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GALLERY

# *Interactive*

**Group exhibit juried by artist Karen Hanmer**

**June 19 – July 23, 2009**

CHICAGO – Woman Made Gallery is pleased to present a group exhibition featuring work by 33 women who challenge the notion of art by asking the viewer to not merely look at, but rather interact with, experience, and participate with their work – from the exhibition:

*"Long before interactive meant sitting in front of a computer, artists were making books, toys, games, installations and other work that invited participation from the viewer."*

For this exhibition, curated by Karen Hanmer, Woman Made Gallery sought work that the viewer will handle, play with, modify, or physically interact with in some way.

## **Exhibition Juror: Karen Hanmer**

Chicago book and installation artist Karen Hanmer's intimate, playful works fragment and layer text and image to intertwine memory, cultural history, and the history of science. Her work weds the ancient act of book binding with the high-tech use of the computer to aid her process.

She exhibits widely, and her work is included in collections ranging from Stanford University and Tate Britain to National Museum of Women in the Arts and Graceland. Hanmer holds a degree in Economics from Northwestern University. She is Exhibitions Chair for the Guild of Book Workers, and serves on the editorial board of *The Bonefolder*, the peer reviewed online book arts journal. Visit: [www.karenhanmer.com](http://www.karenhanmer.com).



Catherine Blackwell Pena: *Visual Green*  
large-format digital photograph, concrete median with sod, picnic blanket, and picnic basket  
photo: 40 x 60"; median size: 6 x 2.5"

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**Artists**

Alex Appella, Alli Berman, Zawi Borsa, Lucy Childs, Margaret Coleman, Jenny Craig, Paula Curran, Jennifer Drinkwater, Wendy Fernstrum, Susan Finsen and Jane Bortnick Griffith, Dianna Huxhold, Peggy Johnston, Laurie LeBreton, Jacqueline May, Amanda Meeks, Rachel Melis, Rachel Merrill, Cathryn Miller, Elena Neidig, Catherine Blackwell Pena, Alyson Provox, I. Carmen Quintana, Gabriela Salazar, Barbara Schneider, Catherine Schwalbe-Bouzide, June Sekiguchi, Shawn Simmons, Leslie Haines and Britt Stadig, Jen Thomas, Nikki Thompson, Kathy Weaver, Ashlee Weitlauf, Jessica Witte

**EXHIBITIONS AT THE GALLERY:**

Group Show: **Interactive** juried by Karen Hanmer

Solo Show: **Maps and Metaphysics** by Sage Dawson

Solo Show: **Interrelated** by Kong Xin Shi

Artisan Gallery: **Physicality** curated by Margaret Denny

**Woman Made Gallery**

**685 N. Milwaukee Ave.**

**Chicago, IL. 60642**

**Website: [www.womanmade.org](http://www.womanmade.org)**

**Gallery Hours: Wed-Fri noon-7p.m./Sat-Sun noon-4p.m. / Admission: Free**

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