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Studio Tour Laura Morrison

By Debbie Skinner-Perez

Welcome to our first studio tour! We'll be visiting and photographing members' studios, looking for inspiration, and revealing concepts for storage and organization.

Laura Morrison's studio is well lit and organized. She has ample storage space that includes wooden drawers the size of card catalogues from the IKEA store in a suburb of her native Chicago, Illinois. The drawers have labels that make it easy for her to locate materials, while she works on her mixed media collage.



Laura used old doors to hide the furnace.

The walls of the studio are painted yellow to give it a warm atmosphere. Christmas lights hang from the wooden doors adding ambiance to the space. The drafting table is turned at a forty five-degree angle to the walls creating a triangular

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Laura uses wooden drawer units from Ikea with hanging tags to label the various materials inside. Her desktop on the right is a long narrow hollow-core door placed on top of plastic shelving units with drawers.



Laura's studio is located in her basement, but is a very warm and inviting space. As you descend into the studio, you are greeted examples of Laura's work, lit by an adjustable three-piece ceiling lamp. At the bottom of the stairs the visitor can view a display of ATC (trading cards) hanging as a mobile from the ceiling. A woman's form, recycled from a clothing store, is painted white and takes on a sculptural appearance. The furnace is covered with solid wood doors that have been scraped down to allow several layers of color to show through. The doors were purchased at a local antique store in Antrim, NH.





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www.yahoogleroups.com
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own yahoo account.

For technical help signing
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President's Message

Fran Blazon has asked me to write the President's message in this month's newsletter due to the sudden death of her husband. She asks us to pull together at this time and keep the chapter going, as she knows we can. We are 109 members strong and growing! Everyone is welcome to attend our Board meetings the third Thursday of each month at Borders Bookstore in Concord 10am-12pm. Come and see how you can help us grow!

On that note, let me remind you that it is membership renewal time. When you fill out your membership form, consider paying an extra \$15 to join the Central Mass chapter or an extra \$20 to join the Boston Chapter. There are numerous opportunities these other chapters have to offer that are within our reach. Membership forms can be found on the last page of the newsletter. Don't forget to visit our website at www.wcanh.org. Sign up for WCANH@yahoogroups.com to receive up to the minute news or daily reports from chapter members.

The National Conference is coming to Boston February 22nd. Coco Fusco is the Keynote Speaker. Registration information was sent out in the last edition of Arlines the WCA's national newsletter and you can also find it on their website. While you're browsing, check out www.centralmasswca.org and www.wcaboston.org.

We are looking for a logo design for WCA-NH, so get creative and send something to Fran at hickorywind1@mindspring.com

Don't forget to send out your ATC's "Things My Mother Told Me" by February 4th, 2006 and get ready for the April trade, "Remembrance" due April 1st, 2006. We are now trading with Colorado, Eastern Washington and South Western Idaho. At 2.5" x 3.5" the ATC's are a testament to how networking can happen, even with the smallest of effort. Look forward to an exhibit of archived ATC's at the Newport Library Arts Center coming March 24th through April 22nd. The tentative theme for this exhibit is "Connections" and is a show based on collaborations of artists connecting through their art.

Come to a gathering (every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month) and check it out! Also, please try to attend a Lakes region gathering at Meredith Public Library 91 Main Street, every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm where our Spring meeting will be held on April 23rd from 1-4pm.

Sincerely, Debbie Skinner-Perez (VP)

Call for Articles, Artwork,
Exhibitions, News,
Opportunities, Poetry,
Photographs, etc..!

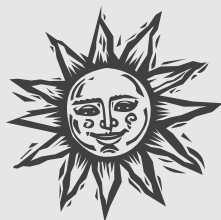
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the April-May 2006
Issue Deadline is 3/15/06

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Annual Spring Meeting

Sunday, April 23, 1:00 - 4pm

Meredith Public Library,
91 Main Street, Meredith, NH

Business meeting & Slide and Art Share

Bring either slides or artwork

Refreshments will be served ☺ Bring a friend!

