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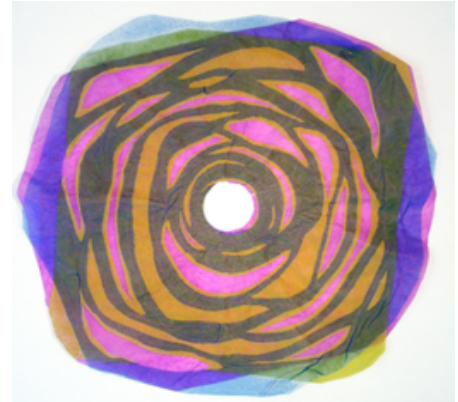
Lisa Cooperman *Seasonal Labor*

May 26 – June 20, 2010

Reception: Thursday, May 27th from 6pm to 8pm

BROOKLYN, NY, May 2010 – A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce an exhibition of new work by Lisa Cooperman, which will be on view from May 26 through June 20, 2010.

In the exhibition of wall hung sculpture, *Seasonal Labor*, Lisa Cooperman explores discrepancies between material and effort relative to value. Like the shifting workforce hired to pick cherries and wrap holiday presents, artists also work on the fringe in cycles of plenty and want. Through humble material and repetitious construction techniques the artist addresses variations on the value of work.



The raw materials - discarded fruit, vegetable and flower packaging material - inhabit the gallery in a profusion of color and texture, but are controlled by thoughtful attention to form and technique. Cooperman creates the works of cut, sewn, wrapped, melted and bundled produce netting, offering multiple variations on the grid. Of this series the artist writes: "Laboring to wring the most from modest materials is ultimately a deeply creative and profoundly valuable activity."

Like the chef who aims to use "all but the squeal" in her cuisine, Cooperman incorporates almost every part of the packaging material in *Seasonal Labor*. With *Chutes*, she utilizes the joint where netting is connected to a cardboard tag. *Tart* is a fringe of lemon bags, and the *Roto* series incorporates layers of floral paper from long dead bouquets. Art is the squeal that is left.

Lisa Cooperman is the Curator of Education at The Haggin Museum in Stockton, California. She has been a National Member of the A.I.R. Gallery for six years; this is her first solo exhibition at A.I.R. Gallery.

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111 Front Street, #228, in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn. Gallery hours: Wednesday – Sunday, 11 – 6 pm. For directions please see www.airgallery.org. For additional information, please contact Kat Griefen at A.I.R. Gallery at 212-255-6651 or kgriefen@airgallery.org.

Image: *Roto 2*, mixed media, 2010