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**A. I. R. Gallery is pleased to announce the beginning of our fall season with the
1997 National Member Exhibition
September 6th — September 27th**

An opening reception will be held Saturday, September 6th from
6:00 to 8:00 pm. Ten artists from cities across the nation will be featured.

Gallery I

Sue Hettmansperger: "Our troubled cultural relationship with nature is to me the most pressing issue of our time. My imagery meditates on the desirability of working toward a more sustainable relationship of humans to their environment in the future."

Carol Kumata: My most recent work involves word play and visual puns. They also incorporate found objects and wall installations. The work in the A.I.R. show is part of a series that uses objects associated with eating. Manners, etiquette, the ritual of dining are all evoked through the use of dinner plates, linens, silver plate, etc. The words on the plates in this case are all words that mean "to eat" and play with the pun of consumption of food and consumption of material goods.

Susan Schmidt: The work combines printmaking, drawing and photographic techniques to create small scale images on the themes of childhood, memory and change. The prints combine into serial forms suggesting a story or vignette. I enjoy using this form to convey ideas about childhood that are personal, emotional and open to interpretation. I hope that this work contains different layers of meaning about the experiences of family.

Kathleen Schneider: "Captured Garden"—velvet-skinned branches awkwardly held in a structure by tension (and lead weights) is an homage to a tree cut down to make room for the sun.

Jane Stevens: The black and white infrared photographs in this series of work are entitled "Changing Patterns". The photographs are presented in a triptych format and focus on the temporal condition of life's changing relationships. The images of clouds, water sky and earth are metaphors for a journey through time.

And in Gallery II

Rosmarie Bernardi, Liz Biddle, Leila Daw, Jane Gilmor, and Georgette Sosin

For more information please call Alissa Schoenfeld, Director at 212-966-0799.
Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11:00 am - 6:00 pm.
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