Directions available at 603-279-4303

Check the [wcanh yahoo group](http://wcanh@yahoo.com) for
carpool opportunities: wcanh@yahoogroups.com

The Business of Art Work Group

The Business of Art Work Group meets on the first Wednesday evening of each month at 7:00 at Borders Bookstore in Concord, NH. All WCA members are welcome to attend. Contact Laura Morrison at 226-9434 or laura.morrison2@comcast.net if you would like to join the group.

FEBRUARY 2006

Meeting Focus: Goal setting. Working on defining your niche/market. Learning about building and creating your resume.

MARCH 2006

Meeting Focus: Defining your market. Building your network. Learning about writing an artist statement and bio.



Business of Art Work Group members (left to right) Ethel Hills, Laura Morrison, Rosemary Conroy, Carol Currier and Pam Smith, having way too much fun discussing their business goals at Borders in Concord.

WCA-NH Members: News and Exhibitions

Elsa Voelcker - *Piercing Images, the Body as Canvas*, is a dynamic photographic exhibition culminating a year of research, during which Voelcker explored through the lens of her camera and through interview, the overt and underlining reasons that individuals subject themselves to getting pierced. The exhibition opens March 1st, 3:30- 7 P.M., at the Thoreau Art Gallery, in the Student Center at Franklin Pierce College, Rindge, New Hampshire. Voelcker also has an older body of work of black and white portraits on display at Drs. Jane and Hedstrom Dental Offices, 21 Grove Street, Peterborough open M-F, 7A.M. - 5 P.M.

Luann Udell will be featured in the April 2006 issue of *American Style Magazine*, a publication that targets collectors of fine contemporary American craft. Luann is the subject of an 8-page article on how her environment and studio inspire her artwork. The article includes many photos of her home, her studio and her artwork. For more information, check American Style's website at www.americanstyle.com

Luann also will be exhibiting her wall hangings and sculptures at the American Craft Council craft show in Baltimore MD in mid-February. The show, a juried wholesale and retail show, runs

from February 21-26. For more information, check the American Craft Council's website at www.craftcouncil.com

Courtney Blazon had an illustration published in the December issue of *Girl Friend* magazine in California.

The National Endowment for the Arts awarded a Challenge America grant to the Fitchburg Cultural Alliance to host an artist residency with **C. M.**

Judge. This spring, Catherine will work with students from the city to create large scale inflatable sculptures that will be exhibited in a city-wide celebration of the arts at Riverfront Park in July.

Donna Catanzaro was accepted into the juried WCA Conference show, *Local Women in a Global World* at Wentworth Institute of Technology Casella Gallery, Boston, Feb. 16-March 11.

Annette Mitchell, foam plate printmaker, will have a solo show at Kimball Jenkins Gallery in Concord, NH starting March 24th. The show will include recent prints on canvas, some very large in nature. For more information about times, please call (603) 225-3932.

Publicity Person Wanted
WCANH desperately needs help with publicity. Tasks would include writing press releases and contacting the media. If interested contact Debbie Skinner-Perez at jeangypsy@yahoo.com

WCA National Conference in Boston!



NATIONAL NEWS UPDATE

by Laura Morrison
Northeast Regional VP

laura.morrison2@comcast.net

Digging Deeper to Build New Paradigms is the theme of the 2006 National Conference hosted by the Boston Chapter. The conference will be held Sunday, February 19 through Tuesday, February 22 at the Sheraton Boston. Coco Fusco is the Keynote Speaker. There will be many fantastic panel discussions and several exciting exhibitions. Eleanor Antin, Marisol Escobar, Elinor Gadon, and Yayoi Kusama will receive Lifetime Achievement Awards.

Local chapter members Elsa Voelcker, Paula Rendino Zaentz, and Cathy McLaurin will speak on a panel titled "Co-creating Identity through Art: rituals both public and private" moderated by C. M. Judge. The panel will take place Monday afternoon, February 20th.

It's not too late to sign-up. All information about the event is available at www.nationalwca.com and www.wcaboston.org. Come and join us for a terrific time in Boston!

