



Back: The Education of Haudenosaunee, Katsitsionni Fox, 2005; Front: Gamradagowa'n: Peace Tree Series III, Samuel Thomas, 2005-07

OH SO IROQUOIS

Vince Bomberry, Hannah Claus, Ric Glazer Danay, Katsitsionni Fox, Ellen Gabriel, Jeffrey Gabriel, Louis Hall, Alex Jacobs, G. Peter Jemison, Peter B. Jones, Miriam Jordan with Julian Haladyn, Clifford Maracle, Alan Michelson, Shelley Niro, Melanie Printup Hope, Jolene Rickard, Greg Staats, Bear Thomas, Jeff Thomas, Samuel Thomas, and Marie Watt .

- Curated by Ryan Rice.
- Organized and circulated by the Art Gallery of Ottawa and the Aboriginal Curatorial Collective

JANUARY 7 - FEBRUARY 20, 2010
Main Gallery Exhibition

Opening Reception: Thursday, January 07, 2010, at 7:30PM.
Curator will be in attendance.

"The exhibition *Oh So Iroquois* emphasizes the dynamism of both traditional and contemporary Iroquoian creative processes, presenting work that is deeply rooted in a cultural system of values and aesthetic qualities that permeate the social, political, spiritual, and economic infrastructure of Haudenosaunee society. Together, as members of the Iroquois Confederacy, these artists continue to affirm and re-examine this collective art history through symbolism, narrative, colour, and contemporary and traditional media. By featuring a broad range of art situated in relation to an Iroquois world-view, this exhibition aims to challenge the long-standing pan-Indian classification of Native North American art, which pigeon-holes 500 distinct nations with one generic category."

- Ryan Rice, Exhibition Curator

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AND FEBRUARY 15, 2010.

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Alex Jacobs, Flint Warriors, 2007, detail from Oh So Iroquois exhibition



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

At our Annual General Meeting in September, the Board of Directors delivered another stellar report on the year's activities and posted its fifth straight surplus. We also welcomed two new Board members Murray Whitehead of the Whitehead Foundation and Dr. Deborah Poff, Brandon University's new president.

The gallery has journeyed far since I joined up in 2003, more children and adults take part in our education programs than ever before and the excellence of our exhibition programs has attracted provincial and national attention. Our primary effort, though, has been to make contemporary art relevant and meaningful to wide range of communities and interests that now make up the growing region of southwestern Manitoba. From the local to the global, contemporary art is the best way I know to show people who they are and who they can become. For the last 18 months we have been working on a new look to reflect the vigour, diversity, and optimism of the gallery. This newsletter marks its debut!

Jennifer Woodbury

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...

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Untitled #5, Bruce Barr, 1987

GIRLS JUST WANT TO...

Featuring work from the Manitoba Arts Council Art Bank Collection
Bruce Barr, Amy Buehler, William Eakin, Larry Clawson, Laura Letinsky, Sheila Spence, and Peter Tittenberger

NOVEMBER 19 – DECEMBER 12, 2009
Community Gallery Exhibition

Girls Just Want to... is a response to the *She Works Hard...* exhibition at the Winnipeg Art Gallery from January 31 – July 15, 2009. The WAG exhibit was comprised of pieces by both female and male artists from their permanent collection and examined representation of women's work and of women working, particularly post-1970's. The title, *She Works Hard...*, was a double entendre reference to the challenges faced by women in the workforce and the iconic 1983 Donna Summer smash hit, *She Works Hard for the Money*.

By way of response, we were inspired by Cyndi Lauper's similarly iconic *Girls Just Want to Have Fun*, released the same year as the Summer hit, to put together an exhibit of 80's and 90's work from the Manitoba Art's Council Art Bank collection. Photographs by Bruce Barr, Amy Buehler, William Eakin, Larry Clawson, Laura Letinsky, Sheila Spence, and Peter Tittenberger all feature the female as subject. Unlike *She Works Hard...*, the AGSM's *Girls Just Want to...* turns the traditional conceptual exhibition format on its head in order to pose the visual question: Can connections and cohesiveness remain, regardless of the artists' diverse conceptual desires? And if so, what does this reveal?

The 5th Annual Members Show and Sale features new artwork made by Artists that are members of the AGSM

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DECEMBER 03 – DECEMBER 19, 2009

Main Gallery Exhibitions

Member's Only Reception: Thursday, December 03, 2009 at 7:30PM

'Tis the season to celebrate the fifth anniversary of our annual *Member Show and Sale* exhibition. Each year, we invite our artist members to give us their best works so we can sell a work or twenty. We call it a fundraiser, but only twenty percent of the selling price goes towards our education programs. Really, it's all about the artists and we love showing them off! Join us in a member's only reception on Thursday, December 03, at 7:30 PM for some holiday cheer (aka food and drink). Everyone else can get their first peek on December 04, 2009.

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?

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By Table Light, Cheryl Orr-Hood, 2009

DOMESTIARY

Suzanne du Plooy, Anne Fallis, Fay Jelly, Cheryl Orr-Hood, Carol Turabian, and Ruth Willems

DECEMBER 17, 2009-FEBRUARY 6, 2010

Community Gallery Exhibition

Reception: Thursday, January 07, 2010 at 7:30PM

*Domestiar*y features six southwestern Manitoban artists, from emerging to established, who all use the domestic, whether the interiors of the home, utensils, fruits or the surrounding landscape, as a source of inspiration for their art practice. *Domestiar*y, a word composed by the group that riffs off bestiary – a collection/album of stories/images relating to animals, proposes that even the simplest and mundane of subject matters can be made interesting through the processes of introspection and transformation into various art forms.



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