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# Kathy Weaver's Robot Roundup

*After the Soup* solo exhibition features fantasy in oil and fiber

Opening Reception: Fri., Jan. 23, 6-9 p.m.

CHICAGO – Woman Made Gallery is pleased to present *After the Soup*, a solo exhibition by artist and former public school teacher Kathy Weaver.

## About the Artist – Kathy Weaver

Trained as a painter, Weaver actively practiced her art while raising a family and having a career teaching art in the public schools. Her paintings were of a political nature and involved issues of apartheid, feminism, and anti-militarism. In 1988 she gravitated to the medium of fabric as a way to engage a larger audience to view the message of her works.

An example of her early fiber work is a series of three quilts, "Guns are Us" portraying the number of children killed by violence in Chicago in one year. These quilts are in the collection of the Museum of Arts and Design in New York.

A later and continuing body of work involves issues of technology in the form of the robot. In order to render the mechanistic surfaces for the robot, Weaver employed the airbrush as a painting tool. The incongruity of soft painted satin for hard objects provides an element of humor to the work.



Kathy Weaver  
Robo Sapien, Agent 6  
canvas, Naugahyde, washers, airbrushed, machine quilted,  
embellished; 44 x 44 inches

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Her worldwide travel, her interest in robots, popular art, comic books, and in particular, the daily contact with children's artwork are her prime resources and inspiration.

Retired after 34 years of teaching, the artist recently built a new studio and enjoys long days of work on multiple projects.

**ALSO AT THE GALLERY, Jan. 23 – Feb. 26, 2009\*:**

Group Show: *And You Think That's Funny?* Juried by Nicole Hollander

Solo Show: *It's Enough to Make a Cat Laugh* by Nicole Hollander

Solo Show: *After the Soup* by Kathy Weaver

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**Woman Made Gallery**

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

**Gallery Hours: Wed-Fri noon-7 p.m. / Sat-Sun noon-4 p.m. / Admission: Free**

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