Schedule:

Sunday February 19th

Registration at the Sheraton Boston, National Board Meeting, pre-conference panels, Evening Gallery Reception & Convocation at Bunker Hill Community College

Monday February 20th (President's Day)

Registration, Chapter Council Meeting, Morning and Afternoon Academic Panel sessions, Keynote Speaker Coco Fusco at 1 pm, Evening Gallery Bus Tour to include dinner, and the National Juried Show 6:30-10:30pm, Int'l Video Panel Screening 8-10pm

Tuesday February 22nd

Chapter Council Meeting, Morning and Afternoon Academic Panel sessions, WCA National Lifetime Achievement Award Dinner and Ceremony



How to get there

Hotel Sheraton Boston,
39 Dalton Street, Prudential Center,
Boston, MA (617) 236-2000

Commuter rail and subway in MA:
www.mbta.com

Bus service: from Concord, and
Manchester to South Station Boston:
www.concordtrailways.com

*Check the WCANH yahoo group for
carpooling opportunities:*
wcanh@yahoogroup.com

Gallery Exhibitions

"Vital Voices: Women's Visions: Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center, Kniznick Gallery, 415 South Street, Waltham, MA,

"Regional Juried Group Exhibition" Bunker Hill Community College Art Gallery, 250 New Rutherford Ave., Boston, MA. February 15 – March 25, 2006, Conference reception: Sunday February 19, 4 - 6 pm, Artists' reception: Thursday, February 23, 5- 8 p.m., Gallery talk and slide presentation: Thursday, March 23, 1 - 2:30p.m., Evening closing musical artist TBA: Thursday, March 23, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

"Local Women in a Global World: Perspectives of Boston Women Artists" Wentworth Institute of Technology, Casella Gallery, Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA, February 16 – March 11, 2006

"From Generation to Generation" Hebrew College, Goldman Gallery, 160 Herrick Rd., Newton, MA. January 20 - March 31.

"Everything Begins in Water" Mayyim Hayyim Art Gallery, 1863 Washington St., Newton, MA, January 8 - March.

By Car From the North

Take Interstate 93 South to Exit 26 (Storrow Drive). Follow Storrow Drive to the Fenway Exit (left exit). Bear left at the end of the exit ramp onto Boylston Street Inbound. At the fifth light make a right onto Dalton Street and the hotel is on the left.

Artist's Trading Cards Let's Trade!

Hosted by Fran Blazon

The theme of our next trade is "Things My Mother Told Me." Don't we all remember some of those gems? ...anything goes as long as you keep the card size 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" (the only rule!!!!)

Mail them to me by February 4 (at the very latest) and I will send you back 5.

We are now trading with Colorado, Eastern Washington and South Western Idaho!

Send your cards to: Fran Blazon,
118 Mountain Base Road,
Goffstown, NH 03045.

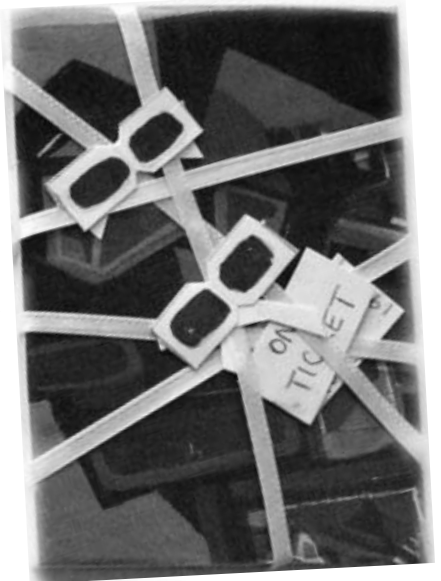
I can't wait to see what you've done!

The theme for the future trade:

April trade: "Remembrance"

Due April 1st.

Look forward to an exhibit of archived ATC's in the near future. More information to come soon



3-D ATC's (clockwise from top left) by Laura Morrison, Pat Davis, Gail Smuda, Donna Catanzaro and Fran Blazon.

Save the dates!

