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## **Group and Invitational Shows at WMG**

**April 8 – May 12, 2005**

**Chicago - March 20, 2005** Secret Place, Sacred Space - a group and invitational exhibition of transformative, healing art created from the secret, sacred place within women - was juried by artists and founders of Survivor Circle, NFP, Lauren R. Mathews and Skye Enyeart.

The exhibition, which features works by 32 artists in the group show and nine artists in the invitational portion of the show - opens April 8, 2005 with an artist reception from 6 - 9 p.m. at Woman Made Gallery.

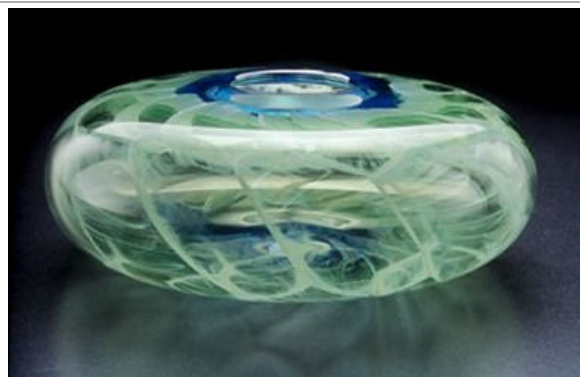
### **Secret Place, Sacred Space**

The jurors viewed submissions from more than 250 women in all media (except performance) and narrowed their selections down to 37 pieces by 32 artists from around the country.

In their statement, Mathews and Enyeart said: We found many brave women opening their healing spaces to reveal their process, their lives, and their mysteries. Themes emerged organically as we viewed the art - disease, abuse, death, and other forms of loss were common and we were struck by their profound visual interpretations. We were also struck by a theme we had not anticipated: the fracture between spirituality and self and how nature seems, for many women, to heal that rift. We feel honored to have viewed all the works and have been touched by all the stories therein. Because we unfortunately cannot include every piece due to space limitations, we chose works that told a strong visual story and/or very much communicated healing to the viewer.

Exhibiting Artists: Nancy Abel, Cynthia Aldrich, Nichol Brinkman, Kathleen Broderick, Denise Burklow, Susan Cersovsky, Jeanne M. Collins, Heather Doyle-Maier, Jean Eng, Kimberly Engel, Elise Glick, Robin Grabinska, Alison Hahn, Linda Witte Henke, Jennifer Hines, Phyllis Hofman, Rebecca Jennings, Margaret Kauffmann, Elzbieta (Elka) Kazmierczak, Nancy Kramer, Mary Mills- Pester, Jennifer Mosher, Candace Nicol, Nancy Otto, Teddy Pruett, Barbara Rehus, Elaine Ricklin, Corrine Rivard-Miller, Rhoda Rosenberg, Naomi Kark Schedl, Marie Françoise Theodore, Sallie Wolf

Invited artists include Kristy Bowen, Carol Es (Cal.), Skye Enyeart (Ind.), Allison Hill, Mary King, Lauren R. Mathews, Renee Klyczek Nordstrom, Rosemary Roberts (Cal.), Chun-Shan Yi. Invited artists are from Illinois unless otherwise indicated.



**Low Tide 10:42 am (Sea Foam Series)**

Nancy Otto

blown glass - 4.5" x 11" x 11"

**Dates:****April 8 to May 12, 2005**Opening Reception: Friday, April 8, 6-9 pm**Where:**

Woman Made Gallery

2418 W. Bloomingdale, Chicago, IL 60647

(Two blocks north of North Ave., ½ block west of Western Ave.)

Website: <http://www.womanmade.org>**Gallery Hours**

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

**About Woman Made Gallery**

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.