

Colette showed her ceramics and small constructions at Inclusions Gallery in Bernal Heights and Gallery 323 on Potrero Ave. A wide selection of her works will be on display May 1 & 2 at Hunter's Point Shipyard's Spring Open Studio, Building 101, #2510.

norma andersen fox

Norma has 10 baskets on display in the reception at Age Song Residence, 1440 40th St., Emeryville, CA, through April 2010.

pat bengtson jones

"I've taken a course, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), at Chabot College in Hayward. After watching the last few disasters, I decided I wanted to be prepared to help self, family, and the community. Time now to make new sculptures."

crystal lokken

Before her sudden passing, Crystal, who retained her membership in Nordic 5 Arts after she moved to Wisconsin, sent the following e-mail, "staying the night at a motel, and flying home to WI tomorrow. i'll send a jpeg of a recent painting when i return. have it good! crystal." Sadly, she passed away before sending in an image for the Newsbrief... She will be missed. See obituary on next page.

kristin lindseth rivera

"I had three Intaglio prints in the Statewide Drawing and Printmaking exhibit at the Triton Museum of Art in Santa Clara. In January, I started ink painting since I couldn't work outdoors on sculpture due to all the rain. To get some feedback, I sent three images to Long Beach Arts for their Works on Paper show (currently on exhibit in Long Beach), and they accepted all three! I am back to sculpture now, but intend to do more 2D work since it is so much easier to ship!"

anne oseberg

"Lately, my exhibitions have been close to home and I participate on a regular basis in the shows at the Society of Western Art in the South Bay. I was pleased to be given the 'Most Popular Painter of the Year' award from the Sequoia Art Group."

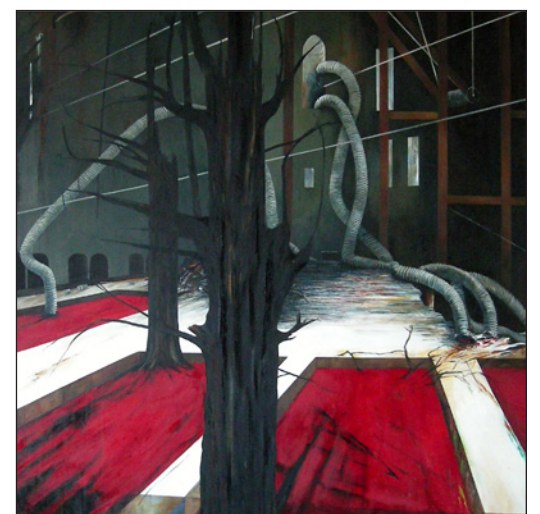
elizabeth stokkebye

"2009 was an un-art year for me...I did not do any art! The Ph.D. program is taking all my strength, but now, I see a light at the end of the tunnel! I'm doing my qualifying exams late this fall, and if passing, I will have a 'free' year next year (no teaching but still supported), and I can concentrate on my own interests within the field (and perhaps have time for painting, too.)"

olivia eielson

"Red Pools #3, plus two more new paintings, are a continuation of my After Piranesi/ After Us series. Inexplicably, all three are church interiors that have started cropping up in my paintings. I am also doing a last revision of a fictionalized memoir, which I began back in 1981. Like my paintings, the memoir will undergo a series of revisions, but I hope to be done in a few months."

Right: Red Pools #3



artists news



barbara stevens strauss

"I've been working with my new favorite medium, paper clay. It's remarkable in that you can build wildly into space if you have the proper armatures. Using Japanese glazes with iron oxides produces new and exciting, if subtle, effects with the textures I incorporate. I will have two pieces on display in "Raku: the Polaroid of Ceramics" at the Myers Gallery in Santa Ana, opening April 10."

Left: Tethered Kingdom



helene sobol

Most recently, Helene's lens was focused India, a country that provided her with many compelling photographic opportunities. Two of her photographs of San Francisco are in "Expressions of the Bay Area," Thoreau Gallery, Presidio of San Francisco, through May 28. She will be showing a collection of photographs from her expedition to the Arctic at the Svalbard Pub, Norway Day Festival, May 1 & 2, Fort Mason, San Francisco.

Photo: At the Well, Madhya Pradesh, India



marie-louise ullmark

Marie-Louise will show her work at the Swedish Room, Showroom and Design Studio, 680 8th Street, Suite 151, San Francisco, CA. Reception April 7, 4-7 PM, through April 9.

Above: California Spring

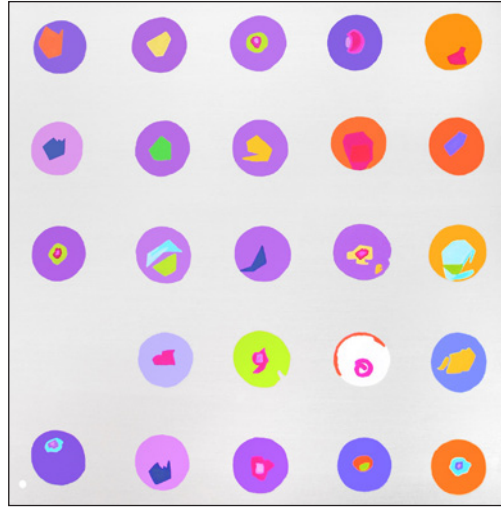


in memoriam...