**FIDDLES AND FOOD
WCA-NH Scholarship
Fundraiser/Dinner/Raffle/Music**



(donations welcome!) Saturday, May 6th with fiddle music in Canterbury, NH. The group will be the F Holes. www.fholesmusic.com
More information to come!

WCA-NH MIXED MEDIA
YARD SALE
Saturday April 29th
8 am - 1 pm
4 Jordan Avenue, Concord, NH

Opportunities

Free Workshop for Professional Artists

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts is presenting free Winter Wednesday Workshops for professional New Hampshire artists at any stage in their career.

February 15: *The Health Insurance Issue: What's Going on in NH?*

March 15: *Working in Communities*

April 19: *Web Site Development and Marketing*

Workshops held 3-5pm, Space is limited to 25 professional NH artists.

Registration is required at least two days prior to the workshop date. Detailed information on the workshops can be found at www.nh.gov/nharts. Register by calling 603-271-2789. For more info, contact Judy Rigmont at jrigmont@nharts.state.nh.us

CMWCA Members' Exhibition at WPI

A Members' Exhibition, May 5 - June 2, George C. Gordon Library, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA. Reception May 10th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. The theme is "The Vessel." Deadline for submissions is February 24th, and all 2006 chapter members can submit up to three artworks. Entry form and more info can be found on their website:

www.centralmasswca.org. For more information, contact Judy Ferrara, Exhibitions Coordinator at 508-757-0524 or PoetryArt2@aol.com.

Here Comes the Bride

Call for art in all media by women whose work explores the theme and ritual of weddings and related ceremonies. Entry fee: \$24. Exhibition Dates: May 19 - June 15, 2006. Entry Deadline: February 22, 2006. Woman Made Gallery, 685 North Milwaukee Ave., Chicago IL. See their website for more info: www.womanmade.org.

WCA-NH OPPORTUNITIES

WCA-NH Archives

WCA-NH member, Linda Gilbert-Schneider, is compiling an archive of WCA-NH's members resumes along with an image or two of their artwork. This archive will eventually be stored at WCA National headquarters. Send your resumes along with a postcard or printed image that best represents your work to:

Linda Gilbert-Schneider
1045 East 35 Street
Brooklyn, NY 11210



WCA-NH board members participated in a show in the cafe at Borders in Concord, NH. Pictured here are some of the participants, (left to right) Janet King, Deborah J. Skinner-Perez, Laura Morrison and Carol Currier. Not pictured participants are Donna Catanzaro, Ethel Hills, Edith Weiler, Pat Davis, and Fran Blazon.

WEB Mistress Wanted

We need help updating the WCA-NH website. Some web experience required. Email Donna Catanzaro for more details: catdt@aol.com

Display Racks Available!

Have you thought about exhibiting in an outdoor show but didn't want to invest in expensive display racks? WCA-NH owns a set of display racks available free to members. Contact Laura Morrison if interested in borrowing.

Save a tree!

The WCA-NH Newsletter is now available via email! If you would prefer to receive future newsletters by email in Adobe Acrobat PDF format, please email info@wcanh.org and include your name.

WCA-NH Membership Dues Scholarships

There are four full WCA-NH Dues Scholarships available each year for members who are unable to afford the \$45 membership, available to new and existing members. In

exchange for receiving the scholarship, applicants are asked to volunteer time for an existing WCA project or they may propose and implement a project for WCA. For an application, contact: Ethel Hills, Membership/Treasurer 603-926-6370 ehills@breezy.com

10th Anniversary Retrospective CD

A retrospective slide show of the NH-WCA on CD. It includes photos of all the exhibits and other WCA events. The CD is available for sale at the Concord Art Shares and other WCA-NH events for \$5.00.

Upcoming Exhibit Opportunity

"Connections and Collaborations" at the Newport Library Arts Center, Newport, NH. March 24-April 22nd. It will be a show about collaborations and artists connecting together. Details will be coming in the mail soon.

Attention all North Country Artists!

WCA-NH is sponsoring a North Country Art Gathering at The Gallery at WREN on Wednesday, March 29th at 7:00, WREN is located at 2013 Main Street in Bethlehem, NH. Call 869-9736 or go to www.wrencommunity.org for more information. This event is free and open to the public.



