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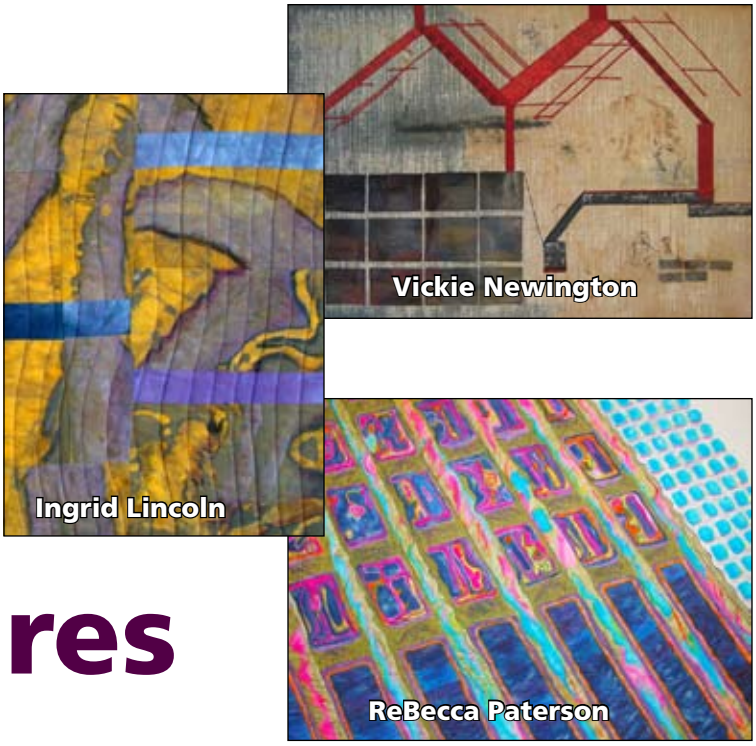

Urban Textures

by the Articulation Textile Group

September 18 – November 14, 2009

OPENING: Friday, September 18, 7:30PM

URBAN TEXTURES CURATORIAL STATEMENT

Articulation presents "Urban Textures", a body of work resulting from a study of the architecture of Winnipeg which broadened to include the character of urban environment and life.

Articulation is a group of professional artists who together choose topics to explore within the textile medium and then work separately in their studios across Canada. Each member of the group brings her history of experience and contemporary technique to the works of art.

In the past the group has explored different Canadian environments including the Alberta Badlands, the Arctic, the West Coast rainforest, and the Rocky Mountains and has produced specific bodies of work about the Badlands, and the Arctic in conjunction with the Opera "Frobisher", about an Arctic explorer of the same name.

In this exhibition each artist has examined her reaction to the theme and interpreted the urban scene using her particular skills to contribute to the group's unified collection of work. The textures of mortar and brick, gardens, and the activity of the city provided an especially fertile subject matter for the textile medium.

Cities and textiles are in our collective experience, and this show provides a window into that experience through the eyes and hands of these artists.

The Articulation artists are:

Miriam Birkenthal, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Donna Clement, Calgary, Alberta
Leann Clifford, Regina, Saskatchewan
Gloria Daly, Duncan, British Columbia
Wendy Klotz, Calgary, Alberta
Ingrid Lincoln, Winnipeg. Manitoba
Linda MacKay, Millerville, Alberta
Vickie Newington, Calgary, Alberta
ReBecca Paterson, Sussex, New Brunswick
Lesley Turner, Victoria, British Columbia

Articulation Textile Group
Articulation is a group of 10 women from across Canada who have taken the prestigious City and Guilds of London four-year program in Embroidery and Design. Following their graduation exhibition in March of 2004 they stayed together as a group and began their artistic careers by launching exhibitions and sales throughout Canada. The focus of this group is to use textiles as an expression of art, whether it be two dimensional (wall hangings and panels) or three dimensional (bags and boxes) — they take the traditional embroidery techniques and give them a contemporary twist.

Proposals?

Artists, please, submit your proposals to us! The gallery hosts exhibits in approximate two month blocks throughout the year.

Mailing list

To receive **CANVASs**, invitations to all exhibitions and other gallery updates contact Connie Wiebe, cwiebe@mennonitechurch.ca.

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SPECIAL EXHIBITION, SPECIAL GUESTS FROM JAPAN

Meet Master Potter Shizuo Tamura and kirie artist Gen Tsuboi

Wednesday, September 23, 7:00PM

The gallery will host a special exhibit of Master Potter Shizuo Tamura's ceramic art September 23 - October 3, 2009 in the upper level multipurpose room. Tamura-san is president and board member of multiple pottery associations in Shigaraki and throughout Japan. Tamura-san's works have won numerous awards and have been featured in exhibitions across Japan. A reception and PowerPoint presentation will take place Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 PM. Traditional Japanese refreshments will be served. Meet the visiting artists Tamura-san and Gen Tsuboi. New kirie artworks by Tsuboi will be on display.

