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EVENT:

***Dynamic Dozen:
August Art Fête***



August 5-31, 2016

**Visual Art: Irene Yesley, Renée Jameson, Karen Chaussabel, Andrea Lawson
Tom Johnson, Gerardo Aguayo, Lisa Wederquist
Furniture & Sculpture: Wendy Dunder, Carl Yurdin, Chris Thompson
Textiles: Mary Jaeger, David**

Introducing Chiho Kuwayama (Textiles) and Joan Cihak (Ceramics)

**Reception with the Artists
First Friday, August 5th, 6-8 pm**

In Concert on the Plaza:

**Ranger and the Re-Arrangers
Bainbridge Island's Own Gypsy Jazz Band**



The Island Gallery is pleased to present new work from twelve of the artists it represents: Visual Art: Irene Yesley, Renée Jameson, Karen Chaussabel, Andrea Lawson, Tom Johnson, Gerardo Aguayo, Lisa Wederquist; Furniture and Sculpture: Wendy Dunder, Carl Yurdin, Chris Thompson; and Textiles: Mary Jaeger, David. Also introducing New Artists Chiho Kuwayama (Textiles) and Joan Cihak (Ceramic Jewelry). As the summer draws to a close and fall beckons, our artists continue to experiment and delight.

To give you a bird's eye tour of our August show, here we go!

Irene Yesley has created a geometric minimalist painting of playful vertical stripes upon a horizontal canvas occupying an entire gallery wall, juxtaposed with Tom Johnson's fiber sculptures of horizontal striped ridges and furrows cascading vertically down the wall.

Andrea Lawson has rendered her concept of brain functions, wild and colorful random movements across nine painted panels, which represent different parts of the brain seen at different levels of magnification. Andrea has just won a public art competition to create a larger permanent installation based on this study, called *Brain Beauty, Beauty Brain*, for the Camano Island Public Library's Reading Room. After exploring several scientific fields for inspiration, in response to the Library's call for a hanging work with a scientific theme, Andrea chose to concentrate on the brain. The brain controls our cognitive processes, our physical movements and even our memories. On another level, the work relates to the library, reading and brain development. Both the organ, and the learning process, give us the ability to think at a high level and to create, functions which distinguish us as human beings.

Gerardo Aguayo's work is reminiscent of the confident color blocs of Manet and Cezanne, and Rivera and Kahlo's figurative paintings. The monotypes of Karen Chaussabel and Renée Jameson are saturated with the color of summer seascapes, while the minimalist works of Lisa Wederquist remind us of our environmental fragility.

Carl Yurdin's long sleek walnut bench reflects his 40-year background as an industrial designer. His style can best be described as the "geometry of wood." Wendy Dunder, well known for her organic sculptural illuminations created from wood and paper, has created two new wall and table pieces, *Carolina* and *With a Twist*. Chris Thompson's whimsical functional furniture pieces are for humans and some for birds! The textiles as wearable art from both Mary Jaeger and David reflect their backgrounds in the Asian textile traditions of shibori and batik, both using natural indigo dyes to create contemporary American fashions.



And, at our fête, the full complement of Ranger and the Re-Arrangers will play gypsy jazz on the plaza, with refreshments from Bainbridge Crêpes. Come celebrate our warm summer days among friends, good music and, most of all, the artistic talents of our Gallery artists!

For more details on the artists, please contact the Gallery.

Event Location:

The Island Gallery, 400 Winslow Way E., #120, Bainbridge Island, Washington.

Underground parking is available at The Winslow off Ericksen Avenue.