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The following public programs have been especially planned in conjunction with the exhibition:

Opening Reception: Celebrating Artist Members: 30 Year **Anniversary Members Exhibition** Friday, July 8th at 6:00 pm Organized by Roni Gross. The theme of this project is the celebration of the contributions of artist members, past and present, to the growth of the Center and the field of book arts over the past 30 years.

. Artist Talk: What is a Broadside/ Is This is a Broadside? Tuesday, August 9th at 6:30 pm Roni Gross and Nina Schneider, along with artists in the exhibition, will discuss the wide range of interpretations of the broadsideconsidering issues of medium and of technology.

Open House/Closing Party:

Broadside Workshop Day Saturday, September 10th at 2-7:00 pm Special open house and closing party featuring artists from the exhibition "Celebrating Artist Members" doing mini-workshops on the techniques used to create their broadsides.

PORTFOLIOS ON COVER, clockwise from top left: Peter Schell: Canford card stock with overlapping closure. W 9.75" H 18.625" D 1.25". Nancy Loeber: Binders board, zerkall paper, chipboard letter cutouts and tie closure. W 9.25" H 12.25" D 1.5". Benjamin D. Rinehart: Fabriano Tiziano paper with book cloth and binders board and velcro closure. W 12.25" H 9.25" D 1.5". Barbara Mauriello: Museum board covered with Moriki paper and button closure. H 9.5" H 12.375" D 1.25".



CELEBRATING ARTIST MEMBE RS

his is an amazing year. Thirty and still getting better! The Center for Book Arts continues to flourish and thrive. This reality is largely due to its loyal members who have shaped and molded the past, present, and future of this

unique and inspiring art center. Celebrating Artist Members: 30th Anniversary

Members Exhibition is a testimony to the unwavering support and commitment that have been showered on the Center by its members. This is not just another

typical exhibition, but a major community-building project realized solely by the

We are sincerely grateful to Roni Gross for her visionary and tireless efforts in

ized without the cooperation and commitment of the artists who created and

donated their wonderful artwork to the Center. Over 60 artists members partici-

pated—each created their own unique broadside edition of 100 and four of them

designed a masterful portfolio. Over 40 members participated in producing the 100

handmade portfolios to house a complete set of the limited edition broadsides. All

the participants are listed inside this brochure and we are extremely fortunate to

The equally creative aspect of assembling the administrative details of this project

was competently handled by several key interns and workstudy assistants. Michael

Treffehen and Anna Gleeson ably organized the particulars of the exhibition, from

gathering the artwork to helping install the exhibition. Adriana Castro's photo-

graphic expertise exquisitely captured the artwork featured in this publication.

I must acknowledge Nina Schneider for her informative essay that provides a

the artworks. I would be remiss not to acknowledge Sarah Nicholls,

Marian Courie demonstrated the best in graphic design by producing this impor-

tant all-encompassing publication that serves as invitation, catalogue, and poster.

contextual history of broadsides and Karlos Carcamo for kindly framing many of

Programs/Marketing Manager, and Amanda Stevenson, Registrar/Administrator,

who are involved in making everything a reality here at the Center. Additionally, I

thank the Board of Directors and the Exhibitions Committee, whose unwavering

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support to our curatorial endeavors continues to champion the art of the book.

have had such an incredible level of national and international involvement.

organizing this valuable project. She steadily guided members to participate whole-

heartedly in this amazing project. Of course this project could not have been real-

efforts of members.

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THE CENTER FOR BOOK ARTS **CELEBRATING ARTIST MEMBERS**



forward

┏ n the fall of 2004, I was looking at the activities for the 30th Anniversary year L of The Center for Book Arts and wanted to highlight the community of artist members in some way. The project that I proposed was warmly received by the staff and we began to make preparations for the Broadside Project which is described below.

approximately 130, were invited to participate in a project that would be shown in July as the 30th Anniversary Members' Exhibition. They were asked to produce a broadside in an edition of 100, with a maximum size of 9" x 12" (there was no minimum). To give as much artistic freedom as possible, the pieces could be shaped or folded, with or without text, and the request was that they be representative of the concerns of the artist. Amazingly enough we had 60 artists respond with a wide variety of broadsides.