Crystal Lokken

Long-time member of Nordic 5 Arts
Excerpts from obituary

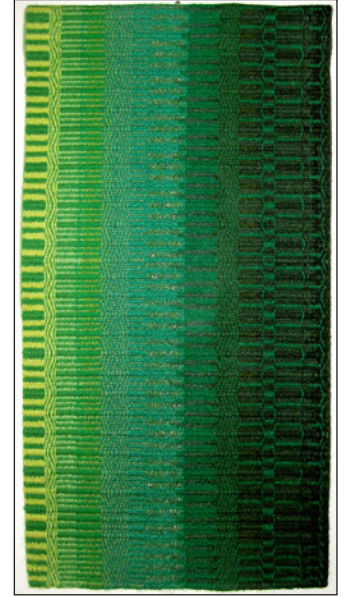
"McFarland, Wisconsin - Crystal (Carol) Harriet Helmke Lokken entered her eternal rest March 15, 2010 at the age of 80... While her life began and ended in McFarland, Crystal spent most of her adult life in California. There, she joyfully raised her family, creatively taught school, passionately expressed herself in the arts and copiously began research on the Vikings... (She) was predeceased in 1991 by her husband of 39 years, the Rev. Sigurd Thomas Lokken. (Crystal) earned a bachelor's degree in art in 1951... settled in Berkeley, Calif., where Sigurd was Lutheran campus minister at the University of California. Crystal, who in 1969 earned a masters degree in education from UCB, was a teacher in the Berkeley school system for 26 years. She was a board member of the American Art Education Association, a position that enabled her to travel as well as extend her artistic expression... Crystal had many hobbies and interests... dancing and performing with the Nordahl Grieg Leikkarring Scandinavian troupe... (Her) early interest in travel blossomed into a lifetime passion, whether taking the long route from California to Wisconsin by way of the Yucatan peninsula or by visiting her children, who settled in Italy and Texas. In her later years, tracing the path of the Vikings took her to Scandinavia often and to the High Atlantic Islands of Svalbard, Iceland, Greenland, the Faroes, Orkneys, Shetland and Hebrides. She used her findings to present lectures. In 2006, at the age of 75, Crystal realized a long dream to return to McFarland... She quickly and deeply involved herself in the McFarland Historical Society... (and) lived to see the McFarland Historical Society successfully acquire the Larson House for a permanent museum... As an artist as well as an art teacher, Crystal expressed herself in oils and watercolors... She also was accomplished at jewelry making, silk screening and knitting... Curious about the world and independent in her pursuit of understanding it, Crystal amassed friends along the way and long maintained contact with them."



ellen faris

"After the slump of 2009, I am getting ready to start painting again! I am receiving orders and gallery inquiries and will have a show in Norway in July. I am also planning to exhibit at the Norway Day Festival May 1 & 2 at Fort Mason, San Francisco."

Left: Missing One



maj-britt mobrand

"I have been working on a few weavings for the "Think Green" show at Expressions Gallery, 2035 Ashby Ave, Berkeley, April 10-June 4, 2010. One piece I call "Green, Greener, Greenest" thinking, of course, of the color green. I teach a full class at my Glimakra Weaving Studio in Berkeley and plan to participate in Pro Arts Open Studios, June 5 & 6 and 12 & 13."

Right: Green, Greener, Greenest

present and future cultural events...

john gabriel borkman

by Henrik Ibsen
Aurora Theatre, Berkeley, CA
April 2 - May 9, 2010

A new version by David Eldridge directed by Barbara Oliver, the play explores the sacrifices made in the pursuit of power and success. Written in 1896, John Gabriel Borkman is a pointed indictment of capitalism and greed.



the girl with the dragon tattoo

Award winning Swedish action film delights with twisted thrills, Opens March 19, 2010 in San Francisco Bay Area.

Author Stieg Larsson, who died suddenly in 2004, left behind three unpublished novels, known as the "Millennium" trilogy, which have become a global sensation, elevating Larsson to the world's second best-selling author last year (behind "The Kite Runner"'s Khaled Hosseini). "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" is one of the decade's major literary success stories, selling over 8,000,000 copies worldwide and the film adaptation is the highest grossing Swedish film in history and 2009's highest-grossing film in Europe. Directed by Niels Arden Oplev (Worlds Apart.)

norway day festival

Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA
May 1 & 2

The Norway Day Festival, celebrated every year in San Francisco, is the largest and most prestigious festival of its kind in the United States. This year's theme, A Window to Norway, features historical accounts and Norway's evolution in the areas of green technology, architecture, industrial design, overall quality, innovation, and invention. Ellen Faris and Helene Sobol will exhibit their work at the festival.

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Voice your opinions regarding our next show at the Craft & Cultural Arts Gallery, State of California Office Building, Oakland, September 12 - October 28, 2011.

<http://nordic5arts.blogspot.com/2009/12/2011-show-at-craft-cultural-art.html>

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