

Woman Made Gallery - 685 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60622

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**"Here Comes the Bride" group show with art by 59 women -
"Visions of Beauty" with photography by Judy Cooperman -
"Contents Include: Glass" at the Artisan Gallery from May 19
through June 15, 2006 at Woman Made Gallery**

Woman Made Gallery is pleased to announce two new exhibitions, opening with an artist reception on May 19, 2006 from 6-9pm at 685 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago. Woman Made's Artisan Gallery will continue to show diverse glass creations together with an array of original craft items, including one-of-a-kind jewelry designer pieces. The Gallery is open and free to the public on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 12-7pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 12-4pm.



"Here Comes the Bride" includes original art in all media: painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture and video by 59 women from the local, national and international community whose work explores the theme and ritual of weddings and related ceremonies. Artists include Shelly Jyoti from India, Andrea Bird from Canada, artists from various US states, including 20 artists from Illinois.

"Visions of Beauty" exhibits photography by New York artist, Judy Cooperman. Her photographs document real women working to change their outward appearance. They are not posed but rather caught in what is usually a private activity. The images are captured digitally or with 35mm film, printed large scale to force the viewer to really confront what is being done in the name of "beauty."

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"Contents Include: Glass" shows works by Melissa Haeffner, Barbara Harris, Meg Branzetti and Vicky Kokolski of Meko Designs, Donna Powers, Michelle Rial, Anamaria Ungureanu and Nancy Otto -
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Image: "Wedding Ring for a Trophy Wife" - bass, cubic zirconia 1.75 x 1.25 x 1" by Elissa Steinert from Bronx, New York.

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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.