Four artists were also invited to design a case to house the set of prints, and to teach two 1day workshops to ten people each day, in which they would make the portfolios. These workshops were well attended, and the four different cases definitely add another interesting component to the project.

Lastly, Nina Schneider, who I'm sure many of vou remember from her tenure at The Center, was invited to write an essay to be included in each portfolio. She has gone on to complete library school at UCLA and is currently on staff in the Berg Collection of the New York Public Library, and her essay certainly reflects her erudition.

Celebrating our community, its generosity and the wide range of artists who are our members, was my goal. I applaud all the efforts everyone has made to be part of the 30th Anniversary Project and I hope you, the audience, will enjoy the fruits of our labors.

Roni Gross Artist Membe



EILEEN She's Fallen Down Dead, 2005, 5/100 9 x 12 in. Offset lithography on cougar natural white Gift from the artist

AUSTIN, ALICE Lousy Situation, 2005, 5/100 9 x 12 in. Letterpress on Rives lightweight Gift from the artist

AVADENKA, LYNNE Text: Book of Ecclesiastes 9 x 12 in. Letterpress printed from polymer plates on Mohawk Gift from the artist

BALDNER, KAREN Open, 2005, 5/100 Text by Alison Moore 8 x 8 in. Handmade paper: bleached and pigmented abaca with stenciled text/image (handwriting by Alison Moore) printed from polymer plates Gift from the artist

BASILICO, DELPHI Last Entry, 2005, 5/100 Text by Adriano Cittadino 10 x 14 in. Two sided: one side mono print, letterpress the other

BELL, KAREN Central Park, 2005, 5/100 2 x 3 in. (closed), 7 x 10.5 in. (open) Digital photos, scanned fabric on double-sided matte inkjet paper Gift from the artist

BLOCKER, MARE Monolith, 2005, 5/100 7 x 30 in. Letterpress from polymer plates on Magnani Pescia Gift from the artist

CAWLEY, CRYSTAL *Time Sampler*, 2005, 5/100 Text by various authors

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In January of 2005, current artist members,

the Artists

11 x 6.5 in. Handset type letterpress printed on Arches text laid. Vintage clock faces printed by Raphael Tuck and Sons, circa 1900 Gift from the artist

CHARLTON, ROBERT A Current Transl 2005, 5/100 8 x 10 in. Two-color dyed lithograp on Rives in envelop sealed with wax Gift from the artist

PHILIPS Grey Matter, 2005, 5/110 9 x 12 in. Inkjet print on Legion photo-enhanced paper Gift from the artist

COLBY, SAS Performing Lines, 2005, 5/1009 x 12 in. Paint on appropriated image, inkjet print on Hahnemuele paper with

letterpress. Gift from the artist COLKER, ED From the Petrarchan Folio (42r), 2005, 5/100Text by Michael Anania 8 x 11 in. Letterpress and digital transfer on Arches Gift from the artist.

CORDEIRO, ANA nside, 2005, 5/100 14.5 x 14 cm Letterpress on map folder flexagon with vegetable Gift from the artist

CORON, BEATRICE Life by the book, 2005, 5/100 9 x 12 Photocopy on metallic paper Gift from the artist

CRONE, KATHERINE D. Hello Seemed So Easy: Verse 5, 2005, 5/100

A brilliant Luster: Festschrift for the Center for Book Arts at 30

Book. An object or subject. Even a verb.

A book. The immediate visual pattern is that of a gathering of printed paper bound together between covers and engineered to be opened by pulling apart the covers on the fore-edge.

A book artist. A person using the book as the embodiment of their message and not merely the vessel in which to carry it. This artist transcends that first visual pattern fixed in our psyche.

Over the past 30 years, the Center for Book Arts has been witness to thousands of individuals who are curious about books. Some of these people have come to the Center for a weekend workshop and walked away happy knowing they have learned how to make a keepsake for a special event. Others spent more time studying specific techniques for fun or profit. And still others have simply shown up for exhibition receptions to keep abreast of current aesthetics, trends, and the next big thing. However, there have been a special group of individuals who have dedicated their time; full-, part-, or free-; challenging that notion of the bookness of books.

