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## **Earth & Fire: Works in Clay**

### **Group and Solo Shows**

**May 20 - June 16, 2005**

#### **Opening Reception:**

**May 20, 2005 from 6-9pm**

Sculptural artwork by women and men that combines an exploration of intellectual, emotional, technical and aesthetic components - juried by Mary O'Connell.

The exhibition features 37 works by 33 artists from 14 US states. In her juror's statement Mary O'Connell reflects: "The pieces chosen for the Earth and Fire exhibition express fundamental humanity and qualities we share in our lives together. They also reflect the landscape, the environment we live in and shapes and forms found in nature."



'Loss of Identity' by ceramics by Anindita Dutta  
ceramics (cone 9 reduction)  
29" x 42" x 11"

The exhibition opens on May 20th with an artist reception from 6 - 9 p.m. at Woman Made Gallery.

**Exhibiting Artists:** Arlynn Abseck (NY), JoAnn Axford (NY), Brian Benfer (NJ), Kristina Bogdanov (KY), Annie Chrietberg (CO), Jeanne Collins (AZ), M.J. Cotner-Loomis (IL), Nuala Creed (CA), Amy & Beth Dowell (IN), Anindita Dutta (IN), Kate Fisher (TX), Mark Forman (FL), Susan Galloway (NY), Andrea Ginsburg (IL), Heidi Preuss Grew (OR), Heather Hug (IL), Diane Lang Kelly (IL), Moon Jung Kim (NY), Connie Lavelle (NY), Stephanie Lowe (FL), Mary Mansfield (CO), Sheila Oettinger (IL), Phyllis Pacin (CA), Matt Price (ME), Catherine Schwalbe-Bouzide (IL), Patricia Shaw (NC), Leandra Urrutia (TN), Elise Vazelakis (CA), Kurt Brian Webb (IL), Marjorie Woodruff (IL), Greta Zakrzewska (IL), Scott Ziegler (IL).



## **Journey to Now**

### **Solo Show by Corinne D. Peterson**

Concurrent with the Earth and Fire Group Show is a solo exhibition with sculptural works by Chicago artist, Corinne D. Peterson.

Ms. Peterson comments: "The exhibit presents contrasting spaces. When visitors enter the room, they

see narrative sculptures referring to particular personal experiences of division or healing. I want viewers to be aware of a shift from the personal to the universal as they move into the back of the room."

*"The main impetus for "Journey to Now" is the problem of division and the struggle for healing. It is crucial today in our country and our world to find ways to heal our divisions."*

(Image: 'Revelations and Sacred Stoop' Installation view by Corinne D. Peterson)



## Artisan Gallery at Woman Made

"Works in Clay" is the second exhibition of the new Artisan Gallery at Woman Made. It showcases the work of 8 local and national ceramic artists. The work represents all realms of clay from: functional to decorative and sculptural; hand-built and wheel-thrown; and glazed and unglazed.

The exhibition also showcases 7 women artisans working in the metalsmithing and jewelry disciplines.

Clay Artists: Eileen Goldenberg, Lisa Harris, Laura C. Hewitt, Regina Maniaci, Stephanie Marder, Emily Murphy, Martha Rosenfeld and Liz Vercruysee.

(Image: 'Miniature Houses' by Regina Maniaci)

Metal & Jewelry Artists: Melissa Banks, Sarah Chapman, Teresa Faris, Mara Krumins, Kim Nikolaev, Carmen M. Perez

### Dates:

**May 20 to June 16, 2005**

Opening Reception: Friday, May 20, 6-9 pm

### Where:

Woman Made Gallery

2418 W. Bloomingdale, Chicago, IL 60647

(Two blocks north of North Ave., ½ block west of Western Ave.)

Website: <http://www.womanmade.org>

### Gallery Hours

Wed-Fri noon-7pm / Sat-Sun noon-4pm

### About Woman Made Gallery

Woman Made Gallery is a tax-exempt, not for profit organization founded in 1992. Its goal is to support women in the arts by providing opportunities, awareness, and advocacy. It specifically accomplishes this through monthly thematic exhibitions which raise public awareness and recognition of women's cultural contributions.