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A.I.R. ANNOUNCES ONE PERSON EXHIBIT OF PAINTINGS  
AND DRAWINGS IN GALLERY 1 by SUE HETTMANSPERGER

SEPTEMBER 28 to OCTOBER 16, 1999

\*Opening reception October 2, 1999, 6 to 8 pm

New York--A.I.R. Gallery announces an exhibition of paintings and drawings in Gallery 1 by Sue Hettmansperger as part of A.I.R.'s National Affiliate Program.

A consistent theme in Sue Hettmansperger's work continues to focus on biological systems and the nature/culture interface. She investigates the morphology of organic form and physical construction of space. Symbolizing the interdependence of human and botanical, organic and inorganic systems, her compositions evoke ecological concepts and concerns. The imagery provokes thought about human embeddedness in nature and our mediated perception of experience.

Janet Farber, Associate Curator of Twentieth Century Art at the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha, Nebraska described her work as follows: "Invented shapes in Sue Hettmansperger's paintings point to a system for representing the shared world of animal, vegetable, and mineral. Juxtaposing two or more symbols of nature, the artist suggests diverse connections that are structural as well as aesthetic. Elegant forms floating on fields of color, they intend to provide a kind of language or signs of the earth that might enable viewers to consider the essential qualities of the land with wonder and concern."

A reception to meet the artist will be held at the gallery on Saturday, October 2 from 6 to 8 pm. The reception is free and open to the public.

The artist has exhibited throughout the country and teaches at the University of Iowa. She received her MA degree from the University of New Mexico in 1974 and has been an affiliate of A.I.R. since 1988.

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 40 Wooster Street (in Soho), N.Y.C. Gallery hours are 11:00 - 6:00 Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call Dena Muller, Director, or Sue Hettmansperger at (319) 354 - 8712. Artist is available for interviews; photos available on request.