



DELAVAN ART GALLERY

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MAJOR LIPE ART PARK INSTALLATION IS TRANSFORMED FOR DESIGN EXHIBIT AT NEIGHBORING DELAVAN ART GALLERY

Syracuse NY- November 6, 2009 – Lipe Art Park’s large scale outdoor installation is moving indoors as its designer, Andy Schuster presents renderings of his drawings and planning models for a special exhibit across the way in Delavan Art Gallery.

“Drawing in Air” opens in Delavan’s Wild Card space on Thursday, November 19 with a reception that Th3 evening from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. The show remains up through November 28.

Central to his work, Schuster says, is drawing. “I draw on paper, on ceramic surfaces using fire and glaze or in space with steel.” The exhibit at the Delavan will consist of drawings and planning models for the concurrent installation at the park, along with recent ceramic works. Schuster says, “The drawings, visualizations of the stick sculptures at Lipe, are executed on white ground suggesting snow-covered landscapes, and indicating how the finished installation evolves with seasonal environmental changes throughout the year.” Of his ceramic pieces, Schuster says, “The ceramic work is drawn on clay using glaze and controlled flame patterns produced by a high temperature wood fired kiln, producing loose geometric interventions on the clay’s surface.”

In a recent artist’s statement, Schuster offers insight into a new series of large-scale sculptures he is currently working on that incorporate natural elements, creating pieces that are both interactive with viewer and their surroundings. “The creation of this series of work,” he says, “combines my interests both in sculpture and in natural cycles, and will entail more of an imposing scale than anything I’ve previously attempted.”

Before moving to Syracuse, NY, Schuster worked and exhibited for a number of years in Philadelphia following his graduation from Penn State University where he studied traditional Japanese wheel thrown porcelain with Japanese master potter Manji Inoue. For nearly three decades, he has been involved with the arts in Central New York and has served as both professor of ceramics and Art Department Chair at Onondaga Community College. Schuster’s works have been exhibited both here and abroad, most recently at Escola Pau Gargallo in Badalona Spain.

The two-week run of Schuster’s Wild Card show, “Drawing in Air” joins Delavan Art Gallery’s main exhibit, “Elements,” featuring paintings by Lynette Blake, ceramics by Amy Haven and paintings, prints and drawings by Jim Van Hoven. “Elements” remains up through December 19.

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Delavan Art Gallery is a 3,800 square foot showcase and sales venue for fine art created by area artists. Conveniently located in downtown Syracuse at 501 West Fayette St., just a block beyond Armory Square, the gallery is free and open to the public. Off-street parking is available and the gallery is handicapped accessible. Regular Gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays from noon – 6:00 pm, Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, and at other times by appointment.