Taking and teaching classes can only go so far. Imagination and the wherewithal to make manifest those ideas in an object that can be "read" is the difference between a book artist and a book arts enthusiast.

Since 1974, the Center for Book Arts has encouraged thousands of individuals to rethink the idea of a book. Much of this education is accomplished through its exhibition program. Every year the Center challenges artists to create a work that can be shared with the world. The call is answered in an infinite variety, from a classically-designed fine press limited edition, to a sculptural work that makes you think differently about the human body. Each year the annual artist members' exhibition satisfies. surprises, and educates the fans of book art.

This year, and especially this year, a new challenge was posted. Sixty artists, with a history at the

Center for Book Arts, responded to a request to create a broadside. Most of these artists work exclusively with the structure of the codex and rely on the natural pacing of the turning page to create the complete work. They were asked to re-think their approach, re-think structure, and face a limitation without limitation.

Why broadsides? Why not? Martin Luther used them to share his theses, Jefferson used them to declare our independence, and the governor of Missouri used them to hunt down Jesse James. And those are just the obvious ones. Broadsides have a centuries-old history. These leaves of paper, printed on a single side and communicating new ideas, discoveries, or must-haves, have been produced since the mid-fifteenth century and remained a popular form of communication until the nineteenth century. In the beginning broadsides were primarily visual, designed to spread a message to a largely illiterate population. As times changed and the level of education expanded, broadsides relied on typography to create impact. In the mid-15th century, printed sheets depicting the Passion were primarily visual, closer to today's comic books, depicting a story with woodcuts. Dürer's broadside of a rhinoceros, from a sight unseen, and looking as frightening as the 16th century imagination could conjure, is heavy on the visuals but balanced with a block of text explaining the new curiosity discovered in India. Broadsides presented to newspaper and journal subscribers as a New Year's greeting begun in the early 18th century, and popular for generations, featured poetry and typographic borders. These "carrier addresses" were penned by well-known writers, Nathaniel Hawthorne is one example; others were written by the newspaper carriers but all were created for collection and display. Of course, the Center for Book Arts has its own history of the broadside: five years of producing its Broadside Reading Series.

In this portfolio we can see the range of emphasis, both the visual and the typographic, and the myriad of ways the Center's artist members have

interpreted their assignment. Without plan or design the Center received broadsides showcasing a complete range of historical styles, book arts genres, and media, as diverse as the artists involved in the Center. Tangency of a time line that goes back millennia from artists whom go back to the Center's beginning, engendering the changing nature of an ever evolving art form.

This collection of contributions echoes the history of printed communication from reinterpretations of 16th century architectural-bordered title pages to a photo-collage of a recent art installation of orange flags. Commentary on the history of the book, the lure of the book arts, love poems, and the literal, figurative, and physical cost of war are other themes, ideas, and motivations at work. Media range from letterpress with hand-colored illustrations to multi-media (including fabric, plastic, paint, photographs, and thread). These broadsides also showcase wood-engravings, relief prints, intaglio prints, photocopies, digital prints, pulppainting, and calligraphy, encompassing the forms and genres that encompass the arts of the book.

New York, Hong Kong, the Middle East, Italy, and under a microscope...location, location, location. Themes and places from all over by artist members from all over the world, celebrating the Center at the heart of the Western world, founded 30 years ago in a storefront in lower Manhattan.

The broadside forces a finite thought within a finite space. But for the Center's 30th anniversary the broadside begat an infinite variety of ideas

Close your eyes. Say, "book." Now open your eyes and see what a book can be

Nina Schneider

Librarian Henry W. & Albert A. Berg Collection of English & American Literature The New York Public Library

Text by Jon Hutcheson 9 x 12 in. Digital image ink jet print on Somerset Velvet Gift from the artist

CROWE, MARYJEAN VIANO Girl With Three Birds, 2005. 5/1008 x 11 in.

