

**Woman Made Gallery - 685 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622**

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**Group and Solo Exhibitions at WMG**

**September 5 - October 2, 2008**

**Opening Reception: Friday, September 5, 6-9 p.m.**

- **Group Exhibition: *One Planet, One Experiment***
- **Solo Exhibition: *The World Between Black and White* by Lynda Cole**
- **Solo Exhibition: *Phase Change* by Leslie Sobel**
- **Solo Exhibition: *One World and Beyond* by Jean Nerenberg**
- **Artisan Gallery: *Object of Desire***

**One Planet, One Experiment**

<http://womanmade.org/show.html?type=group&gallery=planetexperiment2008&pic=1>

Woman Made Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of its new juried group show, *One Planet, One Experiment*. The show brings together the work of over 30 artists, including weaving, painting, etching and photography.



"[UN]Natural 1" by Cynthia Odell  
light jet -photographic print, 40 x 30 inches

The show's title is inspired by the writings of American Ecologist E.O. Wilson, which examine the threats that human activity poses to the environment. From the colorful found object installations of Efrat Hildesheim, to the eerie photographed sculptures of Cynthia O'Dell, this group show presents a variety of perspectives on humans' often destructive interactions with the physical world that they inhabit.

Jurors Lynda Cole and Leslie Sobel are both practicing artists whose knowledge base extends beyond the realm of visual art and into that of the environment. Cole is both a member of

Michigan's WSG Gallery and a former landscaping business owner, while Sobel is one of the founders of *Art Alchemists*, a collective of artists who use digital technology in the creation of their works. Both artists will exhibit a body of their work simultaneously with the group show.

Woman Made is honored to have Cindy Melk, founder and CEO of H2O, serve as Award Juror for this exhibition. Melk is an avid art collector and successful businesswoman with a strong commitment to the environment.

**Group Show Artists Include:** Tomoko Abe, Katharyn Addcox, Jane Ingram Allen, ATYL, Sandra Bacon, Arden Bendler Browning, Nicole Clare Campbell, Sage Chettle, Marnie Victoria Fender, Julie Ganser, Christie Ginanni, Cherie Hanson, Michelle A. Hegyi, Efrat Hildesheim, Namita Kapoor, Emily Keown, Deborah Landry, Kim Laurel, M. Lennington, Sara Mast, Carol McHarg, Susan Norton-Scott, Cynthia O'Dell, Margaret Parker, Jennifer Gioe Peper, Catherine Prose, Maryruth Prose, Sepideh Salehi, Liz Ghitta Segall, Bricelyn Strauch, Allison Svoboda, Susana Taratuty, Liz Vercruysse, Katherine Weston, LaDawna Whiteside and Gail Willert.

### **Lynda Cole: The World between Black and White**

Using black and white altered photographs transferred to the back of half inch Plexiglas, Lynda Cole's images are the visual equivalent of the sound of rain on the roof on a melancholy day.

### **Leslie Sobel: Phase Change/ art about warming & water**

Leslie Sobel's mixed media two and three-dimensional artworks express her concern about climate change and the vulnerability of our environment. Her work starts with aerial landforms – satellite images downloaded from the NASA website.

### **Jean Nerenberg: Our World and Beyond**

Jean Nerenberg's delicate and transparent watercolor and mixed media paintings reveal her increasing concern with the future of our planet, threatened by nuclear destruction, global warming, and man's own inability to peacefully co-exist.

### **Object of Desire: Group Show at the Artisan Gallery**

The Artisan Gallery at Woman Made exhibits works by nine artisans in "Object of Desire," juried by Mary Stoppert and Carmen M. Perez.

Participating artists include Michelle Coakes, Gayle Shaw Clark, Catherine DeMars, Savina Djoreva, Eleanor Elkin, Mayssan Shora Farra, Mary E. Mallia, Connie Rose and Joyce White.

Woman Made Gallery is free and open to the public and exhibitions will be up through September 2, 2008.

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**Website:** [www.womanmade.org](http://www.womanmade.org)

**Gallery Hours: Wed-Fri noon-7pm / Sat-Sun noon-4pm / Admission: Free**

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