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July 28 – August 24, 2006 – Solo Show by Lisa Merida-Paytes



“Fish in Rock”, by Lisa Merida-Paytes, raku, 14" x 25" x 18"

Opening Reception: July 28, 2006 from 6-9pm

Gallery Talk: July 29, 2006 from 2-3 pm

***One-day workshop: Sunday, July 30, 2006 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

Concurrent with the Annual Members Group Show at Woman Made Gallery is a solo exhibition with sculptural works by Cincinnati artist, Lisa Merida-Paytes, www.lisameridapaytes.com

Ms. Merida-Paytes' comments: *"My father's taxidermist / slaughterhouse business was an overwhelming environment with powerful images of hanging carcasses of deer, piles of sawed off animal feet and freezers full of animal hides. These images presented a lack of empathy for life to me as a child.*

My work is concerned with the wonder of origin and the disparity of conservation through the destruction and exploitation of our environment. My father's vocation, was straightforward; permanent displays that are frozen in time. My objective is to conjure the past, present and future in order to invoke the contemplation of our existence."

*In conjunction with the exhibition, Lisa will present a one-day workshop on July 30th at Lillstreet Art Center **"INCORPORATION OF MULTI MEDIA INTO CERAMICS – Steel, Copper, Aluminum and Fiberglass"**. For registration contact Aviva Alter, Lillstreet Art Center, 4401 North Ravenswood, Chicago, IL 60640; e-mail aviva@lillstreet.com; or telephone (773) 769-4226.

Where:

Woman Made Gallery
685 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60622
Website: www.womanmade.org

Gallery Hours

Wed-Fri noon-7pm / Sat-Sun noon-4pm

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