



PAOLI HOUSE GALLERY

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PAOLI HOUSE GALLERY EXHIBITS TWO METALSMITH ARTISTS

New Show Opens Friday, May 16 and Runs Through June 29

Paoli, WI – Paoli House Gallery announces the opening of an exhibit featuring two outstanding female artists working in metal, mixed media and installation with contrasting motivations behind their creations. Hai-Chi Jihn from Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin and Nissa Kubly, from Phoenix, Arizona will come together for the Artists' Reception Friday, May 16 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the historic Paoli House Gallery.

For the past 10 years, Hai-Chi Jihn's work has centered on how women are viewed in different cultures and reflects a personal touch examining her experience growing up in Taiwan and the United States. Jihn's artwork expresses her continuing investigation on women's social roles and behaviors using ordinary materials, such as buttons, fake eyelashes and rubber cores; her work suggests the significant contrasting views within the female social experience. One featured piece, "Celebrating Lace", is a fine and sterling silver bracelet with a diameter of eight inches and height of two inches. The elaborate workmanship of the sterling silver lace bracelet is a reminder of women's etiquettes.

Motivated by an object, a camera obscura is the fine art presented by Nissa Kubly. Historically, artists and scientists have used the camera obscura as a tool to explore optics, movement and measurement. Kubly's work is based on these early scientific experiments in combination with her current fascination with traveling and encountering new places. The combination of a pinhole camera and film requires a long exposure time which absorbs the landscape, details and intricacies of an area. Her sculptures are functional instruments made of metal inspired by the camera obscura, literally meaning "dark room".

"I am delighted to have these two highly skilled and diverse artists exhibiting at the Paoli House Gallery. Their technical expertise clearly delineates the fine line between the uses of metal and mixed media to create intricate and conceptual pieces that are simply beautiful," commented Christian Andrew Grooms, the show's curator and artist-in-residence at the gallery. For additional information on the gallery exhibit and artists, contact information is provided above or go to www.paolihousegallery.com.

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