Empty cardboard liquor boxes turned on their side store files and papers (above). Laura displays some of her finished pieces in a bookcase (right).

work area that faces out toward the staircase where visitors can be greeted as they arrive. Laura keeps an extra table in front of her drafting table for artists to drop off and pick up work. A hollow wooden door is laid across plastic storage bins to create a countertop. A seating area is found to the left of the drafting table and offers a comfortable place to study work or look at an art magazine. A desk across from the sitting area is used for current projects. A bulletin board hangs above this space and liquor boxes have been turned on their sides as makeshift shelving for files and paperwork. Next to this area is a connecting room where ample storage for larger projects can be found. A working sink is located in the adjoining laundry room.

You can click on www.ikea.com/ms/en_us/ to locate these storage products, ideas and a free catalogue from IKEA.

Janet King's Studio trailer - also in Concord - will be our next tour. She is looking for one or two artists to rent out studio space in her trailer. Get a jump on this and perhaps your studio will be part of our next tour. You can contact Janet at janetkingart@netzero.net.



WOMEN'S CAUCUS FOR ART- MEMBERSHIP 2006

Join now! Your membership will run till December 31, 2006.

If you have any questions, call our Membership Chair, Ethel Hills at 603-926-6370.

Mail completed form to :

Ethel Hills
473 Winnacunnet Rd.
Hampton, NH
03842

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- \$30 Regular Membership
- \$25 Student/limited income

Students must submit official proof of full-time student status, such as a bursar's office receipt, or a letter from a faculty member on school letterhead.

FRIEND OF WCA-NH

Friends of WCA-NH help to support women working in the visual arts in New Hampshire. For a tax-deductible donation of \$25 or more each year, you will receive:

- our newsletter five times each year
- notices of our exhibitions

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

TO BE A CHAPTER MEMBER, YOU MUST ALSO PAY NATIONAL DUES.

- \$15 New Hampshire
- \$20 MA, Boston
- \$15 MA, Central

PROFESSIONAL AREAS: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

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VOLUNTEER

- Check here if you would like to be on an email list for volunteer opportunities.

NEWSLETTER

- Check here if you prefer to receive the newsletter by email.

DUES ENCLOSED

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **WCA-NH**
(MEMBERSHIPS CANNOT BE PRORATED)

National Dues	\$ 30.00
NH Chapter Dues	\$ 15.00
Add'l Chapters (please specify chapters)	\$ _____
\$10 mailing outside USA	\$ _____
Total Amount	\$ _____

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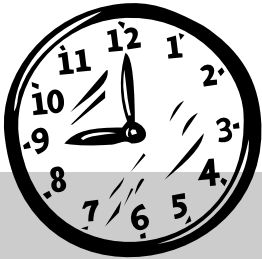
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Time
to
Renew
your
Membership

Late Winter 2006

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Artist's Gatherings:**
Concord, 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month
Borders Bookstore in Concord, NH
Feb. 9 & 23, March 9 & 23, at 7 p.m.
Lakes Region,
Meredith Library
91 Main Street, Meredith, NH,
603-279-4303
Second Wed., Feb. 8, March 8, at 7 p.m.
- **Business of Art Meeting**
Borders Bookstore in Concord, NH
First Wed., Feb. 1, March 1, at 7 p.m.
- **Board Meetings**
Borders Bookstore in Concord, NH
Feb. 16, March 16, 10 a.m.-12p.m.
- **WCA National Conference**
Boston, MA
February 19 - 22, 2006
- **Annual Spring Meeting**
Sunday, April 23, 1 - 4pm
Meredith Public Library,
91 Main Street, Meredith, NH

WCA Statement of Purpose

MISSION: The mission of the Women's Caucus for Art is to support women in the visual arts professions.

We are committed to:

...education about the contributions of women
...opportunities for the exhibition of women's work
...publication of women's writing about art
...inclusion of women in the history of art
...professional equity for all
...respect for all individuals without discrimination...support for legislation relevant to our goals