Also during the week of September 21-25, Tamura-san will demonstrate his work in the Ceramics Area at the University of Manitoba. Using a variety of locally available clays, Tamura-san will demonstrate traditional and contemporary Japanese studio techniques. He will present a slide show on his work and the Shigaraki region on Thursday, September 24 at 3:30 PM (*U of M*). For workshop information, please contact Stephen Grimmer at 474-9560 or grimmer@cc.umanitoba.ca.

Shizuo Tamura

UP NEXT

Installation and other art by Ruth Maendel. Opens November 20.

In the Spirit of Humanity

In the Spirit of Humanity is a Winnipeg Foundation supported MHC Gallery project. Artists Ray Dirks, Manju Lodha and Isam Aboud are offering workshops and presentations for schools, churches and community groups. A student art exhibition is planned for March 2010. Want to know more? Contact Ray Dirks at rdirks@mennonitechurch.ca for more information.

GALLERY FUNDRAISER 09

GIVEsoTHEgalleryCANlive

Thursday, October 1, 7:30PM
fine desserts, music Jesse Krause, words Bob Haverluck, art & more art

The gallery exists only so long as its supporters give. THIS IS A DONATION DRIVEN INSTITUTION* and we need to raise approximately $60,000.00-$70,000.00 every year.

On August 20, three days after the 11th anniversary of my starting work at the MHC Gallery, I left a gallery advisory committee meeting feeling exhilarated. On the heels of that moment, I stopped and thought of the past 11 years. I felt exhausted, but energized for the future. A sense of great gratitude enveloped me.

On a personal level, I thought of Micah 6: 8, the verse I hope informs what I do:

8 He has showed you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

On a wider level, I hope that verse is reflected in the gallery programming.

The gallery remains a vibrant, unique institution, doing meaningful things, reaching beyond its walls into the community, into schools, into churches, into the media where messages of hope, themes to provoke thought, calls for acceptance can resonate in people far beyond those who actually attend events and exhibitions. We are working on a major touring exhibition on human rights, specifically dealing with the right to food. The *In the Spirit of Humanity* project is taking off. The future promises to be just as good, if not better than the first 11 years.

This has been an extraordinarily busy year. The fall will be just as eventful. Come to the fundraiser for a taste of what is to come. And, sample fine desserts, listen to the music of Jesse Krause, ponder the theology of art with Bob Haverluck, visit the Articulation exhibition and meet our artist friends from Japan.

RSVPs are required. E-mail Ray Dirks at rdirks@mennonitechurch.ca or call Connie Wiebe at 888 6781. Donations can be cash or by cheque or credit card. If you cannot attend, you can still give. Cheques can be made out to the MHC Gallery and sent to 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg, MB R3P 0M4. Credit card donations can be made by calling Connie Wiebe at 888 6781. Donations are tax deductible.
Ray Dirks

**I apologize for the CAPS. Caps in an e-mail, to me, often imply an unnecessary, even annoying, overzealousness. So, why did I do it? Because I continue to be amazed at how many people are surprised when they "find out" the gallery exists almost entirely on donations. I think I say it too often but still people react with surprise. Maybe it's the fact the gallery is a beautiful space? Maybe it's because of the diversity of its programming? Or, maybe it's generous attention in the media? So, for the first time, caps. I'll try not to do it again.*

Please, consider a donation

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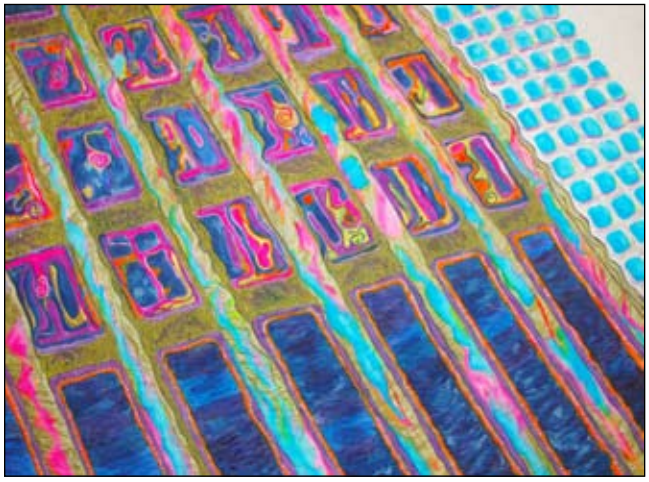
DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Donna Clement, *A Grand Time*

Vickie Newington, *Alley 300*

Ingrid Lincoln, *River City*

Gloria S. Daly, *Skyline Series #1, St. Boniface Cathedral*



ReBecca Paterson, *"Illusions of...."*

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