5/100

5/105

Laser prints and acetate collage on cardstock Gift from the artist CUTLER-SHAW, IOYCE The Poem of Bone, 2005

5 x 3 in. (triangular) Digital image on handmade Japanese paper Gift from the artist ELLER, EVELYN Communication, 2005,

85 x 11 i Black inkjet copy on creat acid free card stock

Gift from the artist ELLIS, ELSI VASSDAL The Cost of War, 2005, 5/125 9 x 12 in.

Letterpress, wood, lead type, photopolymer on Mohawk Superfine #100 cover, folio fold Gift from the artist

FAUST, DIKKO and ESTHER SMITH pOpCult, 2005, 5/100 Letterpress from hand set metal type on uniqu papers (papier refuse") Gift from the artist

GILBERT BARBARA Spectrum, 2005, 5/100 Quote from Winston Churchill 8 x 11 in. Watercolor acrylics

copy on Canson watercolor Gift from the artist GOSWELL, JOAN IVERSEN Chairs on Acid, 2005, 5/100

2005, 5/100

photography and photo

8 x 11 in. Digital print of eraser stamp images on Arches Gift from the artist GROSS, RONI The Last Words of Ruth,

Text by Roni Gross

Drawing by Peter Schell. Letterpress printed from polymer plates on Saunders and hand watercolored 9 x 11.5 in. Gift from the artist

HANMER, KAREN Untitled, 2005, 5/100 Photographs courtesy of the Library of Congress Text by various author 2 x 7 in. Pigment inkjet print on Gift from the artist

HEEBNER, MARY The Hamlet Project, 2005, 5/100 Text by W. Shakespear 9 x 8 in. (folded) Pigment print with graphite and letterpress text and

gold detail on Somerset Velvet and Kitakata HELFGOTT, GLORIA

Go Book, Pursue Thy Way, 2005, 5/100 6 x 6.625 in. (18 in. open Relief print on Fabriano Ingres and Tiziano Gift from the artist HENRY, BARBARA

Hat Trick, 2005, 5/100 9 x 12 in. Letterpress, linoleum

HILDEBRAND, JUNE A root's wrists exhausts 2005, 5/100 Text by Kirby Congdon, 7.25 x 10 in.

Letterpress, linoleum-cut on Curtis Flannel Gift from the artist KUNC, KAREN *Afterimage*, 2005, 5/100 Text by Leona Krohn from

9 x 12 in Woodcut and letterpress on Kitakata Gift from the artist LAUDENSLAGER, JOHN

The Dark Day, 2005, 2/100 3 x 3 in. Polaroid collage with Kodalith overlay mounted on cardboard mounted or watercolor paper Gift from the artist

LAZA, ELENA Print, 2005, 5/105 Text by Christopher Erb 6 x 12 in. Letterpress on Fine Art Paper Gift from the artist

LOEBER, NANCY Sissy, 2005, 5/100 Letterpress and woodcut on Mag Gift from the artist

LOWENSTEIN, LOIS With Alison Alpert and Shirly Venit Anger Songs, 2005, 10 editions of 10 each, 5/10 1st edition 11 x 8 in. Letterpress on Mohawk paper Gift from the artist

MACHACEK IIM and SIBYL RUBOTTOM Alphabet, 2005, 5/150 9 x 9 in. plates on Mohawk Superfine Gift from the artists

MAGARIL, MIKHAIL Motl, 2005, 5/100 Text by Sholom Alechem 8.125 x 10.875 in. Letterpress from magness plate on Japanese paper Gift from the artist

MARTIN, EMILY Laps, 2005, 5/100 12 x 9 in. Letterpress on Text Wove Gift from the artist

McGURK, RUTH and FELICIA RICE *He says, you write poet* diptych, 2005, 5/100 Text by Gary Young Letterpress on Magnan Incisioni Italia

Gift from the artists MITSUI, TADASHI NYCBA30-Metro, 2005, 5/1004 x 6 in. (card), 5 x 7 in. (envelope) Collage/assemblage with glossy postcard stock, metrocard and envelope Gift from the artist

MORTON, REBECCA A Note on Paper, 2005, 5/100Text by Rebecca Morton

with excerpts from "Papermaking The History and Technique of an Ancient Craft" by Dard Hunter

