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Exhibition statement

Let me begin by saying that those who know me know that in recent years my artwork has been increasingly influenced by my regard and fascination with the book form itself. But much of my sustained interest in bookmaking in general, has been nourished over those years by a small, somewhat quietly active community of bookmaking enthusiasts here in Winnipeg and beyond.

Both books and nature are powerful vehicles which allow us to interact on a very personal and intimate level and generally, at a much needed slower pace. They can bring us joy, they give us a place to escape and they can comfort us. We have all experienced them to some degree throughout our lives.

Bound by Nature is a group exhibition. Eleven fellow artists/book artists including myself will present an interesting and eclectic art exhibit of works inspired by books, nature and landscape. Manitoban's include: Janet Carroll, Nicole Coulson, Karen Clavelle, Ann Stinner, Erwin Huebner, Jacqueline Harris and I, Deborah Danelley. Out of province artists are: Agatha Doerksen (Colorado), Carol Leach (BC), Lorraine Douglas (BC) and Wendy Cooper-Parkinson (Ontario). A number of the artists will be in attendance at the opening.

Because of our diminishing use of the book as a tactile, hand held instrument of communication, as well as our increasing detachment from our natural environment, I felt a strong desire to create "something" where both of these issues would be a focus of consideration and an opportunity to reconnect. I quickly found that I was not alone in this interest. The exhibition will display diverse styles, a multiplicity of techniques and a variety of materials which should provide something of interest for all viewers.

In conjunction with the exhibition there will be free artist-guided tours at the gallery on Saturdays from 1-2pm on May 14th, May 21st and June 11th. As well, on Saturday, June 4th, noon-4pm, there will be a bookmaking workshop for beginners who would like to learn some basic bookmaking techniques. Space is limited. The workshop will be offered at no cost, although a supplies fee of \$10.00 will be required. You must pre-register by contacting me by email at mezrah@shaw.ca anytime after the opening.

Canvas — a piece of strong cloth on which to paint a picture

Bound by Nature

An exhibition inspired by nature, landscape and books,
curated by Deborah Danelley.

OPENING: May 6, 7:30PM May 6 – June 18

Tours, Saturday, May 14, 21 & June 11, 1 - 2PM

Workshop, Saturday, June 4, noon – 4PM

(preregistration required)

Janet Carroll, Nicole Coulson, Karen Clavelle, Ann Stinner, Erwin Huebner, Jacqueline Harris, Deborah Danelley, Agatha Doerksen (Colorado), Carol Leach (BC), Lorraine Douglas (BC), Wendy Cooper-Parkinson (Ontario)

Since the idea was conceived and the initial invitation went out just over two years ago, many of our lives have changed — health issues, unfortunate accidents, life changing family departures and arrivals have affected us all over this time. My sincere thanks and gratitude are extended to the artists involved who persevered to bring this exhibition to fruition. Aside from providing a little direction, guidance and a few friendly email reminders, I was never alone in this effort and felt totally supported and encouraged by all. Please join us in celebrating our experiences and responses to nature and landscape as interpreted through the art of the book.

Deborah Danelley, Bound by Nature

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Workshop: Saturday, June 4, noon – 4:00PM. \$10.00. **Pre-registration required.** Contact Deborah at mezrah@shaw.ca.

From the gallery

Deborah has brought together an interesting and highly creative group of artists for *Bound by Nature*. As the exhibit's guiding light, her inquisitive spirit, professionalism and love of the experiment shine through. Take advantage of the artists' generosity, as well, and attend one of the tours. If you are interested in the workshop, remember, registration is a must as numbers are limited. In any case, please, join us at the opening and celebrate this wonderful achievement with the artists.

Ray Dirks

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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Along the Road to Freedom events

Will children say they have not forgotten because they can't forget what they never knew?

A permanent tribute to Mennonite parents, especially the mothers, who brought their children out of Stalin's Russia to safety in Canada is coming together. Ray Dirks is creating a series of paintings to tell their stories of love, strength, courage, faith and, most remarkably, forgiveness. A dramatic signature artwork dealing with the overall theme is being created. An exhibition featuring this art will open in the fall of 2012. A tour will follow and then the art will be permanently installed in Winnipeg.

Individual artworks can be sponsored. General donations are also needed.

Two informational events are scheduled in May. Join us for music, the Otto Klassen film *The Burden of the Soviet Star* and more. Help create a permanent art installation that will keep history alive.

Sunday, May 15, 3:00PM, Jubilee Mennonite Church, 365 Edelweiss Cres., North Kildonan

Wednesday, May 18, 7:30PM, Canadian Mennonite University Chapel, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd. (beside the Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery)

Are you interested in possibly supporting this project with a tax deductible donation? For more details, go to the gallery website at <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/programs/gallery>. Or, contact Wanda Andres at wanda.andres@gmail.com or Nettie Dueck at gndueck@mts.net. Phone Henry Bergen at (204) 663 - 6418. And, join us at one of the *Along the Road to Freedom* events.

CANVASs

Gallery donations

From now to fall tends to be a dry period for donations. Donations coming at any point during the year are most appreciated, including during spring and summer months. And, set aside Thursday, September 29th on your calendar. That's the date of this year's annual fundraiser.

Outside the gallery

A Better Home by EXILE.Z CD release party

Free

6PM – 9PM, April 28th

Jean-Paul-Aubrey Hall

Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain

340 boulevard Provencher

EXILE.Z (meaning the last exile) is the collaborative vision of singer and musician Gentil Misigaro and the Canadian Center for Refugee Employment (CCRE), an NGO dedicated to promoting the skills of refugees. Join them for a CD release party. For more details, visit: www.refugeeemployment.org

Concert and Discussion

with Image Journal editor Gregory Wolfe and Over the Rhine

Free

May 12, 7:00 PM

Ventura Concert Hall / West End Cultural Centre

586 Ellice Avenue

A panel discussion after the concert on art, faith, and artistic integrity in the public square will feature Karin Bergquist and Linford Detweiler of *Over the Rhine* and Gregory Wolfe, editor of *Image*. An hors d'œuvre reception will be held before and after the event. For more information: <http://www.imagejournal.org/page/events/eikon/2011/winnipeg-may-12-2011>

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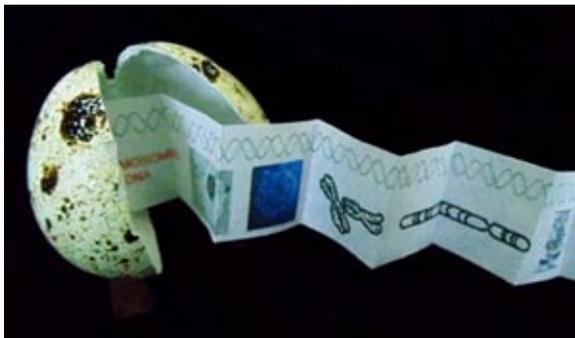
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Sheep, Ann Stinner



Blueprint of Life, Erwin Huebner



nature's gold, Nicole Coulson



The Dark Truth, Deborah Danelley



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