

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

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Visions of Beauty

Photography by Judy Cooperman

May 19 through June 15, 2006



Beginning May 19th and continuing through June 15th, 2006 there will be an exhibition of work by New York artist, Judy Cooperman, at Woman Made Gallery, located in Chicago, Illinois.

In Judy Cooperman's "Visions of Beauty" the relationship between women and the contemporary culture, with its prescriptives and necessities to become beautiful, is viewed through striking photographs that engage the viewer by their immediacy and reveal the reality of the process.

Artist Judy Cooperman began this ongoing project in 2000, investigating and recording through photographs what women do in the name of beauty. Considering the extent to which women have gone to follow the dictates of the "beauty culture," ranging from temporary and minor adjustments in appearance to more radical and permanent changes with plastic surgery and life threatening eating disorders, she feels it is important to bring to light both the light and dark sides of this fact.

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."

The artists' reception will be held on Friday, May 19th from 6 - 9 P.M. and is free and open to the public.

Woman Made Gallery is located at 685 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622. Gallery hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 12 – 7 P.M. and Saturday and Sunday from 12 – 4 P.M. For additional information please call Woman Made Gallery at (312) 738 - 0400.

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.