6 x 11 in. Copper plate Etching on Rives BFK Gift from the artist

OWEN, JAN Sound of this Poem, 2005, 5/100 Text by John Tagliabue 9 x 12 in. Offset, hand "letter" in gouache, initial, brus and squares in metallic acrylic

Gift from the artist RACCAGNI, MICHELLE CBA XXX, 2005 9 x 11 in. Woodcut on Zerkall Gift from the artist

RINEHART BENIAMIN D Still Bent, 2005, 5/100 5 x 8 in. Polymer plate and woodcut Gift from the artist

ROSENBERG MARILYN Past and Present – 30th iversary Stamp Shee 2005, 5/110 8 x 11 in. Color photocopy collage on Gift from the artist

ROSS, JOHN The City is the World, 2005, 5/100 Text by Willard Motley 12 x 9 in. Letterpress, relief colla graph on Italia 80% Gift from the artist

ROTOLO, SUSAN Definitions, 2005, 5/110 4 x 5 in. Pen and ink drawing, inkjet printing on Magnani Velata paper Gift from the artist

SAN MIGUEL, IEN Ink and Paper. 2005, 1/110 9 x 12 in. Inkjet print, rubberstamped on Fabriano watercolor with artificial sinew thread and buttonhole stitch Gift from the artist

SCANLON, MARCIA *Long Night*, 2005, 5/100 9 x 24 in. Two color print. Photogravure text and sugarlift aquatint on Somerset Velvet Bright White

SCHAER, MIRIAM *They were so pretty yester day*, 2005, 5/100 8 x 11 in. Dye-stained digital laser print with Xerox transfer on hand-sewn silk gauze and permalife. Dress relie collograph. Type set in Snell Roundhand and

Futura Book. Gift from the artist SMITH, CHAMPE DAHLIA ETC., 2005, 5/100 Letterpress from polyme plates on Rives BFK

SMITH, ROBERT C. *Waxwinged*, 2005, 5/100 Text by Jan Garden Castro 9 x 12 in and digital graphics on Gift from the artist

. Gift from the artist.

SMUDA, GAIL Life: Some Assembly Required, 2005, 5/100 8 x 10 in. Offset printed on white and black mulberry paper with Gift from the artist

2 STEMPER, DIANE M. Bacterial House, 2005, 5/1009 x 12 in. Three color linoleum print with oil-based inks on Rives BFK

THOMAS, LARRY Upon Reflection, 2005, 8 x 11 in. Ink jet on found paper Gift from the artist

Gift from the artist

VALLEY, RITA A Periodic Table of the Alphabet, 2005, 5/100 9 x 12 in Mixed photocopied collages, vinyl, fabric, tape on acid free lignon free Gift from the artist.

VELAN, DANA Ash and Roses, 2005, 5/100 9 x 12 in. Oil sticks on Stonehenge paper Gift from the artist

WALLENSTEIN, ELLEN 2005.5/100 11 x 17 in.

Xerox print from phot graphs Gift from the artist.

ZEBROWSKI, EWA MONIKA albergo / a roma, 2005, 4.75 x 8.75 in. Hot stamping (copper foil) on Johannot with 35mm color inkjet print Gift from the artist

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

The following is a list of people who participated in a 2 day workshop to learn how to make portfolios to house the limited edition Broadside Collection.

Jenn Bantz Carol Beron Nancy Calzada Alexander Campo Adriana Castro Karen Clark Ana Codeiro Gavin Dovev Ruth E. Edwards Judith Flynn Michael Frederic Patricia Gaignat Lynne Gall Anna Gleeson Mina Greenstein Edwin Holmgrei Ruth Anne Howder Stephanie Krause Robin Kraut Julia Lang Brenda Lee Hall Karla Lima Elba Marrei Mary Dee Merrel Amber McMillan Veronica Morgan Kingsley Parker Kristine Paulus Isabelle Payne-Rancier Karin Reetz Elsie Sampsor Marcia Seller Diane Stemper Linda Trimbath Arlene Wallace Harriet Washington Williams Zawadi

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