

Rocky Neck Art Colony

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Kathleen Volp, selected as first Rocky Neck Art Colony Artist in Residence for 2009

May 25, 2009, GLOUCESTER, MA -- Kathleen Volp, an exceptionally accomplished mixed media artist and illustrator, will be the first artist in residence for the Rocky Neck Art Colony's 2009 Artist in Residency Program. Meet Ms. Volp at a Gallery Slide Talk on Tuesday, June 2, 7 pm, Rocky Neck Gallery, 53 Rocky Neck Ave. She will show slides of her past work and talk about the thought processes and techniques that are behind this fine body of work.

Kathleen Volp has an impressive resume of exhibitions, awards and residencies; and strong teaching credentials. Originally from Minneapolis, where she studied with Cork Marcheschi, the kinetic artist and Siah Armajani, the renowned conceptual artist, she then lived for several years in New York City where she received a BA in studio art and the social sciences from SUNY Empire State College. She currently resides Concord, MA.

The series Immobile Nature, constructions of individually tooled aluminum relief pieces assembled and nailed to cradled wood panels, took its inspiration primarily from Dutch still lifes. Her current work is small mixed media psychological still lifes, primarily oil paint and digital transfers on cloth and wood.

About the Rocky Neck Artist Residency Program

Spearheaded by artist Gordon Goetemann, the Rocky Neck Art Colony worked with seARTS to initiate the Rocky Neck Residency program in 2005. Funded in part by seARTS with funding made possible through the Massachusetts Cultural Council John and Abigail Adams Program for cultural economic development, the Residency Program is now in its fifth year.

About the Rocky Neck Art Colony

The *Rocky Neck Art Colony* is a non-profit arts organization comprised of artists, businesses, and community members whose mission is to create, support, and celebrate excellence and free expression in the arts on Rocky Neck and beyond.

See www.rockyneckartcolony.org for more information.

About seARTS

As a community organization, seARTS (www.searts.org) facilitates member participation in public events consistent with their talents and community needs. seARTS members work to promote and improve the economy for the arts on Cape Ann by:

- Researching and applying for grants
- Helping to form and support partnership programs between artists and businesses
- Providing space and helping to create exhibitions
- Sponsoring monthly Artists on Artists lectures
- Conducting community outreach meetings
- Gathering and sharing data and operational strategies to improve marketing impact

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